



Wylie Acting Group
Audition Notice

ELF THE MUSICAL

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MUSIC by Matthew Sklar, Chad Beguelin
BASED ON THE FILM Elf, 2003

In this heart-warming musical, Santa narrates the story of Buddy, an apparently oversized elf who has been raised in the North Pole. During the lead up to Christmas, Buddy overhears the other elves discussing how he is really a human but hasn't realized it. He is devastated and Santa must reveal to his wannabe elf that baby Buddy mistakenly crawled into Santa's bag of gifts on Christmas Eve many years ago and was transported to the North Pole on Santa's return home. With Santa's blessing, Buddy decides to travel to New York City to find his real father (who is on the naughty list). Shocked that his own father could be on the naughty list, he is further astounded that his half-brother doesn't believe in Santa. How can this be? Buddy decides to change the outlook and behavior of his new family and bring the true meaning of Christmas back into New York City. Along the way, he discovers friendship, romance, and his true identity. Elf is a modern day holiday classic that aims to spread Christmas cheer for all to hear!

Directors: Melissa Irvin & Tiffany Harrod

Roles: Character roles are open to youth ages 5-18

Buddy
Jovie
Walter Hobbs
Emily Hobbs
Michael Hobbs
Santa Claus

Mrs. Claus
Charlie – head elf
Tiarra – named elf
Macy's Manager
Mr. Greenway
Deb - office staff

Chadwick - office staff
Matthews - office staff
Sam - office staff
Jim - office staff
Sara - office staff
Charlotte Dennon – TV Reporter

Ensemble: Elves & New Yorkers

Audition Date: Saturday, September 19th, 2020

Auditions will be held, in person, in the Wylie Acting Group theatre at 205 Industrial Court in Wylie. **Once you have registered online, you will receive a link to select a specific audition time.** Audition groups will be limited to a maximum of 15 actors per group. We ask that you stay in your car until your specific call time – a WAG volunteer will come to the door and let you in when the audition committee is ready for you. When you come in you will have your photo taken to be used for the Starboard. Please do not bring props to the audition. Also, the casting committee requests that you do not wear costumes or face paint. Everyone will be expected to adhere to social distancing guidelines during the audition – including wearing a mask when not on stage.

Audition Requirements:

Youth ages 5-18

Arrive at scheduled call time – wait in car until called

Plan to stay approximately 30-45 minutes. Please have your ride plan to wait for you – you will need to leave the theatre as soon as your audition is complete.

For your audition, you will need to prepare a memorized monologue from the options listed and you will need to prepare one of the songs listed. We will have an optional tap dance audition as well. The audition committee will only have you sing a portion of the song, but please learn the entire song.

Monologue Selections (choose 1):

Santa

In-laws. They come every year on Christmas day. I finish my rounds, just start to unwind, then the door bursts open and the kids run in, start dancing with the elves and the elves get into the eggnog and start riding the reindeer. Now, don't get me wrong; I'm a big fan of Christmas. It's just, well, I had fifty bucks on Boise. What am I complaining about? It's Christmas! Let's read a Christmas story.
Ah. Here's one. The story of Buddy the Elf ...

Santa's Elf

How you doing, Buddy? How many Etch-A-Sketches did you get finished? C'mon, Buddy, how many? Eighty-five? It's ten a.m. and you've only made eighty-five? Well, that's alright. You're not the worst toy maker in the whole wide world and you are NOT a Cotton-Headed-Ninny-Muggins!
You have lots of talents ... uh, special talents in fact ... uh, like, uh ... Well, you're just ... Special!

Deb

Anyway ... it seems that he had this secret love affair when he was in college ... I know! Walter "the-ice-man" Hobbs! And, get this, there were "consequences"! Yep. He's six foot two, he's incredibly sweet which is bizarre considering the bloodline, but here's the kicker, he thinks he's an ... Uh-oh! The ice man cometh.

Greenway

Hobbs! My phone has been ringing off the hook. Angry mothers, kids crying, "What happened to Jingles, the Jolly Christmas Puppy"? "Did he make it to the North Pole?" "Did he ever get his magic bone?"
And don't try to pass the buck. It's your name on these proofs. And I'll tell you something else; even if those two missing pages were in there, the book still would have sucked! You're hanging by a thread
Hobbs!

Jovie

Stop. Let's make a pact. If you try to be less elf-y, I'll try to be less crabby. You know, I came here last year too. It was my first Christmas in New York. I can't believe that I've been here for almost two years and it hasn't snowed once. When I was a kid I dreamed of having a snowy Christmas Even dinner at Tavern on the Green with Billy Crystal – That sounds so stupid now.

