



# Claude Watson School for the Arts

## Preparing For The Grade 3 Initial Audition—2019

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

#### **Q. WHO GETS TO PARTICIPATE IN AN AUDITION?**

A. From October 10, 2018 until December 21, 2018 online applications were accepted. Every applicant who lives in the City of Toronto has been assigned an audition date. We are no longer accepting applications.

#### **Q. HOW DO I KNOW WHEN MY AUDITION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED?**

A. All applicants received an email with the date and time of their audition. Applicants who are currently in Grade 3 are required to attend one (1) audition on a Saturday.

#### **Q. HOW LONG ARE THE AUDITIONS?**

A. Initial auditions are half a day. Applicants will be assigned either the morning session or the afternoon session.

#### **Q. WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE AUDITIONS?**

A. The dates of the auditions are as follows:

Session A (Grade 3 Only): **Saturday February 9, 2019**

Session B (Grade 3 Only): **Saturday February 23, 2019**

Session C (Grade 3 Only): **Saturday March 2, 2019**

#### **Q. WHAT ARE THE TIMES OF THE SESSIONS?**

A. The times of the Grade 3 sessions are as follows:

Morning: **Drop off at 8:00 AM** — **Pick up at 12:15 PM** — Auditions will begin at 8:30 AM

Afternoon: **Drop off at 12:30 PM** — **Pick up at 4:45 PM** — Auditions will begin at 1:00 PM

#### **Q. CAN I CHANGE THE DATE OF MY CHILD'S AUDITION?**

A. CWSA has a large number of applicants this year. We have been very careful to ensure that audition sessions have equal numbers. We are unable to accept requests to change an audition time at this point.

#### **Q. HOW MUCH DO THE AUDITIONS COST AND HOW DO WE PAY?**

A. There is a \$35.00 audition fee for all candidates. Payment is made online using the TDSB online payment system (please see the how to pay FAQ). No candidate will be denied the opportunity to audition based on financial hardship. Please contact the CWSA office for more information.

## Q. DO CANDIDATES NEED TO ATTEND ALL OF THE AUDITION SESSIONS?

A. Attendance at the scheduled audition session is essential for candidates to be considered for a place at CWSA. Advance notice of absence is required. Please call 416-395-3180 and press (0) during business hours to reach someone in the office. It is very difficult to re-schedule auditions.

## Q. WHAT SHOULD MY CHILD WEAR TO THE AUDITION?

A. Children should wear comfortable attire permitting freedom of movement. **Running shoes should be brought to the audition.** Please do not come to the audition in any uniform (e.g. dance uniforms)

## Q. WILL THERE BE A BREAK DURING THE AUDITION?

A. Yes, there will be a 15 minute break in the middle of the audition. Children will be given the opportunity to have a washroom break. Children may bring a healthy snack. ***Please note snacks must be nut free and cannot require any preparation.*** Please do not send your child with pop.

## Q. WHAT DO WE NEED TO BRING TO THE AUDITION?

A. All Sessions

- ⇒ Comfortable loose fitting clothing that allow easy movement
- ⇒ Indoor running shoes
- ⇒ A light snack (must be nut free)

## Q. WHAT SHOULD WE NOT BRING TO THE AUDITION?

A. Applicants should not bring portfolios, work samples, musical instruments, demo tapes or dance clothing to the audition. The most important part of the audition is active participation. Children should do their best with each task they are asked to complete. The auditions are a really enjoyable and positive experience.

## Q. CAN PARENTS STAY FOR THE AUDITION?

A. Spectators are not allowed to view the audition process. We do not have space available for parents to stay during the auditions.

## Q. WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP?

A. After the A, B and C Sessions have been completed CWSA will determine which candidates are eligible to attend the call-back auditions on Saturday March 23, 2019. ***Families will be notified of the results of the auditions on Friday March 8, 2019 at 4:00 pm.*** Only candidates who participate in the call-back audition will be eligible to enroll in the CWSA program.

## Q. CAN I GET THE RESULTS OF THE AUDITION?

A. Unfortunately, based on the number of applicants, it is not possible to offer individual feedback.