

Notice of Auditions for **OKLAHOMA!**

Purpose of Auditions: The auditions serve as the *basis* for casting the show and making the best use of the individuals who audition. Auditions check the quality and range of individuals' voices, their ability to hold a specific voice part when singing in harmony and as appropriate, the ability to dance or to act a given role. Solo and duet auditions include those for specific characters of the show, where acting skills and physical appearance may be proportionally more important than for the chorus.

Eligibility, Time and Place of Auditions: Auditions are open to all BLOC members, and to others interested in taking part in the show, on the condition that they join BLOC if successful (per calendar year this is 40€ for performing members, 20€ for non-performing members, free to those under 16 years of age when they join). Those wishing to audition are asked to complete and submit the relevant form from the website (www.bloc-brussels.com) and send it (them)

1. Introduction Evening and Chorus Pre-Audition Practice: Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 20h.
 2. Chorus Auditions (i.e. anybody wishing to be in the show as chorus or soloist*): Sunday 10th June 2018 14h – 18h
 3. Soloist Pre-Audition Practice: Monday 11th June 2018 20h – 22h.
 4. Soloist Auditions: Tuesday 12th June 2018 20h – 22h
 5. Call backs if required: Monday 18th June 2018 20h – 22h
- All auditions will be held at De Kam, 1970 Wezembeek Oppem.**

*[*The auditioning committee reserves the right to also hold soprano/alto/tenor/bass voice tests (in closed session) to determine voice ranges for certain auditionees.]*

The auditioning committee reserves the right to hold call-backs for those auditionees they wish to hear again, who have attended auditions. Also they reserve the right to hear those people who give notice in writing (by e-mail) of not being able to attend auditions on 10th or 12th June, at either practice session (5th or 11th June). No filmed auditions will be accepted. No other auditions will take place outside these dates.

Scope of Auditions: Auditions will be held for all solo, speaking and chorus parts. Show details together with audition forms, audition pieces and a schedule are posted on the BLOC website (www.bloc-brussels.com). Tuition in singing chorus and solo audition parts are provided on Tuesday 5th June and Monday 11th June at De Kam, 1970 Wezembeek Oppem.

Conduct of Auditions:

Auditions will take place in front of the BLOC Auditions' Committee. Auditions will be open – i.e. all auditionees in the room together, auditioning in front of other auditionees. All auditions will be conducted in English. There is no age limit although it is not envisaged to take anybody under the age of 10 years old.

There will be voice warm-ups and some simple dance movement at auditions. Those auditioning for principal parts will be asked to present prepared sung audition pieces together with dialogue.

Those auditioning for chorus will sing the prepared chorus piece in groups of 4 (soprano, alto, tenor, bass).

During the auditions, an individual may be asked to sing a solo line or in a smaller group. The Auditions Committee may film the auditionee. A photo will be taken to attach to the individual's audition form. The Auditions Committee reserves the right to call back individuals for a further audition without inferring that the role has been cast. Auditionees may only consider that a role has been definitively given to him/her when he/she receives official confirmation of this from the Auditions' Committee.

Auditions Committee: All casting sessions for the show will be undertaken by the Auditions' Committee (Stage Director: Marie Rousseaux, Music Director: Steven DeMesmaeker, Choreographer: Jean Emmet and a nominated BLOC Committee Member (Emanuelle Vergier). *(Other audition committee members may be appointed).*

N.B. Results of Auditions will be notified by email to the address provided on the audition form. No other form of communication should be taken as the official result of an audition, as determined by the Committee.

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