Anyway, last year I spent Christmas Eve in a 400 square foot studio apartment with no heat binge watching "Gilmore Girls" on Netflix. Sad, huh?

Walter

What. Have. You. Done! That was the ONLY copy! I cannot deal with this anymore. Just go back to the apartment, get your things and leave!

I don't care where you go! I don't care that you're an elf! I don't care that you're my son! I. Don't. Care!
Just get out of my life! Forever!

Manager

Buddy, don't you have a family to go home to? Everyone has fights with their dads. Christmas is all about fighting with your family. Why don't you go get your dad a present?

That's the thing about Christmas. When you're a kid, it's all about what you're gonna get, but when you grown up, well, it's about giving people stuff: socks, a snuggie. It's the one day a year everybody gets to be Santa Claus.

Emily

It's different. If a little kid believes in a talking purple dinosaur, it's delightful. If he still believes when he's thirty, it's profoundly disturbing. Look, just because Buddy is crazy, doesn't mean we should love him any less. I have a friend who's a psychiatrist. You remember Barry? With the Ferrari? I'm going to give him a call right now. Maybe he can tell us where we should look for Buddy.

Michael

Buddy! We saw him! We saw Santa Claus! He was flying around in his sleigh, with the red suit and the big sack of toys! The whole bit! And then he landed in Central Park! Dad, it was the most incredible thing ever!

But now that I think about it ... why would he do that? Unless ... unless ... unless the sleigh couldn't fly anymore! Oh, Santa! We have to go and help him! Come on!

Buddy

Christmas is a lot more than just Santa Claus. Christmas is ... is ... sleeping on a futon. Having cold spaghetti for breakfast with your little brother. Right? It's going ice skating with your girlfriend and kissing her for the first very first time under a big, glittery Christmas tree. It's traveling miles and miles to be with your family, walking through the Lincoln Tunnel with cars blowing their horns for the whole time and truck drivers yelling things that no person should say to another human being, let alone an elf. It's hoping that when you wake up on Christmas morning all the cars, and all the big grey office buildings, and all the piles of garbage will be covered with snow.

Song Selections (choose 1):

1. Never Fall in Love- Come in at 8 seconds

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Lyrics for the cut:

Go ask a hundred single girls
From here Philadel... phia
They'll say it's clear as day
You're in for sleepness nights
If you date a guy
Who has a thing for tights
Oh, never fall in love
Never fall in love
Never
Fall in
Love
With an
Elf

2. I'll Believe in You- Come in at 4 seconds

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1caCwCcKmn8eOVRMb8JVyGKr86h0svUkK/view?usp=sharing>

Lyrics for the cut:

I DON'T WANT A TRIP
TO SOME HIP SALON
OR TRENDY PERFUME
I'LL NEVER PUT ON

I'D LIKE TO FEEL LIKE HE CARES
EVEN IF IT'S NOT TRUE

IF YOU CAN DO THAT SANTA
I'LL BELIEVE IN YOU

EVEN THOUGH IT'S BEEN YEARS
SINCE YOU'VE HEARD FROM ME
I THOUGHT IT WAS WORTH A SHOT
IF IT'S TRUE THAT YOU'RE MAGIC, I
GUARANTEE
WE COULD USE ALL THE MAGIC
YOU'VE GOT

I CAN GET YOU SOME COOKIES
IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES
I'VE HEARD STORIES AND I KNOW
THE DEAL

3. **Sparklejolly- Come in at 5 seconds**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ZxkYam7rlk7ePvJVtIOD8c9VKSWvrDxW/view?usp=sharing>

Lyrics for the cut:

When a room is gloomy and its atmosphere has called it quits,
Then you must remember that December is a time for glitz.
Never stop til each limb on your Christmas tree
Is sparkle-jolly-twinkle-jingley!
Pick up ev'ry ornament that's sitting, waiting on a shelf
While you're busy decorating, why not decorate yourself?
Soon you'll bring a smile to ev'ry person you see.
I'm sparkle-twinkle-jolly what?
Close enough! And if you're at a loss remember the phrase
That says, "To thine own elf be true
For when it comes to Christmas displays,
Look inside, and you'll know what to do.

