



## NEURODIVERSE ACTORS SOUGHT FOR AUTISM-CENTRIC SHORT FILM

August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2014

MOVIE MAGIC MEDIA PRODUCTIONS, in association with SHENANIGANS, is seeking actors and actresses with Autism Spectrum Disorder and related conditions for their groundbreaking short film **CIRCLES**, to be filmed in **Atlanta, GA** in January 2015.

CIRCLES follows Ollie, a teen boy with Autism, through one day at school as his best friend Cam prepares to transfer away. As he navigates the varied crowd of both his peers and teachers, Ollie struggles to convey his true feelings about his friend's imminent departure. With realistic characters and a naturalist script, CIRCLES **authentically showcases a day in the life of neurodiverse individuals**, without any of the stereotypes and melodrama often highlighted in popular culture and cinema.

CIRCLES will feature both **neurotypical and neurodiverse actors**, cast appropriately in related roles. Upon completion, the finished film will be submitted to film festivals worldwide in anticipation of a feature-length project of similar subject matter.

In all, MOVIE MAGIC MEDIA PRODUCTIONS is seeking **over 30 neurodiverse actors** for both speaking and non-speaking roles (descriptions and age ranges of characters are on the following page). **Interested actors** must have appropriate expressive language for his or her potential role and be able to take verbal direction. Previous acting experience, whether on film or stage, is not necessary, but a willingness to experiment and be enthusiastic about the project is a must. Although compensation is not available, meals will be provided. All potential actors *must* be available for the following production dates (in 2015):

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| <b>Rehearsals</b>     | Wednesday, January 14, 6:00 – 9:00 pm                   |
|                       | Thursday, January 15, 6:00 – 9:00 pm                    |
| <b>Shoot Days (3)</b> | Saturday, January 17 – Monday, January 19 (MLK Weekend) |

**Auditions** will be held *by appointment only* on **Saturday, August 30, 2014 (12 – 4 pm)** and **Sunday, August 31 (11 am – 3 pm)**. Audition scenes will be provided in advance.

CIRCLES is written by Jesse Cramer, co-directed by Jesse Cramer and Micah Levin, produced by Mark Cramer, and executive produced by Leslie Cotton-Smith and Jesse Cramer.

**Interested actors** should send an inquiry to [Circles@MovieMagicMedia.com](mailto:Circles@MovieMagicMedia.com). Please include the actor's name, age, gender, relevant acting experience, and a recent headshot or photograph.

## **AVAILABLE ROLES**

**OLLIE** (M, 14 – 22): A low-affect teen boy with Autism. While Ollie has high expressive language, he has difficulty conveying his emotions, which is shown through his low-key, misunderstood reaction to Cam's imminent transfer. Ollie also has a high sensitivity to sound, which he combats with headphones when needed.

**CAM** (M, 16 – 25): A young adult man with Autism and Ollie's best friend. While Cam has moderate expressive language, he consistently communicates his opinions and feelings in any given situation. He struggles to understand the reasons why he is leaving his current school.

**MS. DOMINIC** (F, 25 – 50): An adult occupational therapist to Ollie. She is compassionate and has extremely high expressive language. *This role could be played by either a neurodiverse or neurotypical actress.*

**CARL** or **CARLA** (M or F, 14 – 20): A teen boy or girl with High Functioning Autism who is an adversary of sorts to Ollie. The character pokes fun at Ollie's inability to express himself. High expressive language. *This role could be played by either a male or female.*

**TEENAGE/YOUNG ADULT STUDENTS** (M or F, 14 – 22): Ollie's classmates – both speaking and non-speaking roles. All ranges of expressive language.

**ELEMENTARY STUDENTS** (M or F, 6 – 14): Various students – both speaking and non-speaking roles – who participate in a kickball game and playground activities as well as interactions in the hallway. All ranges of expressive language.

## **ABOUT MOVIE MAGIC MEDIA PRODUCTIONS**

*MOVIE MAGIC MEDIA is an award-winning, independent production company based out of Los Angeles, CA. Founded in 2005 on the principles of new media and the ever-evolving entertainment industry, MMM explores new and innovative ways of storytelling in all its projects by blurring the lines between genre and format. MMM is a full service company that specializes in creating and delivering content for modern distribution models. Clients include Warner Bros Music, Nissan, Capital One, Happy Socks, Snapchat, Pantene, Herbal Essences, Vidal Sasson, Taco Bell, Starkist, and Maya Toys. ([www.MovieMagicMedia.com](http://www.MovieMagicMedia.com))*

## **ABOUT SHENANIGANS**

*SHENANIGANS uses improvisational theatre to help individuals on the Autism Spectrum unveil the mysteries of social communication, develop more flexible thinking, adapt to change, and respond in context to people and situations. SHENANIGANS is a community-based program of Spectrum Arts, Inc., and is growing throughout the metro Atlanta area and beyond. The program also partners with local schools, municipalities, and Autism-related organizations. ([www.ShenanigansImprov.com](http://www.ShenanigansImprov.com))*