

FORT WAYNE CIVIC THEATRE - MUSICAL AUDITIONS

1776 featuring an all-female Cast – ages 18+

Director/Choreographer-Leslie Beauchamp Music Director-Eunice Wadewitz
Stage Manager-Jennifer Beineke



September 12–22, 2020 at FOELLINGER OUTDOOR THEATRE - Franke Park
RATED PG Starring an all-female cast in honor of the centennial celebration of the 19th Amendment–Women’s Right to Vote

Don't miss this unique twist on the Broadway musical 1776 starring an all-female cast portraying our founding fathers who created and signed the Declaration of Independence. It is the summer of 1776, and the nation is ready to declare independence... if only our founding fathers can agree to do it! 1776 follows John Adams, Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson as they attempt to convince the members of the Second Continental Congress to vote for independence from the shackles of the British monarchy by signing the Declaration of Independence. 1776 is a funny, insightful, and compelling drama with a striking score and legendary book. *Special free pre-election Suffragette Celebration Panel Discussion on Sunday, September 13th post- matinee*

DUE TO THE COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS we will audition people in groups of 5 people at a time.

MUST SIGN UP: You must attend auditions. **SIGN UP** by July 10th for a specific time slot (5 people per 15-minute time slots). Looking for **ADULT WOMEN** age 18 and older.

SIGN UP AT: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DA9AA23AAFB6-1776>

If you have questions or concerns, contact Eunice Wadewitz: 260-422-8641 x226/ewadewitz@fwcivic.org.

AUDITIONS AT THE ARTS UNITED CENTER: Sunday, July 12th (6:00 - 11:00pm)

CALL BACKS: Monday, July 13th (7-10:00pm)

REHEARSALS: July 27–Sept. 10, Monday-Friday (7:00-10:00 pm) and if needed Sundays (1:00-6:00pm)

TECH REHEARSAL: Tech Wednesday, Sept. 9th OFF LABOR DAY WEEKEND Sept. 5-7, Sat.-Mon.

Tech/Dress Rehearsals: Thursday - Friday, Sept. 9th - 10th (6:00-11:00pm)

Tech Extended/Dress Rehearsals: Saturday, Sept. 12th Call 12 noon/Start Curtain at 2:00

6 PERFORMANCES: Sept. 12th – 20th (Fri. & Sat. @ 7:30pm, Sat. & Sun. @ 2:00pm)

AUDITION FORM & PHOTO: Go to our website or signup genius to complete the audition form and email it back to Eunice Wadewitz at: ewadewitz@fwcivic.org with a **HEADSHOT** or **SELFIE PHOTO OF YOU!** *It is very important that we have a list of ALL CONFLICTS at the time of the audition.*

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS: Prepare and memorize 16-32 measures of a show tune that best shows off your vocal qualities and range. Be sure to bring piano/vocal sheet music for the accompanist. Do not expect the pianist to transpose music. Pianist is provided.

WHERE: Auditions will be held at the Arts United Center at 303 East Main Street. Enter from the rear of the building, using the glass doors to the Green Room. Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in. If you didn't email your audition form and photo to Eunice in advance, bring it with you to give to the stage manager upon arrival.

CAST OF CHARACTERS: The Civic Theatre encourages all ethnicities to audition.

John Adams: Delegate from Massachusetts. John is a dutiful husband. Opinionated, passionate, and a bit boisterous, he wears his age with pride. Starving for independence from England.

Stephen Hopkins: Delegate from Rhode Island. Hopkins' drinking has led to an appearance befitting of the 2nd oldest in the Continental Congress. He has a dirty old man playfulness about him.

Roger Sherman: Delegate from Connecticut. A coffee drinker with a penchant for hyperactivity, He is a simple and balding cobbler.

Robert Livingston: Delegate from New York. Recently a father, Livingston's disposition has become one of humility and graciousness. He has changed considerably over the years.

Benjamin Franklin: Delegate from Pennsylvania. Franklin is intelligent, well-traveled, and pleasantly cunning. A jolly and admirable fellow with whom one would desire to have a friendship.

John Dickinson: Delegate from Pennsylvania. A thin, hawkish gentleman. He is sharp-tongued and a touch detestable.

Col. Thomas McKean: Delegate from Delaware. McKean is florid and likable with a charming, yet commanding, Scottish Brogue.

Richard Henry Lee: Delegate from Virginia, Lee is a willowy aristocrat. His flamboyancy is intoxicating and borderline infuriating.

Thomas Jefferson: Delegate from Virginia. Though noticeably tall, Jefferson is mild-mannered and sweet. Along with being a well-read man, he is very much in love with his wife.

Edward Rutledge: Delegate from South Carolina. Despite his good looks, Rutledge is haunting and somewhat ominous as the youngest member of the Continental Congress. There is a serpent-like quality to him.

Abigail Adams: Loving wife to John Adams. Intelligent, quick-witted, and talented with a pen, Abigail is a radiant and shapely beauty. Every bit as bright as her husband.

Martha Jefferson: Thomas Jefferson's very-much-in-love wife. Her looks are striking, her dancing delightful, and her humor appealing. She doesn't shy away from a good time. Joy radiates from her.

Courier: The message runner between General Washington's army and the Continental Congress. He has witnessed the hardships of war firsthand, although his innocent disposition and appearance may imply otherwise.

Additional Members of the Continental Congress: Strong acting ability required, singing only in ensemble numbers