

CASTING CALL

Production Title: Masks in the Sun

Union / Non-Union: Non-Union

Production Type: Independent – Drama/Mocudrama

Project Length: Feature Film

Project Format: 16:9 HD - DSLR

Posted on: Jan 10, 2012

Production Company:

Nouning Productions: <http://www.nouning.com>

Masks in the Sun Facebook Page:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Masks-in-the-Sun/226773940734495?sk=info>

Director: Drew Walker

Producer: Donna Daines

Casting Director: Lisa Bardamu

Audition Location:

Audition locations will be sent upon receiving statements of interest.

Several auditions will be on location in Marshall, MI at the intersection of I-69 and I-94.

Marshall is:

- 35 miles east of Kalamazoo,
- 45 miles south of Lansing,
- 75 miles west of Ann Arbor, and
- 80 miles north of Ft Wayne.

Shooting Location: Marshall, MI

Email: info@nouning.com

Compensation: None, directly. Strong career support, counseling, and connections.

Auditions:

This will be an open audition.

Those wishing to audition are urged to include the following in your email to **Lisa Bardamu**, Casting Director, at info@nourning.com

- (1) Resume
- (2) Head Shot
- (3) Role or roles you are interested in
- (4) Best dates and times for audition (more than less please).

After we receive your email, you will be directed to the proper sides and other information for the role you will be auditioning to play.

Auditions will be held at **????, Marshall, MI (other Locations)**

Friday, January 20, 2012, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday, January 21, 2012, 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Sunday, January 22, 2012, 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Friday, January 27, 2012, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Saturday, January 28, 2012, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Call Backs:

Saturday, January 28, 2012, 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Sunday, January 29, 2012, 1:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Shooting Starts: **February 8, 2012**

Shooting Ends: **March 28, 2012**

Plot Summary

Under the direction of small town community leader Marla Larson, five local stage actors are drafting an adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*.

Being a local advocate for elderly persons, Marla's goal has for a long time been to create a play that focuses on the social problem of the financial exploitation of the elderly. In particular, she has for some time been obsessed with the idea of turning the Dickens story on its head to do so.

All is not, though, as it might at first appear. While the actors are working together to create their adaptation, Marla is cleverly guiding their efforts to other, secret ends.

Within their small town, a conspiracy is brewing to unseat Marla's husband Judge Tom Larson from his seat on the bench and replace him with a local attorney. Under Marla's careful direction, the group's adaptation is being crafted into a not-too-thinly veiled exposure of these and other nefarious goings-on. In making the plotters aware they have been and are being watched, Marla's goal is to make them cease and desist from their conspiracy against her family.

All the while, there are unknown forces working towards other ends Marla cannot understand.

Structure

The main story line of this film has two interwoven parts: (1) the "real life story" about a group of actors creating a play, and (2) the play they are constructing itself. The film's screenplay will require three actors to play two separate roles, one as a "real life story" character, and the other as a character in the play his or her character is helping produce.

Character Profiles

Marla Larson, 50s, is the wife of a local judge and a leading volunteer in her community. Among the different causes Marla works for is that of preventing the abuse and financial exploitation of older persons. One of her other passions is community theater, in which she has decades of experience as both an actor and director.

Tys Kruge (ties *kroog*-eh), 60s or 70s, is a retired policeman and part-time private investigator. Along with Marla Larson, the writers are ostensibly basing his character, **Gene Carter**, on Scrooge.

Paul Siegrist, 40 +/-, is a local dentist. He is creating a character named **Brian Weller**, an associate of local lawyer **Mark Wensel**. Paul carries much of narrative load onstage and in voiceover.

Pam Wells, 25-35, works for the US Department of Defense. Her character is **Tammy Carter**, the niece of a man with Alzheimer's type symptoms. Pam is a single mother, recently divorced and raising two young boys. Her character Tammy is manipulating her uncle Gene and other go get his money.

Mike Brannigan, 25-35, is a groundskeeper at a local cemetery. He is creating a character named **Mark Wensel**, a local attorney helping Lisa to fleece her uncle. Mike is divorced from Lisa (Birken) Brannigan and they have a young girl named **Brianna Brannigan**. Mike is romantically interested in **Pam Wells**.

Lisa Brannigan, 25-35, works as a clerk at a frame shop. She is the ex-wife of **Mike Brannigan**, the mother of **Brianna Brannigan**, and the niece newly financial guardian of a man with Alzheimer's disease. She is also the lover of both **Judge Tom Larson** and attorney **Jack Wells**.

Allison Carter, 25-35, works at home. She is the daughter-in-law of Gene Carter and the wife of Nick Carter.

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Brianna Brannigan, 6, is the daughter of **Mike Brannigan** and **Lisa Brannigan**.

Ellie Bozeman, 7, is the daughter of **Tammy Carter**. She has some sort of disability.

Nick Carter, 25-35, is **Gene's** son and **Allison's** husband.

Judge Tom Larson, 50s, is the husband of **Marla Larson**, father of **David Larson**, and secret lover of **Lisa Brannigan**.

Jodie Siegrist, 35-40, is the wife of dentist **Paul Siegrist** and the mother of **Tyler** and **Annabel Siegrist**.

Tyler Siegrist, 9, and **Annabel Siegrist**, 8, are the children of **Paul** and **Jodie Siegrist**.

Jacob Wells, 8, and **Nathan Wells**, 6, are the sons of **Pam Wells**.

Young Man (Political Canvasser), 20

Male Figure at Party

Dancing Woman at Party, 25-35

Guest One at Party, Male, 30+

Guest Two at Party, Female, 30+

Someone (Pam's Dream), Male or Female, 20 +

Rapper, Male, 20s

Person in a Mask

Masked Male Figure in Apartment

Unmasked Woman, 30 -60

Kids at Party, 6 or more, 6 -12

Boy, 12 – Reading Alone

Girl, 8 – Painted with Cat Face, Silent

Tammy's Friend, Female, 25-35, Wins a Party Game

Running Woman, 25-35, Dodging a Drunken Fool

Visitor Three – A silent spirit like Dicken's Ghost of Christmas Past

Lawyer One – Listens to Policemen One and Two

Lawyer Two – Listens to Policemen One and Two

Policeman One – Discussing a Former Officer

Policeman Two – Discussing a Former Officer

Teenage Girl in Nursing Home, 12 -15 - Answers Gene's Question

Boy in Nursing Home, 6-12 – Answers Gene's Question

Party Extras – Marla's

Party Extras – Tammy's

Jack Wells, 50s, is a local attorney who is plotting with his lover **Lisa Brannigan** to remove **Judge Tom Larson** from the bench and take his place. He is the grandfather to **Pam Wells'** children.

David Larson, 30, the son of **Marla** and **Judge Tom Larson.**