

# Showstoppers

#### A RED-CARPET MUSICAL THEATRE EXPERIENCE

## Audition Information Pack

#### WELCOME!

Thank you for your interest in our end-of-year production, Showstoppers: A Red-Carpet Musical Theatre Experience.

Please read this pack carefully as it contains a lot of important information regarding auditions. We hope you enjoy this process! If you have any questions please reach out to our production manager, Jude Taylor, at <u>productions@camdenmusicalsociety.com.au</u>.

*Showstoppers* will be staged at the Camden Civic Centre on Saturday 1 November 2025, with both matinee and evening shows.



### **OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES**

Camden Musical Society is a not-for-profit organisation in the Camden LGA. Our mission is to provide a platform for local talent to develop and showcase their skills and passion, and to foster creativity, growth, and a deep sense of belonging.

We are dedicated to bringing quality, accessible productions to our audiences, and engaging our community through performing arts.

We envision a future in which members of our local community can immerse themselves in the world of performing arts. We offer exceptional experiences that resonate with and inspire our audiences, and continue to build a legacy our community and members can be proud of.

We conduct ourselves in a manner which always supports our society's most important values: integrity, professionalism, passion, transparent and consistent communication, and collaboration.



#### **MEET THE PRODUCTION TEAM**

Production Manager - Jude Taylor Director - Hayleigh Burman Musical Directors - Kerrie Jiear and Kayla Hall Choreographer - Hayleigh Burman Stage Manager - Jessica Czender Marketing Manager - Inge Marais Rehearsal Manager - Jude Taylor Technical Liaison Officer - Craig Davidson Junior Cast Manager - TBA Venue Manager - Kerrie Jiear



#### **SHOW SYNOPSIS**

Get ready for unforgettable moments, jaw-dropping talent, and pure performance energy. *Showstoppers* is the end-of-year gala event that pulls out all the stops, where performers from every corner of the community take the stage to shine in electrifying one-off numbers. From powerhouse vocals, to intimate solos or duos, each act will be chosen to celebrate individuality, creativity, and sheer stage presence.

The intention of *Showstoppers* is to celebrate musical performances from a wide variety of musical theatre productions. Monologues/duologues/dance numbers that contextually support a vocal performance will be considered.

*Showstoppers* will consist of up to 25 different numbers, including two group numbers for youth performers and two group numbers for all cast.

In keeping with our red-carpet event, cast are asked to adhere to black tie/evening wear or costume appropriate to the item they are performing in. There will be costume consultation with the creative team during the rehearsal process.

### **COMMITMENT EXPECTATIONS**

If you are cast in *Showstoppers*, or you are the parent/carer of a cast member it is expected that you and/or your child will:

- Respect and support throughout the run of the production, during rehearsals and show week, the creative vision of the Creative Team and follow all reasonable directions given by the directors, the stage manager and their delegates.
- Carefully read the rehearsal schedule and attend all rehearsals required. In the case of unforeseen absences, you will notify the directors and/or production manager with as much notice as possible.
- Take ownership over learning your dialogue, songs, and movement in a timely manner, both at and in between rehearsals.
- Display a courteous and attentive demeanour in accordance with CMS Code of Conduct, CMS Child Safe Code of conduct, and CMS Child Safe Policy, striving for a safe and positive environment for all cast and crew, and upholding the CMS values at all times.
- Provide costumes and/or items of clothing, hair accessories, and makeup to be used for your performance.
- Pay your required fees by the due date.

#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Mon 4 & Wed 6 August 2025	Auditions at Birriwa Reserve Community Hall, Mount Annan
Mon 11 August 2025	Callbacks
Wed 13 August 2025	Casting + notifications round to be completed
Wed 20 August 2025	First rehearsal, meet the cast and crew
Sat 1 November 2025 a.m.Bump	
Sat 1 November 2025 p.m.	Tech and dress rehearsal Matinee and Evening shows
Sun 2 November 2025	Bump out Potential additional shows
Sat 8 November 2025	Potential additional shows
Sun 9 November 2025	Potential additional shows
Sun 9 November 2025	Cast party TBA





Rehearsals will be held at Birriwa Reserve, Fitzpatrick Rd, Mt Annan on <u>Wednesday</u> <u>evenings from 6.45pm - 10pm</u>.

