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Auditions announced for *summer Bath House Player shows*

The Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts' Bath House Players is pleased to announce auditions for the two summer musical productions of 2010, **"13", and "My Son Pinocchio"**.

The musical "13", by Tony-award winner Jason Robert Brown, is a funny and exciting love letter to childhood and to the elusive moment when the child in all of us embarks on the path to adulthood. Evan Goldman has it all-he's popular, has the perfect family and lives in the greatest city in the world-New York. That is until his parents get divorced and he's forced to move with his mom...to Indiana. Uprooted from his old life, he has to make new friends and somehow maneuver his way through the minefield of high school to become part of the "in crowd".

Auditions will be May 27 from 9-4pm, for anyone age 14-18, with parts available for 13 men and women. We are also looking for musicians age 14-18 to play bass, drums, guitar & keyboard. Show dates will be June 25-July 11, with evening & matinee shows available. Tickets go on sale June 7.

The musical "My Son Pinocchio", is a new and enchanting take on the classic tale of an aging toymaker and his puppet-Pinocchio. This is a family friendly musical appropriate for all audiences and is a magical mix of heart warming fairytale and action-packed adventure! You, the audience, will love following Pinocchio's journey from an awkward wooden puppet to a real live boy and will be charmed by Geppetto's transformation from a demanding creator to a real live father! Stephan Schwartz adds a compelling score of new and beloved classics, like, "When You Wish Upon A Star" and "I've Got No Strings", to make this a delightful musical adventure.

Auditions will be May 28, from 9-4pm and are open to anyone age 14-18, with parts available for 11-20 men and women, with some dance roles. Show dates will be July 23-August 1, with evening & matinee shows available. Tickets go on sale July 6.

For both auditions, please come prepared with a 2-minute musical piece and your sheet music, as an accompanist will be provided. Also, bring your lunch, as this is an all-day audition and we do not allow anyone to leave for lunch.

For further information, call Helen Hocker Theater at 368-0191, 9-5, M-F, or go to our web page at www.topeka.org/parksrec/hocker.shtml.

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The Helen Hocker Center for the Performing Arts is an organization dedicated to enriching the cultural growth of our community. Quality family entertainment, positive learning experiences in a friendly atmosphere, an outlet for artistic expression for youth and adults, all are found in the Theater's year-round programming. Family and youth musical dramas and comedies are offered, along with music and dance events, performing arts classes and workshops. The primary goals of the Theater are to provide exciting and enjoyable challenges for our participants and quality in all our endeavors for our patrons. Volunteer opportunities are available. Please call the Theater box office for more information.