

Join the 'sturdy' cast of 'Shanghaied' characters

ASTORIA — Auditions for the 33rd season of "Shanghaied in Astoria!" — a vaudeville-style, musical-melodrama presented by the Astoria Street Opry Co. — will take place 6 p.m. Saturday, May 20, and noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, May 21.

"Being a part of 'Shanghaied' is sure to make summer a rewarding lifetime memory as auditioners connect, learn and grow through theater techniques and this precise style of stagecraft performance," according to Markus Brown, the company's produc-

tion chairman, marketing manager and this season's "Shanghaied" director. "Over 2 dozen delightful and colorful parts are open for guys and gals 17 to any age. Parts for *sturdy* women, *nefarious* saloon owners, *fun* fishermen, *nasty* villains, and a *sweetheart* or two, along with spots for dancers, musicians and technical backstage help."

The show will run July 7 through Sept. 9.

"Shanghaied," which premiered in 1985 on a skeleton budget, has become a beloved piece of Astoria's

community. Organizers estimate the show has entertained more than 85,000 audience members over 33 years.

The Astor Street Opry Co., a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) community theater organization, is currently seeking show sponsors. Sponsorships start at \$150 (cash or in-kind donation).

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The cast of "Shanghaied in Astoria" lets out a cheer on stage in 2015.

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