

MUSICAL THEATRE AUDITION PREPARATION TIPS

The audition period is an exciting time of year and we always look forward to meeting a diverse group of prospective students.

Those that take part often tell us that they enjoy the day due to the relaxed and friendly atmosphere. **You will have the opportunity to learn more about our approach, while we find out who you are a performing artist.**

Here are some top tips:

- 1) **Make sure you understand the audition requirements**, which the admissions team has emailed to you. If you have any questions, please do get in touch with admissions@trinitylaban.ac.uk who will be more than happy to help.
- 2) **Come prepared** with:
 - music taped together for the pianist
 - a repertoire file with other songs
 - sheet music (or if you bring a backing track, bring it on an MP3 or iPod instead of a CD)

It's also a good idea to think about how you can be unique in your overall presentation.

- 3) For the **singing audition**, some songs are very overdone so it's often better to choose something less obvious. Be bold, but don't choose a piece that is out of your range, as we want to see what you can do rather than what you can't. Also, acting through the song is just as important as the technical delivery.
- 4) During the **dance audition**, we want to see that you are focussed, willing to engage and understand performance dynamics. Make sure you've had prior experience of a few dance classes, and don't be afraid to ask the teacher to go over any steps.
- 5) When it comes to the **monologue**, be daring but don't make choices that make your job tougher. For example, if you are 17 you're likely to find portraying a younger character much easier than an older one. Think about accents, and if you're asked to rework a section don't worry. The audition panel just want to explore what you can do.
- 6) **Think about why you want to study Musical Theatre at Trinity Laban**, as the audition team will want to know. If you can also demonstrate prior research and ask thoughtful questions, this will go down well.
- 7) **Plan your route in advance** so that you can avoid being late.
- 8) Have a **positive attitude**, as this can help you channel nerves into enthusiasm during the performance.
- 9) **Have a good night's sleep before the audition**, and do something beforehand to help you relax. For example, you can watch something light-hearted on TV or take a hot bath.