

Amherst Community Theater Audition Survival Guide

Auditioning for a show can be stressful - even for experienced performers! It is our goal at Amherst Community Theater to make the audition process as fun and relaxing as possible. Of course, not everyone who auditions will be offered a role in the show. This is a natural result of having many more people audition than can be included in the cast. Each year approximately 40% of our cast members are new to Amherst Community Theater, creating a nice mix of new and returning cast members.

Auditions are hard. It takes courage to be vulnerable and put oneself out there. That's why we put a lot of thought into our audition process. Our casting team works carefully to consider what will make a cohesive and balanced cast for our show. It is not an easy job, but we are confident in our process. To learn more about how Amherst Community Theater approaches auditions and casting, visit our website at amherstacts.org.

For those of you who are not offered a role this time, don't lose heart! Please try again next year. There have been many Amherst Community Theater cast members who did not get a role the first time they auditioned or even every time they auditioned. We know that not getting cast can be hard to accept, especially for our younger community members. It can also be very exciting to get the part you auditioned for.

Parents, helping kids process their audition experience is an opportunity. Your children will learn from your example to know how to react. They've done a great thing by stepping out to take this risk—compliment them for their efforts! It can be helpful to treat the audition as an event in itself—regardless of the outcome, today has been lots of fun! There will be another opportunity next year, and in the meantime, take a look together at the many opportunities for performance in our area.

One of our goals as a community theater company is to create and foster community. To that end, we encourage members of the community to reach out to our producer with any concerns or questions about auditions. Please remember that public negativity, particularly on social media, can unintentionally hurt other members of our community. Our producer welcomes your feedback and can be reached at producer@amherstacts.org.

Good luck at auditions!

The Amherst Community Theater Board of Directors