

Let's face it, auditions can be absolutely terrifying! These tips will help you to prepare for your next audition.

Before the audition

Find out all you can about the audition. Keep an eye out on Facebook and the local newspapers for upcoming auditions. ALOTCO always have information nights before auditions to give you all the information required, such as when and where auditions are being held and what you are required to do at the audition. If you cannot make an information night don't worry, advertisements usually have the directors telephone number for you to contact.

Commitment: before booking your audition time slot, you must be 100% sure that you are able to commit to the show. Not just the actual show dates but the rehearsal period too.

Do your research! Don't really know the plot line to the show? Interested in auditioning for a particular part? Then do your research! YouTube is an excellent source when researching shows. If the show was made into a movie, make sure you watch it before your audition (but remember, quite a few musicals that have been made into movies differ from the original stage show, so don't use this as a primary source). Using a search engine to research the story of the musical and information on the roles in the show is also a good idea.

Practice: practice makes perfect! Start doing some simple vocal scales to warm up your voice. There are some video tutorials that would help on YouTube. If you are given a specific song to sing, then try and memorise it. An audition always looks more impressive if you don't read the music.

Audition day!

Wear comfortable clothing: wear clothing that you feel comfortable in. Depending on the show, you may be asked to learn a short dance routine during your audition so you should be able to move around comfortably.

Warm up before your audition: use the scales you have been practicing with to warm up before attending your audition. Some simple humming while in to car on the way to the audition helps too.

Arrive early for your audition: arriving early gives you some time to gather yourself and calm your nerves. You may also be given some lines to read from the script prior to your audition so it's good to have some time to go through them.

Audition: take a deep breath and step out onto that stage. The audition panel will try and make you feel at ease in their presence.

Listen: listen to what the audition panel are asking you to do. For example, You may read lines from a script and they may ask you to speak the lines in a different way. Or they may ask you to read for another character in the show. Be prepared for this and be open to different interpretations.

Go to your audition with a positive attitude and give it your best, but most of all... Try and enjoy the experience!

After the audition

Be understanding and gracious towards the audition panel: they have a very hard task ahead of them! Be patient when waiting for casting results.

Be positive: Think of each and every audition as a learning curve. Be positive in whatever the outcome is. If you don't get into the show or don't get the part you wanted, think of what you have achieved by getting up on that stage in front of the audition panel. That show or role may not have been for you, but there are many more in musical theatre that will be perfect.

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