

ACTING: AUDITION DOS AND DON'TS

Here are some basic tips for actors when auditioning. Always relax, and always have fun!

1. DO take the time to prepare your audition material – memorize the monologue and rehearse your acting choices out loud at home.
2. DON'T apologize if your material is not as well prepared as you would like. Fake it as best you can.
3. DO dress up a bit. No need to get all fancy, but it is a good idea to dress nicely for an audition.
4. DON'T choose material that has extensive profanity or inappropriate content.
5. DO choose material that shows us as many sides of your personality as possible.
6. DO choose a monologue that allows you to play more than one level. Make sure the monologue goes somewhere, allowing you to play a variety of tones in one piece.
7. DON'T choose a monologue from the same show that you are auditioning for.
8. DO make sure your monologue makes sense – we are distracted from watching you if we are trying to figure out what you are talking about.
9. DON'T choose a monologue that is out of your age range completely wrong for your type. Just because you like a monologue doesn't make it the right monologue for you to use at an audition.
10. DO smile and say hello to everyone in the audition room when you enter and say goodbye and thank you when you leave the room. Make sure your nervousness doesn't distract you from being polite and friendly.
11. DON'T play your audition directly, with eye contact, to your auditioners – they want to watch you, not feel as if we have to play the scene with you.
12. DO pick a point on the wall, above your auditioners' heads, and place your imaginary scene partner there. Play your monologue to your imaginary scene partner. Darting eyes are distracting, so really focus on this partner you've created.
13. DO breathe. Before you start. During your audition. When it is over. Breathe.
14. DO keep in mind any instructions the auditioners give you. If they tell you your monologue can't be longer than 2 minutes, make sure to follow those rules!
15. DON'T beat yourself up for mistakes you make. No audition is perfect.
16. DO treat yourself to something nice after your audition. Auditioning is hard work and you deserve some kind of reward for being brave and putting yourself out there!