



MINI EXPRESS AND THE EXPRESSIONS

2019/2020 Fall Audition Package

The Mini Express and the Expressions are a junior performance group, based out of SaskExpress Studio - Regina. The fall cast rehearses weekly from September until June. Throughout the season, the cast performs high-energy, musical theatre style shows throughout the year, including an annual Christmas show and Fundraiser show. The Mini Express and the Expressions also participate in 3 local Regina dance competitions in the spring. This program offers young performers a unique opportunity to build performance experience, train as a triple threat, have fun, and meet new friends!

Auditions are open to anyone aged 8-18 living in Regina and surrounding areas. Previous registration at SaskExpress Studio – Regina is not required.

WHEN AND WHERE?

- Auditions will take place at SaskExpress Studio - Regina: **2272 Pasqua Street.**
- Auditions will begin at **5:00pm** on **Friday, August 23.**
- Performers will be notified of their audition time on **Sunday, August 18.**
- In the event that the audition date poses a conflict, please contact **studio@saskexpress.com** to make alternate arrangements.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Kindly complete the enclosed form (in full) and **email** it to **studio@saskexpress.com**

*Note: forms may also be **mailed to** or **dropped off at***

SaskExpress Studio - Regina (2272 Pasqua Street, S4T 4M4)

TIME COMMITMENT

- Rehearsals take place every **Saturday from 1:30 - 5:30 pm from September 2019 - June 2020.**
- On occasion, additional rehearsals may be scheduled and will take place on **Sundays from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm.**
- While rehearsals will follow the above time constraints, not all performers will be required to attend for the full time.
- A monthly rehearsal schedule will be released a minimum of two weeks prior to the beginning of each month to allow parents to accommodate accordingly.
- Additional rehearsals will be scheduled based on need and all families will receive a minimum of two weeks notice in the event that one is scheduled.
- The Mini Express and the Expressions are a team and as such, **all rehearsals are mandatory.**

DANCE TRAINING

- No prior dance training is required to be a part of the Mini Express and the Expressions.
- All performers are required to take at least **two classes through SaskExpress Studio - Regina** during the **2019-2020 dance season.**
- All singers are required to enroll in a **vocal technique class** through **SaskExpress Studio - Regina.** Casted performers will be contacted with vocal technique placement and registration information after auditions have been completed.
- Due to scheduling conflicts, performers will NOT be permitted to register in classes through other dance studios, unless it has been pre-approved by both the Mini Express & The Expressions directors and the SaskExpress Studio - Regina directors. Out of town performers may be eligible for an exception to this requirement.
- Additional inquiries on dance training requirements may be directed to **studio@saskexpress.com.**

PERFORMANCES

The current performance list is as follows:

- **First Rehearsal - September 7**
- **First Intensive Rehearsal - September 8**
- Annual Christmas Fundraiser – beginning of December
- Annual Fundraiser – end of February
- Spring Stars Competition - March 18-22
- School Tour – 2-3 weekdays in April or May
- Invitational Dance Showcase Competition - April 2-5
- Stars of Tomorrow Competition - April 22-26
- Annual Studio Recital - June 7 and 8
- SaskExpress Premiere Performance –mid to late June

Please note that this does not include the majority of November/December Christmas shows or any other bookings we take throughout the season. All families will be notified of these performances with a minimum of two weeks advance notice.

COST

- **\$100.00/month** (this includes choreography, vocal and extra rehearsals along with performances)
- **\$100.00** costume fee (to be charged November 15)
- At the discretion of the directors, additional cast attire may be required for purchase.

CASTING

The Mini Express and the Expressions are looking for the following:

1. **Singers**– featured vocalist in the show.
2. **Dancers**– no singing experience required; featured dancer.
3. **Singer/Dancers**– trained singers and dancers to be featured in specific pieces.

AT THE AUDITION

Singers:

- 1) Please **prepare a *portion*** of two solo songs of contrasting style (e.g. one musical theatre and one pop).
- 2) Please **perform to a track** - a karaoke track with NO vocals. Bring track on CD or iPod.
- 3) The adjudicator will be assessing each performer's vocal tone and quality, projection and expression/emotion.
- 4) The vocal audition may also include an "**ear assessment.**" The singer may be asked to complete some or all of the following: match tones, scales, clap backs, singing harmony.
- 5) **Singers will be asked** to attend a dance/movement audition. During the callback, performers will learn a group dance routine and perform this routine for the dance adjudicator. Please wear appropriate dance clothing and footwear.

Dancers:

- 1) Please prepare **two solos** (at least 1 minute in length and preferably contrasting styles). Please bring your own music on an iPod/iPhone.
- 2) **Dancers will be asked** to attend a group callback. During the callback, performers will learn a combination and perform this combination for the dance adjudicator.
- 3) The dance adjudicator will assess dancers' technique, facial expression/emotion, movement quality, and speed of learning.

Singer/Dancers:

- 1) Please prepare **1 vocal solo and 1 dance solo**.
 - *Dance Solo*: 1 minute in length, showcasing your strengths as a dancer.
 - *Vocal Solo*: 1 minute in length, musical theatre or Broadway style.
- 2) **Performers will be asked** to attend a group callback. During the callback, performers will learn a combination and perform this combination for the dance adjudicator.

FINAL NOTES

- These completed forms will be due on **August 16**.
- All families will be contacted via email on **August 18** with their audition time.
- Auditions will be held at SaskExpress Studio - Regina on **August 23** starting at **5:00 pm** and on **August 24** starting at **9:00 am**.
- This program serves as a training ground for future endeavours in the performing arts. As auditions are an important part of the professional performance industry, we look forward to seeing **rehearsed, creative** and **energetic** auditions. Underprepared performers will be asked to re-audition.
- Families will be notified on **August 25** via email whether their audition was successful or if we would like to have them re-audition.
- Re-auditions will be held on **August 28** beginning at **5:00 pm**.
- Please feel free to contact **studio@saskexpress.com** with any further inquiries or concerns you may have.
- Thank you for your interest in The Mini Express and the Expressions this year!

MINI EXPRESS AND THE EXPRESSIONS AUDITION FORM

*Please complete this form in full and return to: SaskExpress Office
(2272 Pasqua St., Regina, SK. S4T 4M4) or email to studio@saskexpress.com by
August 16, 2019.*

Full Name: _____

Parent's Names: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Postal Code: _____

Primary Telephone: _____

Parent Email (required): _____

Performer Email: _____

Age: _____ Birth Date: _____

I would like to audition as a:

Singer

Dancer

Singer/Dancer

Singers

Circle which part you have sung in groups/choirs/shows if applicable:

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Do you feel comfortable singing as a soloist?

Can you read music?

Are you taking voice lessons and if so, who is your voice instructor?

Do you play an instrument; what type?

Have you had any dance lessons? _____

Where? _____

Dancers

Do you take dance lessons? _____

If yes, what type?

Where do you take dance lessons?

Examinations completed:

The 2 styles of dance I will be performing in my audition are (*singer/dancer, 1 style*):

1) _____

2) _____

All Performers

Do you have any acting training/experience? _____

If yes, please list where you received this training:

Please list any special skills that you could offer to the cast:

Please list any dates between September 2019 and June 2020 that you will be unavailable for:
