

## *The Weston Friendly Society of the Performing Arts, Inc*

Welcome to the Friendly Society's 134th Season! We are excited to present "*Sweet Charity*" as our winter production. As a non-profit organization, established in 1885 for the young at heart, we are dedicated to supporting charitable causes and to promoting and encouraging community spirit through our social activities, theatrical and musical pursuits, and fundraising endeavors.

### **Membership fee**

Membership in the Weston Friendly Society is open to all. If you are cast, you will be required to pay the \$50 annual fee to join as a member, granting you the benefits of membership for the entire 2018-2019 Season. Please see our membership page on our website for the various levels of membership. These funds help to cover the cost of costume rentals, sets, props, and other related expenses. If this poses a financial hardship for you, please contact producers, Nora Sullivan, Cara Siobhan, or Sarah Minkoff to discuss a fee waiver.

### **Script Deposit**

Scripts and musical scores are the property of the royalty company and must be returned in excellent condition. Please mark notes lightly in pencil. If you are cast and require a script, you will be required to provide the producers with a check deposit of \$30 to cover the cost of the script. This check will be held until the script is returned, at which time it will be returned to you.

### **Casting Policy**

The Directors shall do the final cast selection and their judgment shall be deemed best for the production. We encourage members and newcomers alike to audition. Casting the best person for the role is our policy but all things being equal, preference in casting will be given first to members of Weston Friendly Society, next to residents of the Town of Weston, and then to all others.

### **Callback/Casting Notification**

If we need you to attend callbacks (Wednesday, December 19, 7:00-10:30), you will receive an email Tuesday night after the initial round of auditions has finished. Casting decisions are expected to be made by Saturday, December 22nd. We will attempt to reach everyone, whether cast in the production or not, by e-mail. If you will be out of town, please let us know how best to contact you as quickly as possible, as delays in role offer acceptance affect everyone.

### **Rehearsal Schedule**

The first rehearsal will be on Sunday, March 10th (DAYLIGHT SAVINGS!) at 11:00am. All rehearsals, unless otherwise indicated, are held at the Weston Town Hall. Rehearsals will be Sunday 12:00pm-5:00pm and Tuesday/Thursday 7:00pm-10:30pm. Please be prompt to rehearsals. Attendance will be taken. Conflicts will not be accepted after role February 1st, and too many additional conflicts after role acceptance may result in necessary re-casting.

### **Performance Dates**

The performances will be Saturday, May 11 at 7:30, Sunday, May 12 at 2:00, Friday, May 17 at 7:30 and Saturday, May 18, at 2:00 and 7:30 at the Weston Town Hall. Make-up call, attendance check and warm-ups are at 12:00 pm and 5:30pm respectively. Technical and dress rehearsals during production week may start as early as 6 and are scheduled until 11:00pm, so please plan accordingly.

**Strike**

All cast and crew members are expected to help clean up, strike sets, organize costumes preceding the cast party on May 19th, starting as early as 9:00am.

**Cast Participation**

While the most important job of a cast member is to give a great performance and work hard during rehearsals, there is a lot of other work to be done. Each cast member will be required to give two hours towards other aspects of the production. You will be asked to help with such things as painting sets, altering costumes, putting up show posters advertising the show, or selling tickets. Sign-Ups will be available at the first rehearsal and the producers will be in touch with each cast member to find out how you would like to help.

If you have any other questions, not answered on this sheet, please approach one of the board members or producers. Thank you again for your interest and Best of Luck at auditions!