



## **MINI EXPRESS AND THE EXPRESSIONS - 2018 2019 Audition Info**

Audition for the 2018 2019 Season!

The Saskatoon Mini Express & Expressions are performance groups that are part of the SaskExpress Saskatoon Studio. Each group works on show material for the holiday season and then for the spring / summer season, performing through out the year at schools, for local community events as well as studio functions.

The goal of our program is to create positive performance experiences, encouraging young artists to exceed their potential, working in a professional environment.

Students should be ready for 3 and 4 hour weekly rehearsals and have enough self discipline to practice material and ensure they are confident in what they are learning.

EVERYONE is welcome to audition for the groups. You do NOT have to be a current student at SaskExpress to audition for the groups.

Auditions are being held on Tuesday July 31st 2018 - SaskExpress Studios located in the Dance Saskatchewan Centre - 205A Pacific Avenue Saskatoon

If you aren't available on the 31st but you are interested in auditioning please email [lorna@saskexpress.com](mailto:lorna@saskexpress.com) and we will find an alternate time for you.

### **Audition Requirements -**

#### **VOCAL AUDITION**

Please prepare ONE song (verse and chorus) that shows off your voice. You must bring an instrumental track to perform with. NO acapella auditions will be permitted. If you wish to accompany yourself on a guitar or keyboard, you may do so, but instruments will not be provided by SaskExpress.

#### **DANCE AUDITION**

If you are a dancer and you have a solo or would like to create a combination that showcases your skills, please prep something that does not exceed one minutes.

If you are not a dancer then please indicate this on your form and you will be taught a short combination that is meant to show us how well you move and how you pick up on choreography. Please do not stress as this is meant to be a learning experience and it is important for us to see where you are at, so that we can ensure you are placed in a program that will be beneficial to you.

#### **ACTING AUDITON**

Please create and memorize a short (no longer than 30 seconds) intro that introduces you and a song of your choice..... For example.... Hi my name is Susie and up next we have a song by Ariana Grande. She is an amazing singer who made her Broadway debut in the show 13. Now she's a pop princess and we are excited to share our version of Break Free.

## **IMPORTANT INFO .....**

The Minis rehearse on Saturdays from 10:00 am -1:00 pm with the goal of learning a song, vocals and choreography every couple of weeks. The Expressions rehearse on Saturday from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm with the goal of learning a song each week. You must be available for rehearsal time.

At times additional rehearsals may be required and we do ask that you do your very best to make yourself available if these situations should arise.

Costumes will be determined in September.

In addition to a costume, we do ask that you purchase a group jacket. Information about these will be available in September.

The groups may attend a competition this season. This will be decided in September in consultation with the kids.

Group fundraising is a requirement for all families. There are other fundraisers meant to help offset the cost of costumes or travel that families may choose to participate in.

Students will be expected to access material on the studio website as well as on dropbox to help them with practicing choreography and vocal parts.

Students will be asked to sign a code of conduct / contract.

## **AUDITIONS -**

SaskExpress auditions at this level are meant to be part of the learning experience. If at any time while you are prepping, or even during your audition, you have questions or are unsure about something, PLEASE ASK! We want you to succeed and are here to help you reach your potential!

Please arrive a few minutes early for your audition to give yourself time to warm up prior to your audition.

Music that you are using should be downloaded on a device that is not locked and is in airplane mode so that your audition isn't interrupted by a call or a text. Music can also be on a CD as we still have that technology. Please no cassette tapes.

Please wear something that you are comfortable and can move in.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS Wednesday July 25th 2018 .... THANK YOU!**

# Saskatoon Mini Express & Expressions

Please complete form in full and return to: SaskExpress Saskatoon

Submission Deadline is Wednesday July 25th 2018

205A Pacific Avenue, Saskatoon SK S7K 1N9

OR

Scan and send to lorna@saskexpress.com

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (h) (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ (c) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_ \*\*\* (required)

Performer E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

A bit about YOU.....(Check ALL that apply to you)

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a singer who can move

\_\_\_\_\_ I LOVE to act

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a soprano (sing high)

\_\_\_\_\_ I don't know what part I sing

\_\_\_\_\_ I play an instrument (s)

\_\_\_\_\_ What instrument?(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ I read music

\_\_\_\_\_ I love public speaking

\_\_\_\_\_ I have attached a performance resume

\_\_\_\_\_ I am a dancer who can sing

\_\_\_\_\_ I am nervous to act

\_\_\_\_\_ I am an alto (sing low)

\_\_\_\_\_ I take or have taken dance classes

\_\_\_\_\_ Please list dance classes.....

\_\_\_\_\_ I like to sing on my own

\_\_\_\_\_ Special skills that I have.... (languages, juggling, acro, writing, etc..... :)

I would like to be a Mini / Expression because \_\_\_\_\_

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THANKS!

Once we have received your application we will send you an audition time!

HAVE FUN!

**Please list any additional experience or special skills you have (i.e. acting, public speaking, juggling, acrobatics, shows/groups you have been/are involved in, etc.), including any special qualities you have (other than singing and dancing) that you feel would be an asset to the Mini Express and The Expressions.**

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**Are there any days between July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 5<sup>th</sup> that you will NOT be available? Please provide the reason.**

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**How did you hear about the Minis & Expressions?** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* PLEASE NOTE: AUDITION TIMES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AFTER THE APPLICATION DUE DATE. WE WILL CONTACT YOU BY JUNE 17<sup>th</sup> WITH YOUR AUDITION TIME. \*\***