Not all cast members will be required for every rehearsal - advice will be given one week in advance. A rehearsal schedule will be prepared when the cast has been selected. Individual rehearsals may be required outside of these times by mutual agreement.

Cast members are expected to attend every rehearsal, unless they are not required.

Children will only be required until 8.30pm.

Rehearsals will commence on <u>Wednesday 20 August 2025.</u>





Each cast member is required to pay the following fees by Wednesday 20 August 2025:

- 1. Camden Musical Society membership fee (in order to be covered by CMS insurances). Membership fees are paid once per financial year
  - Adult/older teen \$30 for 16+
  - Junior \$25 under 16
- Production fees, for contributions towards the unavoidable costs of the show.
  All participants \$30



The minimum age to audition for *Showstoppers* is 10 years, as at 1 November 2025.

Cast members who are 18 years old or older will be required to submit a Working with Children Check PRIOR to the first rehearsal or immediately when they turn 18 after rehearsals have commenced.

In-person, open auditions will take place on Monday 4 August and Wednesday 6 August 2025. There are four 1.5 hour audition slots across the two evenings (auditionees only need to book ONE slot).

- Monday 4 August 7.00pm 8.30pm OR 8.30pm 10.00pm
- Wednesday 6 August 7.00pm 8.30pm OR 8.30pm 10.00pm

Video auditions will be accepted, but must be submitted to <u>productions@camdenmusicalsociety.com.au</u> by 5pm on Tuesday 5 August 2025.



Showstoppers is a show for anyone aged 10+. Younger children (10-15) are expected to perform in group numbers, but they are welcome to audition for solo/duo/small group performances to showcase their talent.

**AUDITION MATERIALS** 

#### **IN-PERSON AUDITIONS**

- All sessions are open auditions.
- All performances must be from a musical theatre production.
- Auditionees who wish to be selected for an individual/duo or small group performance will be asked to prepare an excerpt *from the song/s they wish to perform, no longer than 1 minute 30 seconds.*
- Each individual can audition for up to three performances of any configuration e.g. (three solos, or one solo + one duo + one small group number).
- Auditionees will also be asked to learn an excerpt from one of the following songs:
  - Children (10-15) *Revolting Children* from *Matilda*
  - Older teens/Adults (16+) only auditioning for whole cast numbers *Any Dream Will Do* from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*
  - Older teens/adults auditioning for an individual item <u>do not need</u> to prepare Any Dream Will Do.

#### **VIDEO AUDITIONS**

- If you wish to submit videos for your audition, this should include:
  - A video of you singing an excerpt from your chosen piece/s.
  - All performances must be from a musical theatre production.
  - Video auditions can be uploaded to your personal Google Drive and the <u>links</u> sent to the production team <u>by 5pm on Tuesday 5 August 2025</u>.
  - Please ensure that you have updated sharing settings on your links so that they are viewable by our team.
  - Video audition links must be submitted to productions@camdenmusicalsociety.com.au



#### **EMCEE AUDITIONS**

• <u>Click here for the link</u> to the audition script

#### CALLBACKS

• Monday 11 August, if required

#### CASTING OUTCOMES

• Successful auditionees will be notified by phone and email.

Please note - if you have more than one family member auditioning, we will endeavour to

provide the outcome for all at the same time but cannot guarantee this.





#### **PERFORMANCES**



Performance Type	<u>Requirement</u>
Vocalist	Exceptional vocalist with energy and passion
Monologue/Duologue	Entertaining script that leads into a vocal performance
Dance	Energised performance supporting a vocalist
Group performance	Ability to respond effectively to vocal and choreography direction
Emcee	Energetic, engaging, ability to ad lib

Performance Dates	<u>Location</u>
Sat 1 November (2 shows)	Camden Civic Centre (all cast required)

Performance Dates	<u>Location</u>
Sun 2 November (2 shows)	Potential Retirement Villages (attendance preferred)
Sat 8 November (2 shows)	Potential Retirement Villages (attendance preferred)
Sun 9 November (2 shows)	Potential Retirement Villages (attendance preferred)



We are looking forward to meeting each of our auditionees. We encourage you to enjoy the process, and we will do our best to support you, communicate effectively, and create a welcoming environment to explore your talents.

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