



OPEN AUDITIONS

Sunday 26th April 2020



Stage Experience is open to anyone aged 9 - 24 and able to commit two weeks of their summer holiday to putting on a musical! You will work alongside our industry professional Director, Choreographer and Musical Director to mount a full-scale production of Fame in just two weeks!

It is a unique opportunity to make new friends, hone your skills in the real world fast-paced theatre environment, and ultimately experience what it is like to take part in a large-scale production on a par with west-end/touring musicals.

The fortnight culminates in 5 fully-staged performances at Birmingham's The Alexandra Theatre complete with our professional orchestra, set, lighting, sound, costumes... The works!

Stage Experience runs from 14th to 29th August 2020
Performances 26th – 29th August, Wed - Sat 7.30pm and Sat 2.30pm

Audition Criteria

- You must be aged 9-24 on the 14th August 2020
- You must be available to audition on Sunday 26th April
- You must be available to attend a recall on Sunday 3rd May if requested in order to be considered for a leading role
- You must be prepared to sing, dance and act at your audition in front of the panel and other people auditioning

Technical Interview Criteria

- You must be aged 16-24 on the 14th August 2020
- You must be able to attend the interview session on Sunday 26th April at 10.30am
- Interviews will be in a group and will take no more than 2 hours

Criteria for all Participants

- You must be available for all dates between the 14th – 29th August 2020 (no exceptions)
- You must be able to get yourself to and from The Alexandra for all rehearsals and performances

How to register

Please complete the registration form in full. Either the paper form below and return to the address below along with 1 passport sized photograph. Or apply online – www.atgtickets.com/birmingham

Registration forms should be returned by 17th April to:

Stage Experience Team, The Alexandra Theatre, Station Street, Birmingham B5 4DS

For further questions or enquiries please contact:

stageexperiencebirmingham@theambassadors.com or call 0121 230 9071

Stage Experience Fees

If you are successful at your audition the fee to take part in Stage Experience is:

£200 for performers and £150 for technical placements. There will be a discount for siblings of £30 each.

If you are successful at audition and we cast you in the show you will be notified during the week commencing 4th May 2020.

Audition Information

Auditions will take place on Sunday 26th April 2020: Surnames A-J for 9.00am registration for an audition session from 10am to 1pm. Surnames K-Z for 1.00pm registration for an audition session from 1.30pm to 5.00pm. End times are approx. and will depend on quantity of auditionees.

You will be notified on the audition day if we require you to return for a re-call audition on Sunday 3rd May. If you are not asked to attend a re-call audition this does not mean you have been unsuccessful but it does mean that you are not being considered for a leading role.

Please be prepared to stay the entire duration of your audition session.

Please note that only those auditioning are allowed into the auditorium.

Frequently asked questions:

How much does it cost to audition? Auditions are completely free of charge. If you are selected to take part in Stage Experience there will be a fee of £200.

Does everyone who applies get an audition? Yes, if you register for an audition by returning the registration form along with 1 passport sized photograph by the 17th April you are eligible to audition on the Sunday 26th April. Please note that due to the number of applications we receive you will not get a confirmation of audition.

Do I need to prepare anything for my audition? No you do not need to prepare anything, everything will be taught to you on the day. For the recalls you will be explained if you need to prepare anything.

What do I need to wear for my audition? Please make sure you wear loose comfortable clothing that you can dance in and trainers or dance shoes which must be worn at all times on the stage. Please also ensure that you bring something to drink with you.

What time will I finish at the audition? We have estimated that the am session for Surnames A-J will finish at 1.00pm, and the pm session for Surnames K-Z to finish at 5.00pm. Please note that these times are an approximation and will depend on how many auditionees attend. We would recommend ensuring that all auditionees bring a mobile phone (*which must be silenced during the audition*) with you so you are able to contact someone to collect you after your audition. No one will be asked to leave the venue if they are waiting to be collected. A chaperone will also be in the venue as well as theatre staff. Family are welcome to wait in our bar areas throughout, or leave and return nearer the finish time.

