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OHNWARD FINE ARTS CENTER and Peace Pipe Players

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**The Ohnward Fine Arts Center and Peace Pipe Players
1215 E Platt Street
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Announces: AUDITIONS for Bingo the Winning Musical

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Saturday, May 16 at 3:00 PM

**Auditions are being held at the Peace Pipe Player Building
located at 400 North Eliza Street, Maquoketa**

**A joint production between the Ohnward Fine Arts Center and Peace Pipe Players
This show will be directed by W. Dan Pinion.**

***Bingo the Winning Musical* - Synopsis:**

Bingo is a splashy, zippy, fun new musical comedy. *Bingo* is about a group of die-hard bingo players who stop at nothing to miss their weekly game. In between the number calling, strange rituals and fierce competitions, love blossoms and long lost friends reunite. These lovable characters spring to life with a smart, funny script and bouncy,

hummable score. Audiences will be laughing in the aisles when they aren't playing games of bingo along with the cast!

Best friends and Bingo pals Vern, Honey and Patsy brave a terrible storm in order to attend the yearly celebration of the birth of Bingo and tribute to its founder, Edwin S. Lowe. As the storm knocks out power at the Bingo Hall, Patsy and Honey remind each other of the ominous night fifteen years ago that began in the same way. In flashback, Honey tells us about the night Vern and her best friend, Bernice, had their falling out. Bernice's sweet, yet headstrong daughter, Alison, enters the Bingo hall in disguise - Bernice's health is failing, and Alison is determined, with the help of Bingo, to reunite her mother with her long-lost best friend.

The cast includes:

VERN - 40s; Matriarch of the group; funny; robust; stubborn and crusty, but with a good heart buried under her gruff exterior.

PATSY - 40s; Somewhat mousey; neurotic; obsessively superstitious, yet underneath all that anxiety lies a rock star who can let it rip!

HONEY - 40s; Leggy; beautiful, but a little past her prime. She's an extremely loveable sex kitten if not the brightest of bulbs.

SAM WONNIETSKI/FRANK - 40s; Sam is the Bingo caller - tall, rugged, and handsome. He loves his job and takes his calling very seriously. The only thing that can distract him is Honey - the woman of his dreams. In flashbacks, he doubles as FRANK - a long-haired, hippie bingo caller from the past.

MINNIE MARTINELLI - 60s; Friendly bingo hall manager, she's everyone's favorite, cute, cuddly grandma. Although this woman could be the oldest in the group, she's still spry and quick on her feet.

BERNICE BOODALAY - 40s; Super mom; genuinely sweet and cheerful. She's the peacemaker and pie baker, and spreads sunshine wherever she goes....maybe a bit passive aggressive with her friends.

ALISON BOODALAY - 20s; Bernice's daughter - fresh faced, passionate, optimistic, perky and quirky. She is a young, comedic character woman in an ingénue's body.

Show dates are July 10, 11 and 12, 2015.

Audition Requirements: Please be ready to read cold from the script at the audition. You will also be asked to sing 16 to 32 measures of a song of your choice. Auditions will be held at the Peace Pipe Player building. **Questions** please call 563-652-9815 or email director@ohnwardfineartscenter.com.