



## **About Our Auditions**

### **When are auditions?**

Auditions for our 2025 Production of The Little Mermaid Jr. will take place on **Saturday, September 21, 2024.**

The session for children ages 13 - 16 will be from **9:00 - 12:00.**

The session for children ages 10 - 12 will be from **1:00 - 4:00.**

There will be a 15-minute parent information meeting at the beginning of each session.

If either session needs to be extended to accommodate a larger number of auditioners, parents will be notified via email in advance.

### **Where do the auditions take place?**

Both audition sessions will take place at the WLMT Rehearsal Hall, located at 2491 Jos St. Louis Ave. in Windsor, ON.

### **How do I sign up?**

Parents/Guardians can register for an audition by filling out our online form. Once you've submitted the form, you will receive a link to all audition materials in approximately 1-3 business days.

## **Is acceptance first-come-first-served?**

No, for the first time, our Youth Performance Program is offering all eligible performers the chance to audition, simply by registering online! The cast will be selected from those who audition. This is different from previous years, when admission was limited to the first children to enroll.

## **What do performers need to prepare?**

Once you've signed up, you will receive a link to a Google Drive containing all audition materials. In order to get an essence of the talents and abilities of each auditioner, we ask that each perform in three separate tasks.

- 1) **Vocal Audition** - All children will perform the audition song assigned to the character of their choosing. If they would like to audition for more than one role, they are welcome to prepare multiple songs, but they may only need to sing once (based on time availability).

Songs:

- Ariel - "Part of Your World" cut
- Prince Eric - "One Step Closer" cut
- Ursula - "Poor Unfortunate Souls" cut
- Scuttle - "Human Stuff" cut
- Sebastian - "Kiss the Girl" cut
- All other roles, including, Flounder, King Triton, Ensemble, etc. will sing "Under the Sea" cut

- 2) **Acting Audition** - All auditioners will perform a brief monologue in the style of the character of their choosing. We encourage all performers to speak clearly, loudly, and with enthusiasm! Memorization is also encouraged - but not required. *Director's Tip: Please do not add an accent to your monologue.*
- 3) **Dance Audition** - Our Choreographer will teach all auditioners a short dance combination on the day of the audition, which they will perform for our audition panel in small groups. There is nothing to prepare in advance.

### **What do we wear?**

Because there is a dance element to the audition, we encourage each audition to dress comfortably and ready to move! Auditioners are also encouraged to bring a refillable water bottle to their audition.

### **Does everyone receive a role?**

While we recognize that each of the young auditions possesses a unique range of talents, we are not able to accept every child who auditions. This selection process will be made based on a number of criteria, including their performance in the auditions and their suitability to the roles they've selected for consideration.

### **When will we know if we've made it?**

Casting a show is not a quick or easy process. Our audition team will diligently review the strengths of each auditioner before making any final decisions. Parents will be notified of their child's audition results (either by phone or by email) no later than Friday, September 27.

### **Can I change my role preferences on the day of the audition?**

Yes, on the day of the audition, parents will be able to add or modify roles their child is being considered for, even after their Google Form is submitted. Once the auditions are underway, there will be no changes to these selections.

### **Can I watch my child's audition?**

No, for the comfort and privacy of our young performers, these will be strictly closed auditions. Parents can drop their children off, then leave to run errands, get a coffee, etc., and will return to pick up their children at the end of the session.

### **If accepted, when do I pay the tuition fees?**

All tuition and membership fees must be paid to our office by October 1, 2024.