

AUDITION FORM – October 2022

* Please complete all sections and **bring a colour headshot (head and shoulders)**

[No photo required if you have worked with Alicia in the past]

Name: _____

Parent Name: _____ Year level: _____ Age: _____

Parent Email: _____ Parent Mobile: _____

Are there any roles you are NOT interested in accepting: _____

I can commit to the full rehearsal schedule yes/no

If not, please give details: _____

I have read the audition pack in full and understand my obligations yes/no

Prior training - acting/singing/dancing: (please write on the back if you require more space)

Prior experience – acting/dancing/singing: (please write on the back if you require more space)

Medical Information

Any known conditions and/or medications?

Any food allergies and/dietary requirements?

Any learning difficulties eg dyslexia?

Medicare Number:

Ambulance Cover Details:

Emergency Contact Name::

Phone:

Relationship:

Declaration (a parent or legal guardian must complete this section if under 18)

Name:

Relationship:

- I authorise Actually Acting and it's employees, where it is impractical to communicate with me, to arrange for such medical treatment as he or she may deem necessary, including the use of an ambulance service. I accept responsibility for all costs associated with any such treatment.
- I appreciate that Actually Acting and it's employees, whilst taking all reasonable care, cannot be held responsible for personal injury or loss or theft of property, and I agree to indemnify them and hold them harmless against all such claims.
- I authorise Actually Acting to use my child's name and/or image of my child in promotional media.
- I have read and understood this form and I declare that the information is true and correct.

Signature:

Date:

Official use only

October 2022 Audition Information

The Elf on a Shelf Must Die by Don Zolidis (Juniors)

When Sammy and Mook's parents present them with Pip, an Elf of a Shelf, they are less than happy. This little snitch is going to be reporting all their activities to Santa, so their hopes to get an Xbox look doomed. And that's before Sammy accidentally murders Pip. What follows is a Tarantino-esque Christmas caper as the two kids race against the clock to bring their elf back to life before Santa finds out.

PLUS

Cheaters by Don Zolidis (Seniors)

Someone cheated on the test. The assistant principal and their teacher deems that if the cheater doesn't confess, the entire class will fail. Now the students are forced to play detective and discover the cheater before it's too late. With the pressure on, the class fragments into warring factions with each student trying to figure out the mystery. A Kafka-esque nightmare of betrayal and conflict under extreme circumstances.

Production fee \$450

INCLUDES:

All tuition during auditions and rehearsal (45+ hours)
All character specific costumes
Two invited guest speakers/workshop facilitators during the week
Individual audition time
Welcome lunch following read through; shared meal between shows on Saturday and Sunday
Four fully staged performances with professional lights/sound
Professional headshot in digital and printed (6×8) format
Digital copies of all professional production shots

Auditions

Sunday 21st August by appointment (book via our website)

The House @ Holden Street Theatres – 32 Holden Street, Hindmarsh

Read through

Sunday 18th September 9.30am – 2pm (including headshots, costume fitting & welcome lunch)

Holden Street Theatres – 34 Holden Street, Hindmarsh

Rehearsals

Tuesday 4th to Saturday 8th October 8.45am – 4pm

Sunday 9th October 10am to 2pm

Holden Street Theatres – 34 Holden Street, Hindmarsh

Performances

Sunday 9th & Monday 10th October @ 2pm and 5pm

Holden Street Theatres – 34 Holden Street, Hindmarsh

Our Expectations from you for auditions

- Arrive 10 minutes early so you can be calm and prepared before you walk in the room.
- Please learn the part you are auditioning for by heart. It will show us you are dedicated and ready to work.
- We will ask you to (cold) read another role, please prepare for this by reading ALL roles beforehand.
- Do NOT try to make it perfect, we would like to work with you in the audition and we want to know what you are capable of. We are not looking for a polished performance at the audition.
- You do not have to accept a part we offer you, but once you do, it is expected that you will commit to this project. This means prioritising and only accepting the role if you are prepared to give it 100%.

Our expectations from our cast

- You are expected to arrive in good time for rehearsals, and respect your directors and fellow cast/crew members. Bad behaviour will not be tolerated. If you are running late you will let us know as soon as practical.
- All rehearsals are compulsory.
- You will not bring your mobile phones to rehearsal/performances, unless on silent and put away except on breaks.
- You will learn your lines prior to rehearsals commencing, with scripts down by Day Two. It is impossible to fully engage with a character whilst holding a script.
- You must be prepared to take risks and trust your fellow performers.
- In order to cover the enormous cost involved with mounting a production – all cast are expected to sell at least 8 tickets to the production. If everyone does this, we can continue to keep the production fee low.

