

## **TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL LOPEZ AUDITION**

- **BE PREPARED & READ ALL REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUDITION**

Your first step in preparing for an audition is to **THOROUGHLY READ ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AUDITION**. Is a head shot required? Are there Acting/Music Sides you should print and review in advance? Is there a choreography video you should review in advance? What type of song/monologue should you prepare? Is there an Audition Form you should be completing in advance? It is always helpful to create a check list so that you have covered all requirements of the audition. You will find the more prepared you are the more confident you will be. If you have questions about the audition then simply give us a call and ask. We are here to help!

Coming unprepared to an audition is the worst you could do for yourself. The auditors are not only looking for your baseline talent but also looking to see if you can follow simple directions/instructions, looking to see if you have thoroughly read all requirements of the audition, as well as looking to see if you have prepared yourself in advance for the audition based on the requirements. These all reflect on how serious you are about representing yourself in a positive light. When you are fully prepared it shows that you care about your work. Remember, first impressions are EVERYTHING!

- **GET ASSISTANCE AND SELECT YOUR AUDITION CHOICES CAREFULLY** (requested song/monologue)

If you feel totally lost as to what you should select for your audition piece then consult with a professional (teacher, coach etc.). This also may be helpful in assisting you in bringing out the best performance for the audition. Although parents have the very best intentions and in most cases believe anything their child performs is amazing, it is always best to receive an outside opinion and in particular from someone who is qualified to give you objective feedback and good advice on your audition selections.

- **COME TO YOUR AUDITION EARLY**

NEVER be late to your audition. It is always best to come at least 10-15 minutes early. This will lessen any stress and nervousness you may already have! No need to add to it by rushing and being late.

- **DRESS APPROPRIATELY**

Always check to see if there are any dress requirements. If there are not then it is a good practice to come dress nice (but not overdress). This shows again that you are serious about your audition. If there is a dance portion of the audition you can always bring a change of clothes to make it more comfortable to move around. If you are not sure, then just ask before your audition.

- **LEARN HOW TO "SLATE" AND PRACTICE IT**

SLATING is when you introduce yourself to the auditors just before you audition. Here is an example of slating:

*Hi my name is Jody Carson, I am 15 years old and I will be singing "Go the Distance" from Hercules etc...*

- **BE PROFESSIONAL**

Always keep in mind that your behavior and attitude during the audition process is on display. How you speak to the auditors, how you treat others who are auditioning and how pleasant and fun you are during the process can determine if the creative staff wish to work with you now or in the future.

- **STAY FOCUSED BUT HAVE FUN**

Although you may be nervous and/or may see friends you know, it is important to stay focused so that you can give your very best. There is a time and place for everything. An audition is the time to showcase your best self and give your best effort!