



# Audition Tips

1. Know the whole show. Watch a movie version, read the novel, or get on YouTube and look for clips or content on the play. This will help you to select role you want, as well as understand the relationships this character has with other characters.
2. Have a role in mind, but be flexible! You may want the leading role but there can be only one. Look at the supporting roles and find at least one backup. The main goal of this experience is to have fun!
3. Research the character you're reading for. You cannot simply walk in and use your everyday voice in order to show the team that you are the right fit for the role you're auditioning for. Try out some voices ahead of time, practice in the mirror, see example clips of other actors' interpretations of the character.
4. Look the part. If your character is a mean girl, what can you do to show us your best mean girl? Could you wear a certain outfit or style your hair in a way that helps the rest of the world see it? Could you walk into the room a certain way? Keep in mind to engage the director's visual senses and you're more likely to be remembered.
5. Interact with others. You will be asked to read alone and with others actors auditioning. Taking a minute to talk with other players is important. We need to see the chemistry between you and fellow players in order to determine possible characters. Also, don't let the script hide your face. We need to see your expression. Use the space around you while reading lines, and don't be stationery if you can help it.
6. Speak Up! Even if we use a microphone for show, we still need to hear your voice during an audition (soft spoken characters included). You must project your voice-otherwise we can't make judgement about whether you're suitable for a role. It's always better to be too loud than not loud at all!
7. Be prepared to wait. Auditions include a team watching a lot of people and giving each person their time. Be patient and know you will be seen. Bottled

Water is provided. If you must have a snack during the audition time, please be courteous and quiet so you don't distract other actors.

8. Don't beat yourself up. If you slip up by misreading a line, dropping your script, or faltering on a note, don't broadcast your mistakes. Simply move on. We have no expectation that you will be perfect. How you handle your mistakes is key. Just smile, take a deep breath, and keep going. This is fun! Remember?
9. Stand out. If you're in a room with five other people who want the same role ask yourself: "How can I stand out?" Is there a different way to deliver the lines you've heard? Could you wear a bright colored shirt to be sure you're easy to recognize?
10. Have fun. This is the most important. Community theater is about the process and the journey. You should try to enjoy yourself. Get to know people around you. Introduce yourself to fellow players. Smile! Have a great attitude when you come in. Remember to be friendly for a great first impression!

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