

# FORT WAYNE CIVIC THEATRE - MUSICAL AUDITIONS

## ***THE CHRISTMAS SCHOONER***

***At the Arts United Center***

Director-David Belew, Asst. Director/Choreographer-Capri Parrish Williams, Music Director-Brandon Porter  
Stage Manager-Jennifer Beineke, Asst. Stage Manager: Nan Durant and Courtney L'Heureux

***The Christmas Schooner (the musical)***                      **November 6 – 21, 2021**                      **RATED G**

**(3 weekends: 10 perfs = 8 Gen. Perf. + ITW + PLU)** The whole family will enjoy this heart-warming story of the first Christmas tree ship and the family who risked their lives to fill Chicago with the Christmas spirit. This critically acclaimed musical features a powerfully moving story and an exquisite score of both original music and traditional holiday favorites. Based on the historic Great Lakes voyages of Christmas tree ships during the late 1800s and early 1900s, *The Christmas Schooner* tells the true story of a Michigan shipping captain who braves the deadly winter weather to bring Christmas trees to homesick German-American families in turn-of-the-century Chicago. A timely and stirring tale of love and loss, *The Christmas Schooner* reminds us of tradition, family, and responsibility.

**AUDITIONS:** Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at the Arts United Center, 303 E. Main St.    **TIME:** 6:00 p.m.  
**CALL BACKS:** Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:00-10:00 pm

**DUE TO THE COVID-19 RECOMMENDATIONS we will audition people in groups of 5 people at a time.**

**MUST SIGN UP:** You must attend auditions. SIGN UP by August 13<sup>th</sup> for a specific time slot (5 people per 15-minute time slots)  
Click on this link to sign up: [SignUpGeniusLink](#)

If you have questions or concerns, contact Eunice Wadewitz: 260-422-8641 x226/[ewadewitz@fwcivic.org](mailto:ewadewitz@fwcivic.org).

**REHEARSALS:**                      September 20-November 3 (7:00-10:00 pm) and if needed Sundays (2:00-6:00pm)

**TECH REHEARSAL:** Saturday, October 30 (12 noon-5:00 pm and 6:00-11:00pm)

**PERFORMANCES:** Thurs., Fri. & Sat. @ 7:30 pm and Sat. & Sun. @ 2:00 pm – November 4-21

**AUDITION FORM & PHOTO:** Please complete the audition form, which you can find where you sign up or at [fwcivic.org](http://fwcivic.org) Email your completed audition form to Eunice Wadewitz at: [ewadewitz@fwcivic.org](mailto:ewadewitz@fwcivic.org) AND, if possible, send a resume and your headshot photo (selfie) to Eunice Wadewitz as well. **It is very important that we have a list of ALL CONFLICTS at the time of the audition.**

**AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:** Prepare and memorize 60-90 seconds of a show tune similar in style to *The Christmas Schooner* or a song from the show that best shows off your vocal qualities and range. Be sure to bring piano/vocal sheet music that is clearly marked for the accompanist. Do not expect the pianist to transpose music. Pianist is provided.

**WHERE:** Auditions will be held at the Arts United Center at 303 East Main Street. Enter from the rear of the building, using the glass doors to the Green Room. Please arrive 15 minutes early to check in. If you didn't email your audition form and photo to Eunice in advance, bring it with you to give to the stage manager upon arrival.

**CAST OF CHARACTERS:** Must be age 7 or older and we encourage all ethnicities to audition.

**Karl Stossel:** A curious boy who admires his grandfather & father greatly and wants to grow up to be a sailor. Age: 8 to 11, Vocal range: G3-E5

**Gustav Stossel:** Peter's father, too proud to be part of the American landscape, and does not want to forget where he came from. He is a hardworking sailor, a wise, calm and kind man, but very stubborn. Age: 55 to 65, Vocal range: A2-E5

**Alma Stossel:** Peter's wife and Karl's mother. She is motherly and caring but very strong, and very proud to now call herself an American. She holds down the house while her husband is at sea. Age: 25 to 35, Vocal range: G3-F5

**Peter Stossel:** The quintessential husband, father, and son. He loves his family very much. Has a strong sense of obligation to the other immigrants who have been less fortunate than he has, which ultimately leads to his demise. A hardworking sailor. Age: 35 to 45, Vocal range: A2-E5

**Rudy:** The goofier of the two between himself and Oskar, he is also a skilled sailor who deeply respects Captain Stossel. Loves food and has a biting sarcasm. Age: 20 to 35, Vocal range: B2-G5

**Oskar:** A hotheaded, know-it-all with a big heart. He likes to pick fights with Gustav and is one part of a dynamic duo with Rudy. A sailor who deeply respects Captain Stossel. Age: 20 to 35, Vocal range: B2-G5

**Steve:** Although he is a man of indulgence, he is all business. Perhaps the most mature and most serious of Captain Stossel's three right-hand men. Has a deep respect for Peter and would probably be second in line to captain the schooner. Age: 35 to 45, Vocal range: B2-B4

**Karl Stossel:** The same boy as he was at 9, but stronger, more mature, and becoming a man like his father. Has a strong sense of obligation to honor his father's legacy following his death. Age: 13 to 17, Vocal range: C3-E5

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