Our commitment to you

- We know that young actors can have incredible talent and we want you to have a chance to utilise and expand on that. We are 100% committed to teach and foster your abilities, and will run our rehearsals as a professional development process.
- We are experienced teachers as well as professional actors ourselves, and are joined by a professional guest speakers, designers and technicians to help bring this project together.
- By bringing together like-minded individuals from different parts of Adelaide, we aim to foster a dynamic and supportive environment in which to develop creativity.

Cast List – THE ELF ON A SHELF MUST DIE

Juniors (up to 14 years).

There are 17 characters who may be played by/as any gender

Mum	Greeter, a greeter at K-Mart
Dad	Manager, a manager at K-Mart
Sammy, the younger sibling	Tinker-blossom, an elf
Mook, the older sibling	Spartacus, an elf
Pip, The Elf on the Shelf	Moony, an elf
Benny, a friend	Byrn, member of the resistance
The Cleaner, a professional	Timor, member of the resistance
Matilda, Benny's sister	Lee, a member of the resistance
Buttons, an elf	

Audition Pieces

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PIP

- PIP: Oh Jeez. Got some real winners in this family. Man. (Pip takes out a mobile phone and records itself.) Pip's Log: Day 1 at the Thompson House. Two children, Sammy and Mook. Subjects observed calling each other names and fighting. Additional naughty events were described, including the drawing of anatomy. I will continue to record their actions and report back to Mission Control. (Pip noticing Sammy hiding) But if I may speak frankly, these kids are garbage. Utterly useless. Recommendation: Cancel X-Box and downgrade to socks and underwear.
- SAMMY: So you are real!
- PIP: You need to go back to bed or I'm going to add that to your report.
- SAMMY: I heard what you said. Socks and underwear?
- PIP: If you're lucky. We're talking whitey-tighties. Probably pre-shrunk.

MOOK/SAMMY

- MOOK: I didn't touch him!
- SAMMY: You think Santa's gonna deliver you presents when an elf died in this house?! We are marked forever!
- MOOK: But I didn't kill the elf!
- SAMMY: We gotta fix this. Call your friend Benny.
- MOOK: Are you serious?!
- SAMMY: Benny knows things. He can help us. Come on. Please.
- MOOK: No way.
- SAMMY: If I go down, I'll squeal like a pig. I'm telling Santa everything. Everything! About the spiders in Mum's coffee, about the time you stole that pot-bellied pig from the petting zoo-
- MOOK: You swore never to breathe a word about Chuckles the pig!
- SAMMY: Why did you think you could ride a him over a gorge?! I think Santa's going to be real interested in that! Call Benny or you're getting nothing for Christmas!
- MOOK: You are a mess, you know that? I should've strangled you in the crib.

TIMOR/LEE

- TIMOR: You're doing it wrong, Lee!
- LEE: I am doing my own hand sign! I only agreed to join the resistance if I could do my own hand sign! You guys can't make me do your stupid hand sign!
- TIMOR: The whole POINT of a hand sign is to show that we're all part of the same group! You can't make your own sign! Otherwise we're just three random people making different signs looking stupid!
- LEE: The POINT of the resistance is freedom! If we're not free to make our hand signs, then what are we fighting for?!
- TIMOR: We've been over this! It's in our by-laws!
- LEE: I want new by-laws! I say we organise a new by-law drafting committee! We elect representatives to the committee, and we draft new by-laws!
- TIMOR: There's THREE of us, who are we going to vote for?!
- LEE: RESPECT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS!

BENNY

I just got woke. I never gave permission to be policed by these elves. Why does Santa get to say who's naughty and who's nice? Does he understand my life? Who is he to judge me? Maybe I'm just acting out because my parents are mean to me. I say, I'm nice until proven naughty. I want to meet my accusers! I want to see the evidence against me! I don't accept a SECRET COURT where the evidence against me is supplied by magical elves! I say, we fight for our rights! I say, we fight for FREEDOM! Who's with me?

GREETER

The elves have a better life here at K-Mart than they do at the North Pole. We're helping them. They *like* it here. They *like* joining families. And they don't feel pain when they're in the boxes. We're done studies. Just imagine what their working conditions are at the North Pole. Making toys twenty-four seven. Forced to work on the assembly lines. Singing songs. You think they have health insurance? You think they get paid a living wage? Here at least they get a chance to be in a nice home!

TINKERBLOSSOM/SPARTACUS

Tinker: You think we're gonna get adopted in time for Christmas?

Spartacus: Not if you keep whining.

Tinker: I'm not whining!

Spartacus: Every day with you: 'Am I gonna to get adopted? I sure wish I had a family I could keep under constant surveillance. Wah, wah, wah.'

