



MINI EXPRESS AND THE EXPRESSIONS – 2023 – 2024

Audition Info - July 2023

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.

Students should be ready for 3-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, August 29, 2023 from 5:00-8:30 PM at SaskExpress Studio, located at 40 – 368 Edson Street Saskatoon. If you aren't available on the 29th but you are interested in auditioning, please email michelle@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. If you have a song you wish to perform but can't find a track, please email michelle@saskexpress.com (**BEFORE** your audition and our creative director will see if she has a track available for you to use)

DANCE AUDITION

If you have dance experience, please prep something that does not exceed one minute. This can be a dance solo, a portion of a dance group, or you can create a combination that showcases your skills. 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 AUDITION

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 Performance Groups rehearse on Saturdays from 10:00 am -1:00 pm with the goal of learning a full song, vocals and choreography every 2 weeks. You must be available for rehearsal time. Depending on group sizes, Expressions may rehearse until 10:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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 ordered/purchased for students. The performers need a Christmas show and Summer show costume.

Group fundraising is a requirement for all families. This fundraising is meant to support the sound equipment, workshop opportunities for the full cast, etc. 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. IF students are absent from a rehearsal, it is expected that they watch the videos to learn the choreography that they missed.

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. Streaming from Youtube is not recommended and the song should be downloaded.

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

SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS Tuesday, August 16th, 2022 by 12:00 pm
- You will be sent an audition time upon receipt of your application 😊

Please complete form in full and return to: SaskExpress Saskatoon

40 – 368 Edson Street Saskatoon S7J 0P9

OR

Scan and send to michelle@saskexpress.com

Saskatoon Mini Express & Expressions Auditions

First Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Last Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Telephone: (c) _____ (h) _____

Parent E-mail: _____ ***** (required)**

Performer E-mail: _____ **(optional)**

Age: _____ Birthdate: _____

I would like to be in the Performance Groups because.....

If you are new to SaskExpress, please indicate your previous dancing, singing, and/or performance experience.

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