

Vocal auditions for the 2025-2026 Young Canadians season will be a threestage process:

Stage 1: Video Vocal Audition and Headshot Submission

• Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, May 28

Stage 2: Attend in-person audition for dance/movement

• Sunday, June 1 (exact times TBC)

Stage 3: Selected individuals will be asked to participate in a callback audition on July 15 and 16

Vocal Audition (Video)

Rather than a single long video, we would like two separate clips: Introduction and Vocal. It's easier for us to review and easier for you to shoot.

Part 1: Introduction

- Name
- Where you are from
- Previous singing experience
- Why you would like to be a Young Canadian

Part 2: Vocal Audition

- Prepare a short solo in the musical theatre or pop genre
- Selection should be no longer than 1 minute and should highlight vocal range, tone and technique

Vocal Audition Tips

- Be relaxed and show your personality
- Wear close-fitting clothes to allow the panel to see full body movement, no sweats or baggy clothing
- Hair should be tied back, and jewelry should be removed

Video Submission Tips

For best results, place your recording device on a stationary object, such as a tripod or table. Do not tape a close-up; have your entire body (from head to toe) in the frame. Prior to recording, test that you are in focus and well lit, and that your video is free from distracting background noise.

- We will not be influenced by the professional quality of the video. Please do not worry about any elaborate lighting or studio conditions.
- Footage must be of clear viewing quality.
- Footage must be shot no more than six months prior to submission.
- Media-enhanced, highly edited, or promotional-type videos will not be reviewed.

Uploading Your Introduction, Vocal Submission and Headshot

- Upload your video to: https://forms.gle/1YL7fK87JmWxvZzV7
- Have your headshot ready to include with your submission
- Email <u>vcauditions@calgarystampede.com</u> to confirm your submission was received

For more information or if you are having difficulty with your submission, please email: <u>ycauditions@calgarystampede.com</u>.



In Person Auditions: Sunday, June 1, 2025

Juniors (ages 8 - 12)

- Check-in: TBC
- Audition TBC

Intermediates (ages 12 – 15)

- Check-in: TBC
- Audition: TBC

Seniors (ages 15 – 21)

- Check-in: TBC
- Audition: TBC

What is the registration process?

Please ensure you have completed the online registration form prior to May 28, 2025: <u>https://cs.formstack.com/forms/young_canadian_audition_registration</u>

On the day of your audition please check in at the registration desk where you will be assigned your audition number.

Audition

Participants will be taught a dance combo or movement exercise in a group setting. Participants will be evaluated on technical ability, overall execution and performance capabilities for their age category.

We understand that not all singers/vocalists have taken prior dance classes.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for individuals who adapt well to new situations, learn quickly and are not afraid to step outside of their comfort zone. Remember to be yourself and to have fun. Treat it like a class. The audition is also a great opportunity for you to see if YC is a good fit for you.

What should I wear?

- Active or dancewear
- Dance shoes or runners
- Hair should be neatly styled and pulled up and off the face

Baggy clothing and hats are not permitted.



Where is the in-person audition location?

The Young Canadians Studio is located at the TransAlta Performing Arts Studios at Stampede Park, 1302 6 St SE.

Parking

Please use the 11th Avenue Parking Lot.

Google Map Link





General Questions

Can my parents and friends hang out with me during the auditions?

This is a closed event. **Only participants auditioning will be able to enter the building**. Parents/guardians will be directed to sit at the BMO Amphitheatre or wait in their vehicle.

Where do I park?

Please use the 11th Avenue Parking Lot (see map above). All Calgary Stampede Parking Lots are managed by Calgary Parking Authority.

Can I audition for both Dance and Vocal divisions?

Yes, you can audition for both. Candidates will need to register for both the Dance and Vocal auditions and attend both dates.

What are the training hours if I am accepted? Intermediates

Minimum three days per week (Wednesday evenings, Friday evenings, Saturdays and some Sundays)

Seniors

• Minimum three days per week (Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, Saturdays and some Sundays)

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