

Song Selection Tips

What kind of song should I sing? We recommend selecting a song from a musical. Songs from musicals often give you an opportunity to play a character and pursue an objective, giving you great opportunities to act while you sing. It is best to find a song from a musical in the same style as the one you are auditioning for. (Golden Age, Pop, Rock, etc.)

Bring sheet music in your key. If possible, bring appropriate sheet music for the audition accompanist and make sure that the sheet music is written in a key that you are comfortable with. You may have to ask for help from a music teacher at your school or a musician that you know. Often, the original key will be perfect as is.

Finding Sheet Music:

Sheet music for most songs can be purchased and downloaded online. Here are two sites:

<http://www.musicnotes.com>

<http://www.sheetmusicplus.com>

Both of these websites are also able to transpose most songs into other keys.

Many "piano-vocal scores" and "song selection" books for popular musicals can also be found in the King County or Seattle public library systems. Here is an example: <http://bit.ly/1anEPHP>

Warning: When looking at sheet music, make sure your music includes the piano accompaniment in addition to the notes you are singing on vocal line.

Should I sing the whole song?

We ask auditioners to limit themselves to about a minute long, and no longer than two minutes. This is about 32-measures, or about one verse and one chorus. It is best to choose a part in which the character makes a decision and/or reveals something about what kind of person they are.

Once you've made your selection be sure to clearly mark the selection you're performing, so that the audition accompanist knows which measures to play. You can do this by making a line and writing "begin" (be sure to include any 'intro') before you start singing, and a line after you've finished saying "end."

Please see an example of sheet music on the following page.

Happy Birthday To You

Traditional

Andante

Piano

C G7 C

Hap-py birth-day to you. Hap-py birth-day to you. Hap-py

5 F C G7 C

birth-day dear (na - me). Hap-py birth-day to you. Hap-py

9 C G7 C

birth-day to you. Hap-py birth-day to you. Hap-py

13 F C G7 C

birth-day dear (na - me). Hap-py birth-day to you.