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Up and Coming Theatre Co. and Elgin Summer Theatre 2020 Production Announced

The UAC and the City of Elgin are excited to announce that they will continue their partnership to present the 2020 summer production of *In The Heights*.

In The Heights tells the universal story of a vibrant community in New York's Washington Heights neighborhood – a place where the coffee from the corner bodega is light and sweet, the windows are always open and the breeze carries the rhythm of three generations of music. It's a community on the brink of change, full of hopes, dreams and pressures, where the biggest struggles can be deciding which traditions you take with you, and which ones you leave behind. *In The Heights* is the winner of the 2008 Tony Awards for Best Musical, Best Score, Best Choreography and Best Orchestrations.

Auditions are open to the public and will be held the week of May 11th at The Hemmens Cultural Center, 45 Symphony Way in Elgin. Callbacks will be by invitation only. All those auditioning should wear comfortable clothing and shoes for the dance portion and prepare to sing 16 to 32 bars of a song that best highlights their vocal ability. An accompanist will be provided, so auditionees must bring sheet music in the key they will be singing. Singing acapella is not encouraged. For audition information and updates, visit www.uactheatre.org OR www.hemmens.org and click on the *Elgin Summer Theatre* link. Please bring a resume and a photograph/headshot with you at the time of your audition. (Resumes and photographs will not be returned.)

Show times are 7:30pm July 17, 18, 24 and 25 with 3:00pm matinees on July 19 and 26.

\$20 reserved seating in advance, \$25 at the door. Students/Seniors \$15.00. Group rates are also available. Tickets may be purchased at The Hemmens Box Office, by phone at 847-931-5900 or by going to www.hemmens.org.

ABOUT UP AND COMING THEATRE COMPANY

Through collaboration and partnerships, Up and Coming Theatre Company creates diverse, thought-provoking works that engage the community. They strive to provide professional level performances that are originally interpreted and maximize the creativity in all aspects of production. UAC is committed to offering educational and mentoring opportunities for both staff and cast members to elevate their craft and to grow as people. Past Broadway World Chicago nominated and winning shows include: *School of Rock*, *Sweet Charity*, *Heathers*, *American Idiot*, *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, and *Wild Party*.

ABOUT ELGIN SUMMER THEATRE

Elgin Summer Theatre is a showcase for regional talent and is funded through a grant from the Elgin Cultural Arts Commission and the City of Elgin. Past Elgin Summer Theatre performances include *Hair*, *Grease*, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, *Annie*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Rent*, BroadwayWorld Chicago Award Nominee *Next to Normal*, *A Chorus Line*, *Sister Act* and *Seussical*.

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