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COS Announces Auditions for "Walking with Walt"

Weed / COS – College of the Siskiyous is excited to announce auditions for their upcoming production of "*Walking with Walt*." The auditions will be held in the theater on the COS Weed Campus on Monday, June 11, 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., consisting of cold readings from sides of the script. The first read through is scheduled for Wednesday, June 13 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Rehearsals will be held in two parts: June 18 through June 22, and then will resume August 6^h through August 24. Monday through Friday times will be determined once the casts availability is identified.

"Walking with Walt" was written by local author Tim Holt and centers around the physical and emotional journey of a West Coast dock worker who, inspired by the poetry of Walt Whitman, quits his job and starts walking across the country. He is accompanied by the great poet himself, who serves as Sam's guide and mentor.

The play features six major characters ranging in age from **17 to 70**, plus an assortment of smaller roles in the same age range. The major characters include Sam Marler, the dock worker, in his mid-40s, and Walt Whitman, age 70. Sam's romantic interest, Rebecca Graves, is also in her mid-40s. Rebecca's daughter Sara is in her mid- to late teens, as is Jeremiah, a budding musician who joins Sam and Walt on their journey. Christopher Crawford, a rival of Sam's for Rebecca's affections, is in his mid-30s.

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