



## **MINI EXPRESS AND THE EXPRESSIONS**

2016/2017 WINTER Audition Package

**TO: ANY PERFORMER, AGES 8-18, AND HIS/HER PARENT/GUARDIAN**

We are inviting performers over the age of 8 to audition for one of our performing groups! The program runs from September 2016 until June 2017.

*The Mini Express and the Expressions are a junior performance group, based out of the Saskatchewan Express Musical Theatre Studio. Auditions are held in August for the winter cast. The winter cast rehearses weekly from September until June. The cast performs many high-energy, musical theatre style shows throughout the year, including an annual Christmas show and Fundraiser show. The Mini Express and the Expressions also participate in 3 dance competitions in the spring. This program offers young performers a unique opportunity to build performance experience, have fun, and meet new friends! Please see the attached audition package for more details.*

**PLEASE NOTE THAT AUDITIONS ARE OPEN TO ANYONE IN THE REGINA COMMUNITY AND SURROUNDING AREA.  
PREVIOUS ATTENDANCE IN OUR STUDIO CLASSES IS NOT A REQUIREMENT.**

### **WHEN AND WHERE MAY I AUDITION?**

**Wednesday, August 17 and Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 2272 Pasqua St.**

Auditions will begin at 5:30 pm both nights.

Each performer will receive a scheduled audition time by Saturday, August 13.

\*\*If you would like to audition, but have a conflict on either of these days, please contact [amy@saskatchewanexpress.com](mailto:amy@saskatchewanexpress.com) to make alternative arrangements.

### **HOW TO RECEIVE A SCHEDULED AUDITION TIME**

Kindly complete the enclosed form (in full) and return it to:

**Saskatchewan Express Musical Theatre Studio**

**Amy Fong, Director of the Mini Express and The Expressions**

**2272 Pasqua St.**

**Regina, SK**

**S4T 4M4**

**FAX: 306 - 522 - 3410**

**EMAIL: [amy@saskatchewanexpress.com](mailto:amy@saskatchewanexpress.com)**

**\*\*Completed Audition Packages are due by TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2016\*\***

## **MINI EXPRESS AND EXPRESSIONS WINTER CAST 2016-2017**

### **AUDITION PACKAGE**

#### **HOW MUCH TIME AND COMMITMENT WILL THE MINI EXPRESS AND THE EXPRESSIONS REQUIRE?**

The Mini Express and the Expressions will rehearse every **Saturday from 1:30 – 5:30 PM from September 2016 to June 2017**. Additional rehearsals will be scheduled based on need. Performers' attendance is mandatory at all rehearsals. The Mini Express and The Expressions will perform approximately 30 shows during the year, including an annual Christmas show, Fundraiser show, school tour, and competitive involvement. It is very important that performers are committed to the cast, dedicated workers, and share a "team" mentality.

**Performers are also strongly encouraged to register and attend two studio classes from September 2016 to June 2017. It is suggested that performers register in jazz, and tap or ballet. Performers are free to register for more than two classes per week, along with their regular Mini Express and Expressions rehearsals. Please review our registration package online at [www.saskatchewanexpress.com](http://www.saskatchewanexpress.com) or email [amy@saskatchewanexpress.com](mailto:amy@saskatchewanexpress.com) for more information about class requirements.**

#### **WHEN DO THE GROUPS PERFORM AND WHERE?**

The cast of the Mini Express and the Expressions are committed to perform at the following shows as of June 2016. Please note that this does not include the majority of November/December Christmas shows or any other bookings we take throughout the season.

##### **REHEARSAL INTENSIVE – September 3 and 4 (attendance is mandatory)**

- Marian Chateau Show – December 3 (2:30 PM)
- Annual Christmas Fundraiser – beginning of December
- Marian Chateau Show – February 4 (2:30 PM)
- Annual Fundraiser – beginning of February
- School Tour – 2-3 weekdays in April or May
- 3 Competitions – March, April and May
- Annual Studio Recital - June
- Saskatchewan Express Premiere Performance – late June

#### **WHAT IS THE COST?**

**\$100.00/month**, which includes choreography and vocal rehearsals (4 hours/week minimum), as well as all extra rehearsals and performances.

