

## 2024 Singing Christmas Tree Cast Audition Information

### Story Synopsis

Each year, the small town of Merryvale pulls out all the stops to celebrate Christmas. Judge Stokely offers the fullest Christmas trees from his farm, Tootie Green and April LaFleur decorate their shops with gifts and pastries, and Minnie Ree Sims fills the town calendar with lunches, parades and balls. Their efforts go unnoticed, however, by the newest arrival in town.

Jonathan Hudgins has not returned to Merryvale by choice. Even though his wife and daughter are enchanted with the small town he grew up in, Jonathan is angry that his father's will forces him to return to a place that holds nothing but bad memories. Even worse, the will states that Jonathan will have to spend an entire year here.

What happens when the plans you've so carefully made are completely changed by forces beyond your control? How far will you go to find just a little peace? Jonathan is about to discover that the story of Christmas still has power to change lives and hearts – starting with his.

### **Who can audition?**

Bellevue Members and those in the process of becoming members. The first round of auditions will be by video submission.

### **What is the deadline for first-round auditions?**

First-round auditions, done via video, will be open from Friday, July 12th through Sunday, July 28, 2024 @ 11:59 PM.

### **When will I be notified if selected for a callback audition?**

After the first round of auditions have been completed an in-person callback on Tuesday, July 30th for selected individuals will be announced via email with information to follow.

### **What roles are available?**

Click on link for "Cast List" at [bellevuesingngtree.org](http://bellevuesingngtree.org).

### **What is the commitment for the cast?**

Weekly rehearsals will be on Sunday afternoons, beginning Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm – through Sunday Dec. 1st. Refer to Dress Rehearsal Week and Performance schedules to make sure that you would be available if you are selected. Plan on being at rehearsal every week.

A detailed schedule will be given when rehearsals begin and will list more specifics as to which characters need to be at which rehearsals.

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There will be two Singing and Choreography weekends this fall for the choirs, and the cast may be asked to come for extra rehearsal time.

Friday – Sept. 27<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 9:00pm  
Sat. – Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 4:00pm

Friday – Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm  
Sat. – Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

### **What do I include on my first-round audition video?**

#### **For all Singing-Only roles:**

Please record a 1-minute video of a song that will best show off your voice and ability. You may sing along with an artist in the background (as long as we can clearly hear your voice more than the voice of the artist), a karaoke track, piano or guitar accompaniment, or a cappella.

Some things to consider:

- The song may be sacred or secular.
- Don't forget that we care about how you **SOUND** and how you **LOOK** when you sing. Sing with emotion and expression.
- Think about picking a song that will show your range.

#### **For all Speaking-Only roles:**

Please record a video of the monolog (Click on “Monolog” link at [bellevuesingingtree.org](http://bellevuesingingtree.org)) written for the character(s) you are interested in.

Please record, in the same video, a maximum of **TWO** characters.

If there are more you are interested in, you can note that in your video.

Again, only audition/read for two roles on the video.

**One audition video per person only.**

#### **For all Speaking/Singing roles:**

Do **ONE** video that would include the singing, as described above, and the speaking, as described above. If you want to “read” for two characters, that is okay but only one song is needed. Again, one audition video per person.

#### **How to upload your singing and/or speaking video?**

Click on the link within your Google Form at [bellevuesingingtree.org](http://bellevuesingingtree.org) to upload

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### **Dress Rehearsal Week (On-Set Rehearsals)**

Thursday, Dec. 5th	6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Cast and Tech Rehearsal
Friday, Dec. 6th	6:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Blocking Rehearsal (Cast & TBA Choirs)
Saturday, Dec. 7th	9:00 am – 5:00 pm	
Sunday, Dec. 8th	3:00 pm – 6:30 pm	
Monday, Dec. 9th	<b>See Info Below Regarding Dec. 9, 10 and 11 rehearsals</b>	
Tuesday, Dec. 10th	<i>(These rehearsals will be from 6:30 pm – 10:00 pm)</i>	
Wednesday, Dec. 11th		

***(Of the three dates listed above, 2 will be Full Dress Rehearsals and one will be a “Dark” night for everyone. More information will be given when these dates are finalized.)***

### **Performances**

Thursday – Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm
Friday - Dec 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:00 pm
Saturday - Dec 14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00 am; 2:30 pm and 6:00 pm (2 Meals to be provided)
Sunday - Dec 15 <sup>th</sup>	2:30 pm and 6:00 pm (One meal to be provided)

### **Are there Adult “Townspeople” in this production?**

Yes. Auditions are open to Bellevue Members and those in the process of becoming members who are 18 years and above.

Townspeople auditions will be held on Monday, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> – 6:30 pm in the Choir Room at Bellevue and Wednesday, Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00pm in the Choir Room. Choose only **ONE** of these audition times. Townspeople rehearsals will begin on Sunday, September 22, 2024, from 3:00pm – 5:00 pm and will be weekly through Sunday, Dec. 1st. Refer to Dress Rehearsal Week and Performance schedules to make sure that you would be available if you are selected.

If you audition for the cast, you will know a cast decision before the Townspeople auditions occur. If you do not make the cast, then you can still audition for the Townspeople.

After Townspeople have been selected, an email will be sent to all who auditioned.

If there are any questions, you can respond to this email or you can call the Music Office at 901-347-5709.

Thank you for your willingness to participate in the Singing Christmas Tree this year. We look forward to hearing from you through this audition process.

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