Tinker: I'm hopeful!

Spartacus: Face it. It's a week before Christmas. No one's coming for you.

Tinker: Please don't say that!

Spartacus: You know what happens to Elves on a Shelves that don't get sold? The shredder. They'll get your feet first. Aaaaaah! They grind you up to make stuffing for dog beds.

Tinker: How do you know?

Spartacus: I hear stories.

Cast list – CHEATERS

Senior actors (aged approximately 13+)

Setting is a classroom. All characters can be played by/as either gender.

Mr Lewis	Michael	Melanie
Mr Abramson (Vice Principal)	Jose	Angel
Tucker	Nathaniel	Anne
Jamieson	Samantha	Tonya
Cal	Ashley	Yanina
Brandon	Madison	Kaylee

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MR LEWIS

(As he collects students' phones) Thank you. Thank you.

First of all, I am very disappointed in all of you. *(barely able to control his anger)* I'd appreciate it if you didn't say anything right now. I know that some of you are innocent. Some of you have no idea what I'm walking about *(Anne raises her hand)* Put. Your. Hand. Down.

Here is the situation: some of you decided that it would be advantageous to cheat on the test. Some of you decided to help the cheaters. Everyone who is involved in this is going to confess before they leave this room.

MR ABRAMSON

If all the cheaters do not come forward, you will all fail this course. *(Uproar from students)* QUIET!

When you were enrolled at this school, you signed the honour pledge. That means we absolutely have the authority to do this. I don't need to remind you of the stakes here. If you fail this course, some of you won't graduate. Some of you won't be getting scholarships. Some of you won't be attending university. Mr Lewis and I will be outside in the hallway. When you have a list of names, bring them to us.

SAMANTHA/ANGEL

Samantha: Why don't we try and figure it out?
Angel: How 'bout you shut up?
Samantha: Not helpful
Angel: What are you gonna do about it?
Samantha: Oh that's real mature, Angel. Let's threaten to fight people
Angel: Did you take that as a threat? I just want you to shut up and sit down
Samantha: Did you cheat on the test?
Angel: Why should I tell you?
Samantha: Did you cheat on the test?
Angel: Did YOU cheat on the test?
Samantha: Obviously, I didn't
Angel: What's that mean? You think you're better than me or something?
Samantha: When was the last time you passed a test?
Angel: Like I care about the test. You're the one who cares. You're the one who probably cheated.

ANGEL

Angel: I fail cos I got no time. I fail cos I'm taking care of my sister's kids at night while she's working one of her three jobs. I gotta cook for my family. I gotta take care of my little brothers – I'm exhausted all the time.
Tucker: Oh boo hoo, you got it tough!
Angel: I do got it tough! You have no idea---
Tucker: That's an excuse---
Angel: And there's plenty of people like you who have a cushy life and have two parents at home who do everything for them and hire tutors and everything else – and these people think they got where they are cos of hard work

TUCKER

Tucker: All right, enough! Let's think this through. We know that at least one person cheated. We know that they know who the cheaters are. Or at least who one of them is. All they want us to do is to get that person to admit that they're guilty. Easy.

Samantha: And since whoever it is isn't confessing, we need to figure it out

Tucker: We need to think about evidence and motive. Who had a motive to cheat and who had the ability to cheat? And who would keep silent about it?

Cal: Maybe the guy leading the investigation should be the one to be questioned first

Tucker: Fine, fire away

Brandon: What was your grade in this class

Tucker: 96

Brandon: What did you have to lose if you failed this test?

Tucker: Nothing

Brandon: You don't have a scholarship?

Tucker: Sure – but if I got zero it might drop me to a C. Think about it. I wasn't going to fail the class. Face it, I had no reason to cheat. The only people with a reason are people on the edge. Like you.

ASHLEY/BRANDON

Ashley: Brandon copied off me last test!

Brandon: Are you kidding me?

Ashley: You did! I know you did!

Brandon: I copied like two answers

Ashley: You were looking over at my paper!

Brandon: I happened to glance at your paper! Like you never looked at anyone's test!

Ashley: I don't cheat!

Brandon: That's a lie!

Samantha: How do you know that?

Ashley: He's just making stuff up to save himself

Brandon: Ashley copies off Samantha. I've seen her do it

Samantha: This is crazy

Brandon: She sits right behind you. She copies your answers

Ashley: You're such a jerk

Samantha: Is that true?

Ashley: A couple of times. But not on this test

Brandon: I didn't cheat on this test

Ashley: Guys – they're not going to go ballistic because someone looked over someone else's shoulder. They're crazy angry because somebody got all the answers from somewhere else. They violated the whole system. That's why they're mad.