**\$65.00** costume fee (due at registration).

#### **CASTING INFORMATION**

The Mini Express and the Expressions are looking for the following:

1. **Singers** – sopranos, altos and males to be featured as vocalists in the show
2. **Dancers** – no singing experience required; featured dancer
3. **Swings** – trained singers and dancers to be featured in specific pieces

## WHAT HAPPENS AT THE AUDITIONS

### I AM AUDITIONING FOR A SINGER ROLE:

- 1) Please prepare a *portion* (approximately 1minute) of a solo song, preferably musical theatre or Broadway style.
- 2) Please perform to a track - a karaoke track with NO vocals. Bring track on CD or iPod.
- 3) The adjudicator will be assessing each performer's vocal tone and quality, projection and expression/emotion.
- 4) The vocal audition may also include an "ear assessment." The singer may be asked to complete some or all of the following: match tones, scales, clap backs, singing harmony.
- 5) **ALL PERFORMERS WILL** be called back for a dance/movement audition. During the callback, performers will learn a group dance routine and perform this routine for the dance adjudicator. Please wear appropriate dance clothing and footwear.

### I AM AUDITIONING FOR A DANCER ROLE:

- 1) Please prepare two solos (at least 1 minute in length and preferably contrasting styles). Please bring your own music on a CD or iPod.
- 2) **ALL DANCERS WILL** attend a group callback. During the callback, performers will learn a combination and perform this combination for the dance adjudicator.
- 3) The dance adjudicator will assess dancers' technique, facial expression/emotion, movement quality, and speed of learning.

### I AM AUDITIONING FOR BOTH (SWING):

- 1) Please prepare 1 vocal solo and 1 dance solo.  
Dance Solo: 1 minute in length, showcasing your strengths as a dancer.  
Voice Solo: 1 minute in length, preferably musical theatre or Broadway style.
- 2) **PERFORMERS WILL** attend a group callback. During the callback, performers will learn a combination and perform this combination for the dance adjudicator.

**\*Please Note: Auditions are intended to provide performers with auditioning experience. They are used primarily for placement in one of our groups.**

**\*Please contact [amy@saskatchewanexpress.com](mailto:amy@saskatchewanexpress.com) if you have any questions about this package.**

## MINI EXPRESS AND THE EXPRESSIONS AUDITION APPLICATION

Please complete form in full and return to: The Saskatchewan Express Office  
2272 Pasqua St., Regina, SK. S4T 4M4 or Fax to 306-522-3410 by **August 9, 2016.**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (h) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\* (required)

PERFORMER'S E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Age (as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

I am auditioning as a: (check one) Singer \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer \_\_\_\_\_

Swing \_\_\_\_\_

### Singers/Swings

Circle which part you have sung in groups/choirs/shows:

Soprano (high female/male) Alto (low female/male) Tenor (high male) Bass (low male)

Do you feel comfortable singing by yourself as a soloist? \_\_\_\_\_

Can you read music? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking voice lessons? \_\_\_\_\_

Voice instructor: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you play an instrument; what type? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you had any dance lessons? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Dancers/Swings**

Do you take dance lessons? \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what type? \_\_\_\_\_

Where do you take dance lessons? \_\_\_\_\_

Examinations completed \_\_\_\_\_

The 2 styles of dance I will be performing in my audition are (*swings, 1 style*):

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list any additional experience or special skills you have (i.e. acting, public speaking, juggling, acrobatics, shows/groups you have been/are involved in, etc.), including any special qualities you have (other than singing and dancing) that you feel would be an asset to the Mini Express and The Expressions.**

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**Please list any known dates performers are unavailable between September 2016 and June 2017, including vacations, school trips, other extracurricular commitments, family events, concerts/show tickets, etc.**

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**\*Performers must be available for the pre-season intensive on September 3 and 4.**

**\*\* WE WILL CONTACT YOU BY AUGUST 13 VIA EMAIL WITH YOUR AUDITION TIME. \*\***