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The Thomas Center for the Arts is Seeking Actors, Designers and Technical Crew for its First Theatre for Young Audiences Production Opening in April

Gainesville, Florida – Ahoy there ye mateys and prepare yourself to sail the seven seas with Sinbad the Sailor! The City of Gainesville Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs is inaugurating the Thomas Center Theatre for Young Audiences in April. The first production will be *The Commedia Voyages of Sinbad* by celebrated young audiences' playwright Lane Riosley. It will take place at the Thomas Center's Grace and Sidney Knight Garden Theatre.

The play is a creative version of Sinbad's seven voyages with tumbling, mock combat, puppetry and clowning that the players will use to bring to life a giant fish, the monstrous roc bird, the King of the Skeletons, Zughub the Ogre, the Old Man of the Sea and more! Opening in mid-April, the play will run on early Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings for four weeks.

City event coordinator and the theatre's artistic director David Ballard will direct the show and is requesting those who are interested in taking part in the production contact him to arrange an audition and/or interview. The cast consists of two male and two female adults and there are also opportunities in design, prop and scenery construction, as well as stage and house management. He is also seeking experienced directors for possible future productions. Modest stipends are possible for some positions. David may be contacted at 352-393-8746 or at ballarddg@cityofgainesville.org.

The Cultural Affairs Division is the designated local arts agency for Gainesville and Alachua County. Its mission is to promote cultural activity and encourage community based cultural resources.

For more information on the Thomas Center Theatre for Young Audiences or to schedule an interview, please contact David Ballard at 352-393-8746.

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