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NEWS FROM: Department of Parks, Recreation & Community Services

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RE: **AUDITIONS ANNOUNCED: BIG FISH**

The North Brunswick Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Services has announced the Broadway show **BIG FISH** as next year's 49th annual community theatre musical.

BIG FISH tells the larger-than-life tale of Edward Bloom, a man who leads an extraordinary life—according to the extravagant tales he tells his son about meeting witches, kissing mermaids and joining the circus.

Director Michael Hritz is seeking principals as well as a diverse adult ensemble, and stresses that no roles have been pre-cast. No experience is necessary to try out for this popular theatre program. The show features a large cast and provides ample opportunities for area residents and local actors, singers and dancers to audition.

Vocal and dialogue auditions in the music room at North Brunswick Township High School will be on Wednesday and Thursday, January 2 and 3, 2019 at 7:00 pm for only the 11 principal and featured roles only, including Edward Bloom, Sandra Bloom, Will Bloom, Josephine Bloom, Karl the Giant, Amos Callaway, Don Price, The Witch, Jenny Hill, Dr. Bennett, and Young Will. All remaining character parts will be cast without a specific audition.

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Ensemble vocal auditions will be on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at 10:00 am. This year's ensemble will be limited to a cast size to be determined, and will require a competitive vocal audition. No children will be included in the production other than the role of Young Will.

All those auditioning should have sheet music and be prepared to sing 32 measures of a musical theatre piece in the style of the show or a song from the show, and be ready to read from the script. An accompanist will be provided.

The announced cast and all those interested in working behind the scenes will meet as an entire company for production notes and the first vocal rehearsal on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 7 pm.

Production dates at the school are February 28, March 1, 2, 2019. More detailed audition information can be obtained by e-mailing mhritz@northbrunswicknj.gov or calling the department at (732) 247-0922 x475.

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