How will we audition? At the beginning of your session you will do a physical and vocal warm up. You will then sing through the line of the chosen song with the Musical Director and be taught a short dance routine. Groups of 10 will go up and perform the dance together. Groups are split by age – those who have not yet finished compulsory schooling (born after 1st September 2004) and those who have finished compulsory schooling (born before 31st August 2004). On the day these groups will be called Juniors and Seniors.

What happens after my audition? You will be written to week commencing 4th May to say whether you have been successful or not.

What happens at the recalls? During the course of the day we will gradually work through to identifying who will be cast as the named principal characters in the show. This will be done through acting and singing a variety of different musical numbers from the show. If you are asked to leave at any point during the recalls this does not necessarily mean you haven't been cast in the show, but may mean we have already decided on your role and no further auditioning is necessary.

What if I don't get a re-call audition? Although this means you are not being considered for a leading role there will still be strong dance, acting and singing opportunities for all who are successful in being cast in the show.

If I'm offered a place on Stage Experience, what happens then? If you're one of the lucky auditionees offered a place in Stage Experience you will be sent further details of rehearsals and the fee to take part, which must be paid in advance.

If you would like to receive communications regarding future Stage Experience projects or other performance/technical opportunities with The Alexandra, please check the relevant boxes below as agreement that The Alexandra can contact you.

Don't worry, you can 'opt out' of these communications at any time by emailing stageexperiencebirmingham@theambassadors.com and rest assured no one else will be passed your details for marketing purposes.

I would like to hear from The Alexandra Theatre via:

Email

Post

SMS

Telephone

**STAGE EXPERIENCE 2020
AUDITIONS
PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEO CONSENT FORM**

During the auditions photographs or video footage may be taken by The Alexandra Theatre staff and/or visiting media for use by the Theatre and/or local press.

I (state name) _____ agree to have my photograph taken or appear in any video footage filmed as part of Stage Experience activities that may be used by the theatre or local press if necessary.

Full Name _____

Age _____

Please sign below if you are aged 18 and above

Signed _____

Please ask your parent / guardian to sign below if you are aged 17 and under

Parent / Guardian Name _____

Signed _____

Relationship to Participant _____

The Alexandra Stage Experience 2020

APPLICATION FORM

Please staple
a passport sized
photo here

This will be the photo that
will be used if you require a
child performance licence.

REHEARSAL DATES

FRI 14TH – TUE 25TH AUGUST
2020

PERFORMANCE DATES

WED 26TH – SAT 29TH AUGUST
2020

9 – 24 YEARS OLD

(Age on 14/08/20)

**OPEN AUDITIONS for
performers:**

Sunday 26th April 2020

Surnames A - J

9am-1pm (approx)

Surnames K - Z

1pm-5pm (approx)

Recalls will be held on
Sunday 3rd May 2020

**INTERVIEWS for technical
crew:**

Sunday 26th April 2020 – 10.30am

Ages 16-24

Please complete this form
**AND the photo waiver, attach A
PASSPORT SIZED PHOTO** and
return to:

STAGE EXPERIENCE
THE ALEXANDRA THEATRE
STATION STREET
BIRMINGHAM
B5 4DS

Completed and returned forms
received by 17th April guarantee
your audition place.

SEE YOU IN APRIL!

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Phone and email are: (please
circle)

Home/family

My details

member's details

Email:

D.O.B:

Height (cm):

I am applying to be a Performer (open to 9-24 yrs):

I am applying to be in the Technical Team (open to 16-24 yrs):

Where did you find out about
Stage Ex?

FOR COMPULSORY SCHOOL AGE PERFORMERS ONLY

Who is your local authority (who your council tax is paid to)? Please circle:

Birmingham

Coventry

Derbyshire

Dudley

Warwickshire

Sandwell

Solihull

Staffordshire

Wolverhampton

Walsall

Leicestershire

Worcestershire

Other.....

Child performance Licences will be required for anyone who has not finished
compulsory schooling (year 11) by June 2020.

Do you have any special requirements we need to be aware of?

No

Yes

FOR ADMINISTRATION USE ONLY:

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Cast:

RCL:

YES

NO

ID NO.