



Masquers Theater announces open auditions for Elf, The Musical

Book by Thomas Meehan, Bob Martin / Music by Matthew Sklar

Lyrics by Chad Beguelin / Based on the New Line Cinema Film by David Berenbaum

Directors: Stacey & Clifford Bresee

Audition Dates: Sunday, August 27 AT 6:00 pm & Monday, August 28 at 6:00 pm

Video Submissions: Welcomed by August 28. Email video or link to: staceybresee@gmail.com. Preference will be extended to those that attend the in-person audition. While we understand that not everyone can attend, in-person auditions will almost always be considered for casting over video submissions.

Callbacks: Any callbacks will be by video at the request of the directors.

Audition Location: Masquers Theater Lobby, 322 Main Ave E, Soap Lake, WA

Audition Process: Bring audition form and headshot. Prepare an approximately 1-minute song selection, a standard Broadway or holiday song. A cappella or recorded track from an electronic device. All will be asked to do a cold read of lines from the show.

Rehearsal Dates & Times: Rehearsals will begin on Monday, September 18. Most weeks rehearsals will run Monday-Thursday 6:30-8:45 pm. There will be some Saturday choreography workshops. These will be scheduled after the show has been cast to work around actor availability.

Performance Dates & Times: November 25* - December 16

Fridays: 7:00 pm, Saturdays & Sundays: 2:00 pm

**Please note that the opening weekend is the Saturday and Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend.*

Show Synopsis: Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear.

Character Breakdown:

Most roles are for adults. There are a small number of roles for children. We will consider children between the ages of 9 and 17 for these roles. All ages listed are **character ages** and are just a suggestion and will be adjusted to fit the needs of our casting. Masquers Theater is committed to diversity in all its casting. Actors are encouraged to audition for any role they are interested in, regardless of how it was portrayed in the movie.

Buddy

Born a human but raised at the North Pole as a Christmas Elf, Buddy is eager to find his place in the world. He is a child at heart and that child-like curiosity makes him both endearing and gets him into trouble.

Gender: Male

Age: 25 to 35

Vocal range: Tenor (Ab2-C5)

Jovie

Buddy's girlfriend. She works at Macy's and has a bit of a cynical outlook on life and love because of the men she's dated. She is caught off guard by Buddy's genuinely big heart.

Gender: Female

Age: 25 to 30

Vocal range: Alto (G3-D5)

Walter

Buddy's workaholic father. He is a Children's book writer, but lacks any of the childlike spirit that Buddy has. He is selfish, tense, and generally angry with life.

Gender: Male

Age: 55 to 65

Vocal range: High Baritone (A2-G4)

Emily

Walter's wife. Though she is sweet and willing to take him in, she thinks Buddy is crazy at first. Wishes her husband would spend more time with the family.

Gender: Female

Age: 40 to 50

Vocal range top: Alto (F3-Eb5)

Michael

Buddy's stepbrother who is excited to have a new friend and brother. Unlike his mother, he doesn't take much convincing to have Christmas spirit, but like his mother, he wishes his father would spend more time with the family.

Gender: Male

Age: 12 to 16

Vocal range top: Child Male Alto/Tenor (F3-G5)

Deb

Walter's secretary. Takes an instant liking to Buddy simply for the novelty of it. Though she aims to please and is a bit of a suck-up, she feels under appreciated.

Gender: Female

Age: 25 to 55

Vocal range top: Alto (D4-Eb5)

Manager

A heavy-set manager at Macy's. He is a good, friendly guy just trying to do his job and get by.

Gender: Male

Age: 35 to 40

Vocal range top: (Baritone) B2-F#4

Greenway

Walter's boss. He is what Walter will become if he continues down the path he is on. A tyrannical, workaholic who cares nothing about the people around him or who work for him.

Gender: Male

Age: 55 to 65

Santa

Just another workingman. Loves his job and Christmas, but also likes to kick-back and watch the game when a rare opportunity arises. A natural storyteller.

Gender: Male

Age: 65 to 80

Vocal range top: Baritone (A2-E4)

Chadwick

One of Walter's right-hand men. He is desperate to keep his job, and perhaps the dumber of the two.

Gender: Male

Age: 40 to 50

Matthews

One of Walter's right-hand men. He is desperate to keep his job and is the schemer of the two.

Gender: Male

Age: 35 to 40

Ensemble

Mrs. Claus, Elves, Charlie, Tiara, Mr. Narwhal, Teenager, Employees, Security Guard 1&2, Customer 1&2, Saleswoman, Store Elf 1&2, Fake Santa 1&2&3, Boy, Mother, Policeman 1&2, Sarah, Jim, Vendor, Waitress, Charlotte, Man, Woman