



## QUAD CITY MUSIC GUILD AUDITION TIPS

- For summer show auditions, we encourage you to come to the first weekend of the auditions if possible. (Winter and spring shows have only one weekend of auditions.) If you are healthy and the weather is good, then get to the auditions the first weekend, as these things could change before the second weekend and you could miss the opportunity to audition.
- Download and complete an audition sheet from our website - it will help speed up the audition process.
- Please arrive for your audition at least 45 minutes prior to the end of the posted audition time to ensure that you get a fair amount of time for your audition.
- If possible, familiarize yourself with the shows for which you will be auditioning.
- If your summer schedule permits, audition for all three shows! You never know when a director might think you are perfect for a part you are unaware of.
- You may be asked to sing, dance, and read aloud from a script or from other provided materials. The dance portion of auditions is done as a group.
- Unless otherwise stated in the specific audition guidelines for the show, bring 16 bars of sheet music that you will sing from (can be any 16 bars of the song). You will likely be cut off after 16 bars as there are many auditioners to be heard during auditions.
- Select a song that is complementary of the music in the show you are auditioning for and that complements your voice.
- Try to use music that is not too complicated as this may be the first time the accompanist has ever seen the music. (Recorded music is not allowed for auditions.)
- Pick a song you are comfortable with. If you break going for that high note, it is not impressive.
- Dress comfortably – you will likely be asked to learn and perform a short dance routine.
- It is possible that once you are cast in a show, you may be asked to purchase tights or other special undergarments for health reasons.
- The part you are cast in may require a specific type of character shoe. The choreographer can usually order shoes at a discounted price.
- If you are cast in a show, you will be contacted by phone by one of the members of the directing staff if you are cast in a show, generally the week after the last auditions are completed. Due to the volume of people who come to auditions, we cannot contact everyone who is *not* cast by phone. If you do not get a call, you will receive a letter from the producer.
- EVERYONE is nervous, so you are not alone.
- Show your winning SMILE!