



The Lion King Jr. Audition Info

Ages 8-18

4469 E Baseline Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85234

Prior to Auditions:

✓ **Submit Headshot and Resume Electronically*** Fill out this [form](#) for each child auditioning prior to auditions. If you are unable to audition in person, submit your audition videos here also.

✓ Sign up for an audition slot at [Signup Genius](#).

✓ If you have any questions about auditions, contact Shannon at mtjr@inspireent.com.



Bring to Auditions:

- Be prepared to sing 16 bars or 30 seconds of a song that showcases your vocal range. Select a song from a musical or Disney movie (not Singing in the Rain), that will showcase your **acting skills and vocal ability**. Bring your own audio track with the music on it. We will have a stereo with an AUX cord. **If you want to connect to wifi, please inquire at the front desk when you arrive.**
- Prepare one monologue (listed below) to memorize/read at your audition (be prepared to read any of the monologues).
- Arrive 10-15 minutes prior to your audition time.
- No parents or family members allowed in the audition room.
- Have your music unlocked and cued as you walk into the audition room.
- No vocals on your audition track. We want to hear YOUR voice.

***Headshot/Resume Information:** Headshot should be of professional quality, head and shoulders only. [Headshot Example](#) [Resume Example](#)

Video Auditions: We prefer you to audition in person. However, if you are unable to make it in person and want to send a video, submit your audition videos (vocal and acting) with your headshot and resume at the same link above no later than **Friday, December 15th at 6 pm**.

Save the Dates (Do not audition unless you are available on all dates listed.)

Auditions: Saturday, 12/16, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (or later)

Callbacks: Monday, 12/18, 4:00-6:30 p.m. (or later)

Contracts: Due by Friday, January 5th, 2024

Weekly Rehearsals: Mondays 4:30-6:30 p.m. starting January 8, 2024.

Dress Rehearsals & Performances: April 22-27- Reserve the whole week for rehearsals and shows! Shows will be Thursday, Friday, and two shows on Saturday.

Main Cast Rehearsals: If you are chosen as a lead, we will have 4 main cast rehearsals on Saturdays from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Dates will be announced when you receive callback information.

If you are chosen as a lead, you may not miss more than one of these rehearsals nor more than 3 total rehearsals. You must report any known conflicts prior to callbacks.

NOTE: *All audition updates & callback information will be posted on our website, <https://inspireent.com/mtjr/>. The callback list will be posted by **Saturday, December 16th** in the evening. You don't have to be invited to callbacks to be cast in the show. The cast list will be posted by **Wednesday, December 20th** in the evening. You will not receive an email unless the website is being finicky. In this case, the cast list will only be sent out to those who submit their resume and headshot electronically. A word to the wise: Make sure mtjr@inspireent.com doesn't go to your junk email and contact Shannon at that address if you don't see the cast list. 😊

Here are a few tips to help you prepare:

- Be early!
- Expect Your Best - Setting high standards for yourself will help you to perform well.
- Be Prepared - Take the time to understand what you're singing and show that you can perform! (Don't just sing!)
- Be Confident - Relax & believe in yourself, but demonstrate stage presence, & project your voice.
- Mistakes happen - If you make a mistake, do not apologize. Remember that others may not even notice a mistake, but if you point it out to them, they will know for sure.
- Come prepared to act! Prepare your piece well. Memorize your selection and practice it many times.
- Make eye contact!
- It's OK to be nervous - Don't worry about being nervous. Just about everyone is nervous. Do your best to smile and have a good time.

The Lion King Jr. Cast Breakdown

***Rafiki** a mysterious and wise mandrill

***Mufasa** a lion, king of the Pridelands, and Simba's father

***Scar** a lion, Mufasa's jealous brother

***Simba** the young cub now grown up; will become the king

***Nala** the young brave lioness now grown up

Zazu a hornbill, Mufasa's loyal yet fretful attendant

Timon a sarcastic, outgoing meerkat who lives in the jungle

Pumbaa a gentle, kind-hearted warthog and Timon's best friend

Banzai a scruffy hyena who serves Scar

Shenzi a tough hyena who serves Scar

Ed a dimwitted hyena who serves Scar

Young Simba a curious, eager lion who will one day be king

Young Nala a spunky, brave lioness and Simba's best friend

***Sarabi** a lioness, queen of the Pridelands, and Simba's mother

***Sarafina** a lioness, Nala's mother

If you are part of the **ENSEMBLE**, you will play several roles such as an **animal inhabitant** of the Pridelands (elephant, rhino, zebra, giraffe, buzzard, bird, and more), **wildebeests**, **lioness**, **grass**, or a **hyena**. Every role is important!

***Adult Characters:** You must be 11 or older to be considered for these roles.

Lines (all roles): See below...

Lines (all roles): Be prepared to act any of the following lines at auditions:

Banzai, Shenzi, Ed, Zazu, Young Simba

Shenzi: Well, well, well, Banzai. What have we got here?

Banzai: Hmmm...I don't know, Shenzi. What do you think, Ed?

Ed: Hee-hee-hee!

Banzai: Just what I was thinkin'. A trio of trespassers.

Zazu: A simple navigational error, let me assure you. We'll be leaving now.

Shenzi: Whoa! Wait...*(sniffs)* I know you. You're Mufasa's little stooge.

Zazu: I, madam, am the king's majordomo.

Shenzi: Looks more like the king's major dumbo. *(The hyenas cackle. Banzai approaches Simba.)*

Banzai: And that would make you...

Young Simba: The future king!

Shenzi: Do you know what we do to kings who step out of their kingdom?

Young Simba: Huh! You can't do anything to me!

Zazu: Er...technically they can. We are on their land.

Young Simba: But Zazu, you told me hyenas are nothing but slobbering, mangy, stupid poachers!

Banzai: Slobbering?

Shenzi: Mangy?

Banzai, Shenzi: And stupid?!?

Ed: Huh?

Zazu: Oh, my, my, my. Look at the sun. It's time to go!

Timon, Pumbaa, Simba, Nala

Pumbaa: She's gonna eeeeeeeeeeeeat meeeeeeeeeeeeeee!

Timon: Don't worry buddy! I'm here for you. Everything's going to be okay. Get her! Bite her head!
(Nala pins Simba to the ground)

Simba: Nala? Is it really you?

Nala: *(Standing and backing away.)* Who are you?

Simba: It's me—Simba.

Nala: Simba....? Simba!

Simba: What are you doing here?

Nala: What do you mean what am I doing here? What are you doing here?

Timon: Hey!!!! What's going on here?!?!?

Simba: Timon, this is Nala. She's my friend.

Timon: Friend?

Simba: Yeah. Nala, this is Pumbaa.

Pumbaa: Pleased to make your acquaintance.

Nala: The pleasure's all mine.

Timon: Whoa, whoa, whoa! Time out! Let me get this straight. You know her. She knows you. But she wants to eat us. And everybody's okay with this?

Simba: Relax, Timon!

Nala: I can't believe this! Everybody thinks you're dead.

Simba: They do?

Nala: Yes. Scar told us about the stampede.

Simba: He did? What else did he tell you?

Nala: What else matters? You're alive! And that means...you're the king!

Timon: "King!" Pffft! Lady, you have got your lions crossed!

Nala: No, he is the rightful king.

Pumbaa: The king! *(Moves respectfully toward Simba and bows.)* Your majesty...