

Audition Tips and Information

What to bring and what to sing:

- ◆ 16 bars of a musical theater piece that best shows your acting and singing abilities. The selection should be in the style of the role you are auditioning for. This means you should know the show (or both) and what role you think you would be great in. Then find a song that is similar to a song from the show sung by the character you want to play.
- ◆ Your sheet music in the correct key and clearly marked where you will start and stop. Be prepared to sing the entire song in case we want to hear you sing more, but don't worry if we cut you off. It just means we have heard you sing enough to get a good idea of what you sound like, and sometimes that takes different amounts of time depending on the auditioner.
- ◆ Dress nicely for the sung portion of the audition, and bring a change of clothes for the dance audition. *Dance clothes need to allow you to move comfortably and cover you appropriately.* These kinds of clothes would include any dance clothes, jazz pants, leggings, athletic pants, a t-shirt, or a tank top that fits well. Please wear dance shoes or tennis shoes.

Here are a few things we look for in auditions:

- ◆ If you don't have dance experience, DO YOUR BEST. We look for performers who have a smile on their face and do their best to keep up even if they are not the greatest dancer.
- ◆ ENERGY!!!!
- ◆ Know what you are singing about. Who are you? Where are you? Why are you singing this? When does this happen in the show? Tell us the story through your song.
- ◆ Availability. You *must* be able to attend all rehearsals for the show you are auditioning for. We look at conflicts on your audition form, and it is difficult for us to cast you even if you are fabulous when you have to miss a week of precious rehearsal time.

A few final tips:

- ◆ Bring a water bottle.
- ◆ Come with your audition form already filled out and your conflicts marked.
- ◆ Have a positive attitude and enjoy yourself! You'll meet a lot of talented, fun people at auditions. We know it can be a frightening ordeal, but we want you to be amazing and are looking for the best parts of your performance, *not the mistakes.*