

## Gallery Players presents Christmas Belles

### Audition Notice

What would Christmas be without squabbling sisters, family secrets, a surly Santa, and a reluctant Elvis impersonator in a southern Texas town all to put on a church Christmas program that spins hilariously out of control? Well the result would be a laugh out loud filled holiday journey through a misadventure-filled Christmas Eve guaranteed to bring joy to your world!

Wanna be a part of it?

Come Audition! The Gallery Players is holding open auditions for the production of "Christmas Belles". All ages and experience levels are encouraged to audition. Those interested in helping behind the scenes – tech, stage manager, costuming, props, etc. are also encouraged to come to audition night as we would love to meet with you and welcome you to a great experience. There's something for everyone.

The play is a southern farce from the same writers as "Dearly Departed", "Dixie Swim Club", "Dearly Beloved, and "Red Velvet Cake War" among others

The cast calls for 4 men and 7 women...

Geneva Musgrave – middle aged woman

Honey Ray Futrelle – middle aged woman

Gina Jo Dubberly – late teen or young adult woman

John Curtis Buntner – middle aged man

Twink Futrelle – young adult to middle aged woman

Dub Dubberly – young adult to middle aged man

Frankie Futrelle Dubberly – young adult to middle aged woman

Rhonda Lynn Lampley – middle aged woman

Justin Waverly – young adult man

Raynerd Chisum – any age male

Patsy Price – middle aged to older woman

The age ranges can be pretty broad so come see what fits for you.

Auditions will take place September 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 9 pm with possible call-backs on the 18<sup>th</sup> at the Paramount Theatre in Burlington. You will be asked to read selected scenes from the script. If interested in helping behind the scenes, you are asked to come and provide information on your interests. Rehearsals will be September through November with the performances scheduled November 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. For details, call Joe Baker at 229-9665. I look forward to seeing you.

**THE STORY:** A church Christmas program spins hilariously out of control in this Southern farce about squabbling sisters, family secrets, a surly Santa, a vengeful sheep and a reluctant Elvis impersonator.

It's Christmas-time in the small town of Fayro, Texas, and the Futrelle Sisters—Frankie, Twink and Honey Raye—are not exactly in a festive mood. A cranky Frankie is weeks overdue with her *second* set of twins. Twink, recently jilted and bitter about it, is in jail for inadvertently burning down half the town. And hot-flash-suffering Honey Raye is desperately trying to keep the Tabernacle of the Lamb's Christmas Program from spiraling into chaos. But things are not looking too promising: Miss Geneva, the ousted director of the previous twenty-seven productions, is ruthless in her attempts to take over the show. The celebrity guest Santa Claus—played by Frankie's long-suffering husband, Dub—is passing a kidney stone. One of the shepherds refuses to watch over his flock by night without pulling his little red wagon behind him. And the entire cast is dropping like flies due to food poisoning from the Band Boosters' Pancake Supper. And when Frankie lets slip a family secret that has been carefully guarded for decades, all hope for a successful Christmas program seems lost, even with an Elvis impersonator at the manger. But in true Futrelle fashion, the feuding sisters find a way to pull together in order to present a Christmas program the citizens of Fayro will never forget. Their hilarious holiday journey through a misadventure-filled Christmas Eve is guaranteed to bring joy to your world!