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The Lost Colony holds local auditions

On Saturday, January 21, 2012 local auditions will be held for *The Lost Colony's* upcoming 75th Anniversary Season. Area residents are strongly encouraged to attend the auditions that will be held at the College of The Albemarle Roanoke Island campus (formally the Manteo Middle School). Locals have always played an important part in the production of America's premier symphonic outdoor drama, and it is the hope of the production team that this year be no exception. Why not spend the summer as part of *The Lost Colony* family and become a part of an Outer Banks tradition since 1937?

Everyone who auditions is requested to bring a photograph and a resume. Registration starts at 8:30 am, and Children's Auditions start promptly at 9:00 am. Children must be at least six years of age and may be requested to perform a brief monologue or recite a poem.

Anyone interested in interviewing for technical positions as well as actor/technicians should be prepared for interviews starting at 9:00 am. Please visit *The Lost Colony* website for more detailed information.

Dancers should register and report to the auditorium at 10:30 am for dance movement auditions. Appropriate dancewear and soft sole shoes are necessary for comfort and safety. Actors and singers will audition at 1:15 pm. A one minute memorized monologue should be prepared as well as 16 bars of a song of choice. Musical accompanist will be provided, but actor is responsible for appropriate sheet music in the right key.

The creative team is headed by Director Robert Richmond who will be returning to the show for his fifth season. Richmond will be joined by Fight Director, Robert Midgette, Choreographer, Jimmie Lee Brooks, III and Music Director, Daniel Moctezuma. Other members of the production staff will assist in the audition process.

The stage of the Waterside Theatre has been home to many local residents over the years. America's favorite sheriff and North Carolina's own Andy Griffith began his show business career on this stage. Five-time Tony Award-winning costume designer William Ivey Long, who currently serves as Production Designer, actually grew up with his entire family in and around the Waterside Theatre. 2011 will mark William's 42nd season with the production. Fight Director Robert Midgette will return for his 40th season with the show, having played Chief Manteo for 26 years before becoming Fight Captain and then Fight Director, a position he has held for 7 seasons. Marjalene Thomas who started in the show as a flower girl and moved on to play Eleanor Dare, Dame Coleman and Queen Elizabeth has been involved for 59 years.

Cora Mae Basnight played Agona for a record breaking 25 years alongside her son Marc who started as a colonist boy before moving on to become President Pro-Tem of the North Carolina Senate, a position he held longer than any other member. Other notable residents include Edward Green, Woody Fearing, George Spence, Philip Quidley, Bill Rea, Don Bridge and Barbara Hird.

In addition to local auditions, the casting team will attend the United Professional Theatre Auditions in Memphis, Tennessee, the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Chattanooga, Tennessee and The Institute of Outdoor Drama Auditions in Greenville, North Carolina. Once all of the auditions are complete, the casting team will have seen over 2,500 possible company members.

Rehearsals for *The Lost Colony* will begin on May 13 and continue through May 31. In addition to performing, cast members are invited to attend seminars, lectures and master classes through the Joe Layton Performance Series and the Professional Theatre Workshop program.

The 75th Season of *The Lost Colony* will run from June 1, 2012 through August 23, 2012 at the Waterside Theatre located in the Fort Raleigh National Historic Site in Manteo, North Carolina. For further information about auditions or the upcoming season visit the website at www.thelostcolony.org. or call the office at (252) 473-2127. Become a "keeper of the dream", join *The Lost Colony* now.

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About *The Lost Colony*

First staged in 1937, *The Lost Colony* is the nation's premier and longest-running outdoor symphonic drama. Written by Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright Paul Green, *The Lost Colony's* 75th anniversary season plays June 01 through August 23, 2012 at Manteo's Waterside Theatre, on North Carolina's Outer Banks. For tickets and information, go to www.thelostcolony.org or call (252) 473-2127.