4. **World's Greatest Dad- Come in at 5 seconds**

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Lyrics for the cut:

WE'LL SPEND MORNINGS HOLDING
HANDS
HOLDING HANDS AND MAKING
PLANS
ON WHETHER TO PLAY JACKS OR
KICK-THE-CAN

THEN FOR LUNCH A GINGERSNAP
THEN A NAP TO FILL THE GAP
BETWEEN BUILDING FORTS AND
PLAYING SUPERMAN

AND IF HIS BACK GIVES HIM A
SPASM
WELL, EVERY GOOD DAD HAS 'EM
I'LL BRING HIM COCOA AND A
HEATING PAD

IT'S A SCENE INSIDE A SNOW GLOBE
IT'S A VERY APROPOS GLOBE
JUST BUDDY AND THE WORLD'S
GREATEST DAD

Dance Audition

The tap audition section is optional – please bring your tap shoes if they have them. You do not have to audition with tap shoes, but if cast for a tap number they will be expected to purchase tap shoes. Be prepared to perform the 3 steps in the video.

Link to instructional dance video:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-U5Po_MoqMouWTEAdXAjQ-R2pnaWxoWs/view?usp=sharing

Crew Members

Our backstage crew for this show will be assisting with set changes during scenes and songs. It will be necessary that crew members be in costume for this production. **You must be at least 14 years old to work on the crew.** Crew will not need to come to the theatre for auditions.

Rehearsals: TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, and SATURDAYS

Begin Tuesday September 22nd and will be held weekly on Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday for the most part. Generally, weekday rehearsals will be from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm and Saturdays will vary. Anticipate additional called rehearsals. An in-depth rehearsal schedule is provided at the time of registration beginning three weeks before the audition date. Attendance by child and adult representative at the first rehearsal is required and nonnegotiable. Rehearsals will be limited to small groups with various arrival and dismissal times. Rehearsal attendance is crucial, but no absences are allowed on any rehearsal marked mandatory unless disclosed in registration form conflicts. Inability to attend rehearsals affects casting eligibility.

(8) Performances:

- Friday, December 11th at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 12th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 13th at 2:30 p.m.
- Friday, December 18th at 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, December 19th at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Sunday, December 20th at 2:30 p.m.

Questions:

Email melcbarton@gmail.com or wagsshaw@gmail.com

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 7B7B Show	5 7B7B Show
6 7B7B Show	7	8	9	10	11 7B7B Show	12 7B7B Show
13 7B7B Show & Strike	14	15	16	17	18	19 Elf Auditions
20	21	22 Elf 6:30-9 Vocals	23	24 Elf 6:30-9 Vocals	25	26 Elf 9am-2pm Vocals
27	28	29 Elf 6:30-9 Vocals	30			

October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Elf 6:30-9 Vocals	2	3 Elf 9am-2pm Vocals
4	5	6 Elf 6:30-9 Choreo	7	8 Elf 6:30-9 Choreo	9	10 Elf 9am-2pm Choreo
11	12	13 Elf 6:30-9 Choreo	14	15 Elf 6:30-9 Choreo	16	17 Elf 9am-2pm Choreo & Costume Preview
18	19	20 Elf 6:30-9 Blocking	21	22 Elf 6:30-9 Blocking	23	24 Elf 9am-4pm Blocking & Costume Parade
25	26	27 Elf 6:30-9 Blocking	28	29 Elf 6:30-9 Blocking	30	31 Elf 9am-2pm Blocking

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All following rehearsals need all Cast & Crew -- Mandatory--	2	3 Elf 6:30-9 lights & sounds	4	5 Elf 6:30-9 lights & sounds	6 Wonderful Life Show	7 <i>Elf - TBD</i> Wonderful Life Show
8 Wonderful Life Show	9	10 Elf 6:30-9 lights & sounds	11	12 Elf 6:30-9 lights & sounds	13 Wonderful Life Show	14 <i>Elf - TBD</i> Wonderful Life Show
15 Wonderful Life Show & Strike	16	17 Elf 6:30-9:30 technical	18	19 Elf 6:30-9:30 technical	20	21 Elf 9am-4pm technical
22	23 Elf 6:30-9:30 technical	24 Elf 6:30-9:30 technical	25	26 THANKS GIVING	27	28 Elf 9am-4pm technical
29	30 Elf 6:30-9:30 technical					

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Elf 6:30-9:30 technical	2	3 Elf 6:30-9:30 technical	4	5 Elf 9am-4pm technical
6	7	8 Elf 6:30-9:30 technical	9	10 Elf 6:30-9:30 technical	11 Elf Show	12 Elf Shows
13 Elf Show	14	15	16 Elf 6:30-9:30 technical	17	18 Elf Show	19 Elf Shows
20 Elf Show & Strike	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		