

Advice for Vocalists:**Tips for a Successful Musical Theatre Audition****By Robyn Metko**

- Constantly prepare for the next audition and be prepared at all times
- Develop excellent singing technique to protect voice
- Strive to be the best singer in the room
- Be better than your best performance
- Allow for vocal rest in the days leading up to the audition
- Stretch out torso, neck and shoulders; warm up the voice with light vocalises
- Be prepared and arrive early
- Bring plain, non-carbonated water to stay hydrated
- Be professional; take the audition seriously
- Do your homework; know what is expected and what the director prefers
- Sing the arrangement as it appears in the show; don't transpose or sing a pop arrangement of the song
- Sing and act to the last row in the audience
- Sing songs that are appropriate to your age and vocal range
- Breathe deeply from the diaphragm; no "shoulder" breathing
- Project positive energy and confidence; musical theatre requires enormous amounts of energy
- Dress comfortably and appropriately; wear clothing that doesn't restrict breathing and movement
- Wear comfortable shoes that you can easily walk and dance in
- Know the show material and try to look, act and sing similar to the time period and characters in general

