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Auditions for Paso Robles Production of *South Pacific*

The Paso Robles based REC Foundation announces its 2013 Play in the Park show, *South Pacific*, to be presented September 20 and 21 outdoors at Centennial Park. Directors Cynthia Anthony and Jacob Shearer, and Musical Director Cactus Harris, are inviting actors, singers and dancers to audition for the famous musical on Friday, July 19 from 5 - 9:30pm or Saturday, July 20 from 4 - 7pm at St. James Episcopal Church Sanctuary, , 514 14th Street, Paso Robles California 93446 or by scheduling an appointment.

All roles are available, with the exception of Lt. Joe Cable. The directors are seeking 15 men and 15 women, plus two children, for the show. Featured roles include Nellie Forbush, a feisty but somewhat naive young nurse from Arkansas, a mezzo-soprano. Emile De Becque, a wealthy expatriate French planter, a baritone. His native servant, Henri, age 20 - 60. Ngana, Emile's daughter, age 6 - 11. Jerome, Emile's son, age 5 - 10. Both children must sing. Bloody Mary, a Tonkinese native islander, who is brash and enterprising, age 35 - 60, an alto. Liat, a young Tonkinese woman, the daughter of Bloody Mary, is a dancing role. Seabee Luther Billis, a comedic, entrepreneurial GI. Capt. George Brackett, the military commander of the island. Cmdr. William Harbison, Brackett's executive officer. A chorus of 10 men to play Seabees/officers/islanders and a chorus of 10 women to play nurses/party guests.

All interested performers should contact Producer Laurie Zenobio via our FACEBOOK page: South Pacific Paso <https://www.facebook.com/events/363440433726069/> or Director Cynthia Anthony (805)610-0786.

All those who audition are expected to prepare 28 - 32 measures of a song from a musical or related genre. You must bring your own piano sheet music or a CD/iPod accompaniment track and a CD or iPod player. Music Director Cactus Harris will play the piano to accompany you. No ipod players or cd players will be available, please bring your own if you plan to sing with a cd or ipod recording. Be prepared to learn a simple dance and to read from the script.

Rehearsals will be held in Paso Robles starting late July. The show dates are September 20 and 21.

Following last year's smash hit of *Man of La Mancha*, presented free to the public, *South Pacific* is expected to draw crowds of over 2,000 people to enjoy the musical in the park, under the stars. The Play in the Park Series has been presenting free theatrical entertainment to the community for seven years.

South Pacific, winner of 10 Tony Awards and the Pulitzer Prize, is set in an island paradise during World War II. Two parallel love stories are threatened by the dangers of prejudice and war. Featuring a large chorus of Seabees, sailors, female nurses, officers and islanders, the show offers wonderful roles for local talent.

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