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Non Equity Auditions

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The Amenia Historical Society is holding auditions on Wednesday, May 27, 7 pm and Saturday, May 30, 3 pm for *Amenia's Spycatcher*, a new historical drama to celebrate the 250 anniversary of the American Revolution. Auditions will be held at the Amenia Town Hall, 4988 Route 22, Amenia, New York. Email ludicrum@yahoo.com for an appointment and side.

*Please note Amenia's Spycatcher is produced by the Amenia Historical Society, a local non profit, and is supported in part by a Dutchess County Rev250 Grant and Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Grant. No housing or transportation costs are offered.

Please bring possible rehearsal and/or performance conflicts to the audition. If you have one, bring a one to two minute prepared monologue and head shot and resume. You will be asked to read from the script with another auditionee or reader.

Performances:

Friday, August 21, 8 pm

Saturday, August 22, 8 pm

Sunday, August 23, 2 pm.

Required Tech Rehearsals:

Wednesday, August 19, 6 pm

Thursday, August 20, 6 pm

Rehearsals begin

After July 15

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director — George Bistransin

PLOT:

Amenia's Spy-catcher weaves historical facts from many different sources into a fictional historical drama. The play retells generally unknown but remarkable events that happened to Amenia residents Ephraim and Mary Paine between 1777 and 1785. Ephraim Paine held many offices, including being Dutchess County Judge and delegate to Continental Congress. The play takes inspiration from

“Grandmother’s Spy” by Paine’s descendent Martha Bockee Flint, which tells how Mary Paine caught a man who she believed was a British Spy.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

Ephraim Paine

Male, 40-60, hot-headed radical politician, member of the Continental Congress with reputation for being honest; although a judge he dresses and acts like a laborer, rough around the edges, he swears and quotes scripture; \$1000 stipend for all rehearsals and 3 performances.

Mary Paine

Female, 20-35 Ephraim’s second wife, naive, looking for something more than being a farmer’s wife, secretly and profoundly in love with Lionel Lincoln; \$1000 stipend for all rehearsals and 3 performances.

Elizabeth Paine

Female, 13-20, Ephraim and Mary’s daughter, spoiled child; \$800 stipend for all rehearsals and 3 performances.

Ezra Smith

Male, 20-60, American Soldier (Act I) and Ephraim’s political colleague (Act III); stage combat experience preferred; \$800 stipend for all rehearsals and 3 performances.

Lionel Lincoln

male, 20-35, dashing young man, handsome, elegant, double spy; convincingly falls in love with Mary Paine; stage combat experience preferred; \$800 stipend for all rehearsals and 3 performances.

Baroness Frederika Von Riedesel, 20-50, imperious, aristocratic, vengeful, could have German accent, captured wife of German General fighting for the British; \$800 stipend for all rehearsals and 3 performances; \$800 stipend for all rehearsals and 3 performances. .

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