

# Welcome to The Western Stage!!

Thank you for auditioning for us, and we hope to be able to work with you soon.



## Audition Information

If this is your first audition with The Western Stage, we hope the following information will be helpful:

**TWS auditions are scheduled for 2 – 2 ½ hours**, and individuals can expect to be in a group of 10 – 25 fellow actors. This time is used for three specific areas of auditioning: movement/dance, singing, and acting.

- The movement/dance portion is done with the group as a whole.
- The singing portion is individual, and singers are asked to prepare two different selections (usually an up-tempo and a ballad) that are no longer than 32 bars (or a verse & a chorus). **An accompanist may be provided, or you may be asked to bring in recorded accompaniment.** When your audition appointment is assigned, you will be given that information.
- The acting portion is usually comprised of a semi-cold reading. Sides from shows selected for our season are chosen and you will be assigned a scene partner from within your group. **\*\*Please note that you may not necessarily read the part that you have specified, but that is not an indication that you are not being considered for that specific role.**

We ask that you:

- **Arrive during the check-in period.** The check-in period (the time you are given) allows you time to complete paperwork prior to beginning of your audition and to begin your preparation to work.
- **Bring 8"x10" headshot and resume that we may keep.** If you do not have a formal headshot, please bring a sharp copy of a photo or portrait. Please be sure to print your name & contact phone/email on the back of your photo if your resume is not attached.
- **Wear or bring clothes and shoes that you can move comfortably and safely in.** We will begin with the movement/dance portion and it is important that you have appropriate attire (no flip flops, open toe, open heel shoes or revealing clothes, please).
- **Bring a calendar so you are able to list any conflicts you may have during our rehearsal & performance schedules.** Casting is based upon availability as well as skill.
- **Alert us at check-in if you have any special needs: injuries, conditions, etc. that will inhibit your fullest audition, or if you have a work call that prohibits your staying for the full audition.** Please know that we use auditions to get to know you and for you to get to know our staff; to see, as completely as possible, what you bring to the company; and to let you experience what we may offer you. If you do have a conflict, please consider changing to another appointment that will enable you to attend a full audition.

**Any other questions?** Please feel free to ask TWS staff... we know this is a brand new experience for many of our actors, and we work to make it as educational and as enjoyable a process as possible.

Thanks again for being with us!!

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