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## **YOUNG CANADIANS VOCAL AUDITIONS 2024-2025 SEASON**

### **Process**

All Young Canadians sing and dance. Individuals auditioning to become an **Intermediate** or **Senior Singer** in the Young Canadians must submit a headshot, an introduction video, a vocal audition video as well as attend an in-person dance audition.

**Stage 1:** Introduction, Headshot and Vocal Audition Submission

- Deadline for submissions is **Friday, August 30, 2024**

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

- **Tuesday September 3, 2024 (Seniors)**
- **Wednesday September 4, 2024 (Intermediates)**

*\*\*Please ensure you have also completed the online registration form:*

[https://calgarystampede-iinbf.formstack.com/forms/young\\_canadian\\_audition\\_registration](https://calgarystampede-iinbf.formstack.com/forms/young_canadian_audition_registration)

### **Headshot, Introduction and Vocal Audition Submissions**

*\*\*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 and Headshot**

- 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 or rock genre.
- Selection should be no longer than 1 minute and should highlight vocal range, tone and technique. There are many resources that can assist you with audition selections including [www.musicnotes.com](http://www.musicnotes.com) for sheet music and [www.karaoke-version.com](http://www.karaoke-version.com) for tracks. You can even find audition cuts by searching for "audition".

#### **Vocal Audition Tips**

- Be relaxed and show your personality
- Wear clothing that looks sharp and professional. If you are performing a piece from musical theatre you can dress the part, but that is not a requirement.
- Do not use tracks that have the original artists vocal on it.

### **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 Headshot, Introduction, Vocal Submission**

- Upload link: <https://forms.gle/1YL7fk87JmWxvZzV7>
- Have your headshot ready to include with your submission
- Email [ycauditions@calgarystampede.com](mailto:ycauditions@calgarystampede.com) to confirm your submission was received

### **In Person Auditions:**

**Tuesday, September 3, 2024**

**Seniors (ages 15 – 21)**

- Check-in: TBD
- Audition: TBD

**Wednesday, September 4, 2024**

**Intermediates (ages 12 – 14)**

- Check-in: TBD
- Audition: TBD

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 are located at the TransAlta Performing Arts Studios at Stampede Park, 1302 6 St SE.

### Parking

Please use parking lots #14 or #20.

### Google Map Link

[CLICK HERE](#)



## 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 parking lots #14 or #20 on the day of your audition (see map above). There may be a \$15.00 parking fee.

### 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 auditions.

### What are training hours if I am accepted?

#### Intermediates

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

#### Seniors

- Minimum three days per week (Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, Saturdays and alternate Sundays)

For more information or if you are having difficulty with your submission, please email:

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