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## Non-Union Actors - Open Call

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### **THE CRYSTAL BALLROOM**

Cheryl Cambras: Writer & Director

Peter Iasillo: Assistant Director

Golden Lark Productions

**THE CRYSTAL BALLROOM** is a mystery/fantasy/dark comedy that takes place in a rundown bingo hall where the lost, lonesome Johnny and his back-up singers are booked to play. Frequent power failures and a botched bingo game signal that something is not quite right. In walks Agnes, a woman that trouble seems to follow, and who Johnny falls in love with. Amidst a colorful array of bingo players, Johnny saves Agnes from the darkness that grips her, and in turn, finds his way.

This is a 20-minute short shooting on digital video. Looking for all types and ethnicities. Age requirements are flexible; actors do not have to be the minimum age listed, but must be able to play it. **Some pay for leads.** All actors will be credited and receive a copy of the finished movie. In addition to the roles listed below, we'll need about 20 extras (ages 40+) to play Bingo, make crowd noise, and a few will have a line each. We will also need extras ages 15-25 for the final scene. E-mail headshots, resumes and links to: [thecrystalballroom@yahoo.com](mailto:thecrystalballroom@yahoo.com). Mail headshots and resumes and demos to: The Crystal Ballroom, c/o Peter Iasillo, PO Box 1683, Port Chester, NY 10573

Auditions will take place at the [Unitarian Church Social Room](#), 20 Forest Street, Stamford, CT on **Oct. 8 (1:00 PM - 9:00 PM.)** and **Oct. 9 (6:00 PM - 10 PM.)**

### **ACTORS SHOULD PREPARE A 2-3 MINUTE MONOLOGUE**

Shooting is scheduled for the first half of November. Contact director Cheryl Cambras at **203.359.9320** for additional information

### **CHARACTER BREAKDOWNS**

**MALE: JOHNNY:** 35-45, dark hair, thin, the lonesome lead with a hangdog expression, wears fake eyebrows and mustache, falls in love with Agnes, sings, keyboard player helpful, physical role. **LOU:** 50+, slightly overweight, charismatic ringleader-type, in charge of the bingo hall. **FINGERS:** 50+, thin and small, jittery, the bingo number announcer, he speaks with (or as if using) handheld throat vibrator – an electrolarynx. **YELLOW MAN:** 35-45, average build, black hair, violent and mysterious, vicious and dog-like, tries to steal Agnes away, no spoken words, very physical role. **TRAVIS:** 35+, very inhibited and uptight, spoiled child type, accompanies his mother (Mildred) as she plays bingo. **WALT:** 50+, average build, sweet (but slightly “touched”) man playing bingo, he brings his taxidermied animal with him for good luck. **VIC:** 45+, the cook/bartender, no spoken words, comic dance scene with Homeless Man. **DAVEY:** 18+, enthusiastic, innocent, loves a good deviled egg

**FEMALE: AGNES:** 25-35, thin, dark hair, dance scenes, a mysterious woman from a time long ago, she attracts Johnny with her beauty as she dances, tries to escape from Yellow Man's clutches, Johnny helps her to freedom, very physical role. **MARJORIE:** 25-35, lead back-up singer, confident, ringleader type, must be able to sing and dance in-synch with other back-up singers, will project a '60s girl group feel. **CECE:** 25-35, back-up singer, must be able to sing and dance in-synch with other back-up singers, will project a '60s girl group feel

**DAWN:** 25-35, back-up singer, must be able to sing and dance in-synch with other back-up singers, will project a '60s girl group feel. **MILDRED:** 50+, hard of hearing, grouchy, Travis's mother. **KAY:** 40+, pushy bingo player, likes to drink, wishes she could smoke, thinks every man finds her sexy. **BILLIE:** 25-35, serves drinks to bingo patrons, sweet disposition but tough. **PEARL:** 50+, should be able to play very old, decrepit version AND an energetic, more youthful version, somewhat physical role, abused by Eileen.

**EILEEN:** 40+, larger than Pearl, dominates Pearl, an ominous figure. **DOT:** 50+, plays bingo, garish, brazen, fights with Lou over a bingo call, loud in voice and appearance. **BONNIE:** 50+, small and quiet, friend of Dot, disinterested in bingo game, must be able to crochet. **JUDY:** 25-35, blond hair, a mysterious woman, mother to a small baby, she's someone important in Johnny's past