



SUMMER TOUR INFORMATION

MISSION

We're a proudly Saskatchewan company delivering exceptional entertainment by igniting the creative talents of young performers. We're thrilled to be under the new artistic directorship of Danny Balkwill, whose passion is to create contemporary, edgy, story-driven musical theatre that's engaging to today's generation.

SaskExpress has a long history of mentoring performers who later went on to successful careers in the performing arts. Our alumni are on Broadway, at the Stratford Festival, Shaw Festival, on North American tours, on cruise ships, in theme parks, film and television. Performing at a high caliber also prepares one for high-intensity careers in surprising fields, and many of our alumni have also become doctors, lawyers, technicians and directors. We're proud to develop theatrical skills but also foster life skills and lifelong friendships.

THE SHOW

- ❖ Performers in the Summer Tour will be part of the creation of an entirely original, segmented musical tied together with hit radio songs of every genre. Numbers will be built to showcase the diverse talents of the performers in the cast, packaged in a contemporary story written by our artistic director.
- ❖ The full show will be up to 90 minutes long; many times, it will be performed in 30/45/60 minute pieces throughout a day at expositions, fairs, parks, legislature and other high-profile summer events.
- ❖ Performers will travel to locations all over the province with the show.

COMMITMENT

- ❖ The schedule for the summer tour is not finalized, but there will typically be blocks of performances separated by time off (usually of a few days) to go home.
- ❖ Performances run from June to August [or early September before school is back in session].
- ❖ Rehearsals are held in blocks of time on weekends, holidays and on some week days or nights when performers are available through the spring, likely starting late March.
- ❖ Regina is our home base for rehearsals and commuting to the tour cities; cast members living outside of Regina are helped to find accommodations if you aren't able to stay with relatives or friends.

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- ❖ All performers are paid a scholarship honorarium for the summer.
- ❖ *SaskExpress* is responsible for all meals, accommodation and travel when on tour.
- ❖ Out-of-Regina performers receive monetary assistance to help cover meal and travel costs during rehearsal and performances.