



## *Audition Tips and Advice*

At Sam Houston, the B.F.A. in Musical Theatre is a competitive, a challenging degree program meant for students with discipline, motivation, sincerity, stamina and of course – talent. Admission into the program is competitive. Admission is based on admissibility to Sam Houston and your ability to demonstrate professional potential at the audition.

### **Audition Requirements**

Please prepare and bring the following items for your audition:

Head shot

Resume

Two letters of recommendation

Monologues: Two memorized, contrasting one-minute monologues from a contemporary script.

Bring dance attire to change into for the ballet/jazz combination.

Songs: Two contrasting cuts from a publisher Broadway musical or a Disney musical.

(Approximately 40 seconds each) Points of contrast can include vocal range, tempo, style, time period, etc.

### **Audition Process**

Our auditions are closed. The only people present in the audition room will be members of the Musical Theatre Program faculty. At check-in, you will be assigned a number. After check-in and a brief Q&A, the auditions will be conducted as follows;

Going in numerical order, we will hear everyone sing their song selection. Start with your best piece first, we may ask for second but will likely not hear both. When you come into the room, take a few seconds to go over your first cut with our accompanist.

Once we have heard your song cut, please state your monologue with play title and character. We will stop you after 60 seconds so please prepare accordingly. A chair will be available should you like to use it.

Following your monologue, you may change into your dance attire. Be sure to affix your number onto your person after you change. Return to 184 until the dance call begins.

Following your dance audition, you are released. An excuse letter will be sent to you via email should you need to provide one to your work or school.

### **Day of the Audition**

You must make prior arrangements if on the day of your audition you wish to observe acting, dance, or voice classes or meet our current students. If this is of interest to you, please email your request to Dr. Laura Avery (lka005@shsu.edu) at least one week prior to the day of your audition.

Prior to your audition, there will be an opportunity to participate in a brief Q&A with Dr. Laura Avery, Head of the Musical Theatre Program. If there is a performance the night of your audition, you're welcome to attend that as well.

2:30 p.m.

Audition check in (Gaertner Performing Arts Center 184)

2:45 p.m.

Q & A with Head of Musical Theatre Program

3:00 p.m.

Auditions begin

5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Auditions end

#### Audition Location

Gaertner Performing Arts Center  
17th Street and Bobby K. Marks Dr.  
Sam Houston State University  
Huntsville, TX 77341