

Before the Audition

- Find out what will be expected of you at the audition.
- Research the show.
- Read the script prior to the audition.
- If auditioning for a musical, choose a song that shows off your strengths.
- Find out if you should sing a song from the show. If you're not required to sing from the show, choose a song that is in the STYLE of the show.
- Memorize your song.
- Discover the story within your song. Practice using the music and the lyrics to tell this story.
- Dress professionally, yet comfortably, and with the style of the play in mind.
- Leave your problems at home.
- Be early.
- Relax using a relaxation technique.
- Warm up your body and voice.

Auditions (The Logistics)

During the Audition

- Walk into an audition confidently.
- Be friendly and respectful – be sincere. No handshakes, please.
- Talk the accompanist through your song: start, stop, intro, tempo, etc.
- Introduce yourself and your song before beginning. Make eye contact with the casting committee during your introduction.
- Know where you're looking during a song or monologue... and it is not at the casting committee. Imagine that there is a real person to whom you HAVE to sing this song... you need that person to understand your message. Fight for what you want.
- Keep your acting real – – put yourself in the circumstances of the story/song.
- While reading a scene, be willing to make eye contact with your scene partner. Your character wants something, and it may be the other person in the scene who can help you achieve it. Send the message of each line of dialogue over to your partner.
- Speak loudly and clearly. Make sure your auditors (casting committee) can see you.
- Make strong choices!
- Make choices that will set you apart from the others auditioning. An audition is a time to set yourself free and let your imagination soar.
- If you are in the room while other people are auditioning, stay quiet and watch them. Ask yourself, "What are they doing that works? If I had the chance, what would I do differently?"

Auditions (Casting)

After the Audition

- Say "thank you" when finished.
- No apologies needed.
- Don't complain. Don't explain.
- Think about the work that you did.
- Don't dwell on your mistakes. Learn from them.
- Audition frequently.