

“Matilda” Audition Information

Audition Date: Saturday, April 23, 2022

Callback Date: Sunday, May 1, 2022

Reserve your audition spot through the website

Location: Bright Lights Theatre/Sunshine Dance (35 E. North Avenue, Glendale Heights)

Audition Fee: \$10 (cash or check) to be paid at audition

Audition Form (please print, fill out, and bring to your audition)

How Do Vocal Auditions Work?

- Please choose two song options to sing for your audition (see audition document).
- Each actor will sing one at a time with the instrumental version of the track on the audition day.
- Choose songs that feel most appropriate for your personality and vocal range.
- Find your own voice, make your own choices, and choose your own phrasing of music and lyrics – DON'T copy how the voices sound on the tracks. Make it your own!
- While being memorized is not required, it is highly recommended. We want to see the actors connect out towards “the audience” and perform rather than reading off the paper. The more prepared you are, the more fun you will have with the audition process.
- Please make sure to practice with the appropriate version of the track when rehearsing at home - we have provided an instrumental track and sheet music for each song.

How Do Dance Auditions Work?

- We will hold a dance call from 12:15-1:15pm for all actors auditioning. We will have a “technical dance” combo(s) and a “strong mover” combo(s). Actors may choose which combo(s) they would like to learn based on their previous dance experience! If you are not a dancer, please don't stress! We want everyone to have FUN and lead with their acting skills during the dance audition. If you are not a strong dancer, show us your personality and willingness to learn and try something new!

How Does Casting Work? What Are We Looking For?

- After the initial auditions we will hold callbacks. Actors will be called back for specific roles and be required to prepare specific material (songs and scene work, dependent on role). All callback material will be posted on our website after initial auditions.

- We are looking for very specific qualities for each character (personality, vocal range, physical appearance, height, voice type, dance abilities, etc...). Sometimes the most talented students are simply not the right fit for a specific role in a show based on the above criteria. Just because you don't receive a callback, does not mean you didn't have a great audition!

How Does Payment Work?

- Full payment of \$650 (\$550 tuition + \$75 costume rental fee + \$25 cast t-shirt) will be due by April 30th (before callbacks). If you are not cast in the show, you will receive a full refund after the cast list is posted.
- We require this payment up front as our casting is based on actors that complement each other for certain roles. We encourage all actors to be open to being cast as any role!

When Do Rehearsals Take Place? How Do They Run?

- Actors will only be called for their specific scenes/musical numbers. This is meant to allow actors to have more "summer" time outside of rehearsal. If you are cast, and would like to attend rehearsal each day (for fun or due to parent's work schedule) you are more than welcome to attend even when not called for rehearsal.
- Attendance is mandatory for each rehearsal (when called) as we have a short amount of time to rehearse!
**We do allow some absences if approved prior to callbacks.*
- The rehearsal schedules (on website) give the general time and dates of rehearsals, tech, dress, and performances. Specified rehearsal schedules will be sent out at the end of each week (Friday evening) with the following week's schedule.
- All rehearsals will take place at Bright Lights Theatre/Sunshine Dance. All tech, dress rehearsals, and performances will take place at Wheaton Academy this year!