# **Audition Requirements**

### Sing two songs; one ballad and one up tempo.

Choose pieces that showcase your skills as an actor and singer. Ideally your selections should be cut to around a minute and a half, but full songs are also acceptable. Your sheet music should be marked accordingly, and an accompanist will be provided for in-person auditions. Live accompaniment or backing tracks are both acceptable for video submissions. This video contains information on preparing sheet music for an audition.

• If you are attending an in-person callback, bring your sheet music with you. An accompanist will be provided. Please do not bring a CD, tape or instrument.

## Prepare a one minute monologue of your choice.

Your monologue should be from a published contemporary play or musical that is age-appropriate and around one minute in length. Look for a monologue where you are communicating to another character "in the moment" rather than describing or narrating something that has already happened.

#### Perform the following technical dance elements\*:

- a classical plié
- a classical tendu
- a single or double pirouette right and left side
- a time step.

**Learn and perform the musical theatre dance combination,** which will also be taught and performed at the live auditions. See St. Lawrence website for video instructions on dance combo.

\*Please note: the technical elements are diagnostic and only used for placement into the appropriate level of dance classes for successful applicants.

If you are attending an in-person callback, you will work with our dance faculty in a group. Be sure to dress
accordingly.

## **Preparation Tips**

- Have your music in a 1 inch, round ring binder, double sided for any in person performance. Photocopied music is easier for an accompanist than bound songbooks.
- Try to keep your audition songs to about a minute each. 1 minute = 32 bars in length (ballad) or 64 bars for an uptempo
- Keep your presentation simple, with little to no staging of your audition pieces. We want to focus on you, your talent, and your potential.
- Choose material you connect with and truly love to perform so you can share that excitement with the panel.
- Take a moment by yourself to visualize your successful performance before you perform, so you can feel
  confident in what you are presenting.
- Take some deep breaths before to centre yourself before you perform.
- Dress neatly, as you would for a job interview, but please feel free to express yourself and show off what makes
  you unique.
- Practice in your shoes (especially if you are not used to wearing heels, for example) so there are no surprises
  when you perform.
- Wear appropriate clothes for dance and movement. If you don't have proper dance shoes, sneakers are fine. You should be able to move freely and feel confident and comfortable.