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## **Up and Coming Theatre Company and Elgin Summer Theatre 2023 Production Announced**

UAC and The Hemmens Cultural Center are excited to announce that they will continue their partnership to present the 2023 summer production of *Fame*.

*Fame* tells a bittersweet, yet ultimately inspiring story of a group of vibrant, multicultural, energetic artists who gather to audition and study at the sought after New York City's High School of Performing Arts. The journey this diverse group of students take as they commit to four years of grueling artistic and academic work unfolds through music, candor, humor, and insight as the show explores issues that confront many young people today.

With the Academy Award-winning title song, and a host of other fantastic hits, this high-octane musical will keep you immersed, entertained, and wanting to get up and dance!

In keeping with the show's intended cast, we are seeking a diverse cast in which we can showcase their dancing, singing, rapping, and musicianship. **Auditions are open to the public and will be held in May, 2023 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](http://www.uactheatre.org) OR [www.hemmens.org](http://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 7:30 pm July 14, 15, 21 and 22 with 3:00 pm matinees on July 16 and 23.

Advanced reserved seating tickets are \$24 and \$18 (students/seniors). For tickets and information, including group sales call The Hemmens Box Office at 847-931-5900 or visit [www.hemmens.org](http://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 *In The Heights*.

