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To Kill a Mockingbird Open Casting Call at ACT

Artists Collaborative Theatre is nearly ready to announce our 2016-2017 season, but before we finalize our seven upcoming productions, we have a preannouncement casting call!

We hope to produce *To Kill a Mockingbird* for our literary slot in February and March 2017. In past seasons, our literary plays have included *Anne Frank*, *The Miracle Worker*, *Second Samuel*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *Deathtrap*, *Little Women*, *The Hurting Part*, and *A Few Good Men*.

In order to comfortably announce *To Kill a Mockingbird* as our literary selection for 2017, we need to know the African American roles can be filled. Due to the demographics of our region, we are announcing an open casting call for two primary reasons:

1. To attract people of color for this and all ACT productions. ACT is proud of our inclusive and non-traditional casting and would love to add to our diversity on stage and within the company.
2. To attract new talent of every race, creed, color, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, and age.

If you are interested joining us, we can do the rest! You do not need to have acting experience, only willingness and commitment. Rehearsals will begin January 11, 2017 and run Monday–Friday from 6:00-9:00 pm. Not everyone is needed at every rehearsal and we do our best to do targeted rehearsals, reducing wasted time. The show will open on February 16, 2017 and run through March 19, 2017 and performances are every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 7:30 pm and Sunday at 3:00 pm.

ACT is a small, all volunteer, non-profit theatre in the heart of Appalachia, located in Elkhorn City, Kentucky and proudly serves the tri-state area of Virginia, Kentucky, and West Virginia. We are strongly based in educational theatre and community service. ACT has a core company of 50 volunteers with 120 volunteer associates.

Please share and pass the word to anyone who may be interested and help us bring this beautiful story to the stage at ACT Theatre! If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Richards or Samantha West at Artists Collaborative Theatre by calling (606) 754-4228.