## FORT WAYNE CIVIC THEATRE - MUSICAL AUDITIONS

## **ELF** the Musical

Director/Choreographer-Doug King, Music Director-Ben Wedler, Stage Manager-Brittney Koza, Asst. Stage Manager-Clarence Tennis

ELF the Musical November 5-20, 2022 RATED PG

(3 weekends: 10 Perfs. = 8 Gen. Perf. + ITW + PLU) ELF - A title known the world over, *Elf The Musical* is a must-produce holiday musical that can easily become an annual tradition for any theatre. Based on the cherished 2003 New Line Cinema hit, Elf features songs by Tony Award nominees, Matthew Sklar and Chad Beguelin (*Disney's Aladdin on Broadway, The Wedding Singer*), with a book by Tony Award winners, Thomas Meehan (*Annie, The Producers, Hairspray*) and Bob Martin (*The Drowsy Chaperone*). Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human, until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas. This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. ~ **Arts United Center Mainstage** 

**AUDITIONS:** Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Arts United Center, 303 E. Main St.

We will audition people in groups of 5 people every 15 minutes.

YOUTH AUDITIONS (ages 10-15): 6:00-7:30 p.m. ADULT AUDITIONS (ages 16 & up): 7:30-10:00 p.m.

CALL BACKS: Monday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00-10:00 pm

\*We recommend you wear a mask upon entering and when in the building, but it is currently not required. You may remove it to sing and dance. Mask may be required during the rehearsals and performances pending Allen County Health Dept., Indiana State Health Dept., CDC recommendations and/or at the request of the Civic Theatre.

<u>MUST SIGN UP</u>: You must attend auditions. SIGN UP **by August 19**<sup>th</sup> for a specific time slot (5 people per 15-minute time slots) <u>Click HERE to sign up.</u>

If you have questions or concerns, contact Phillip Colglazier: 260-422-8641 x225/pcolglazier@fwcivic.org

## Must be age 10 or older to audition. Seeking Tap Dancers, Rollerbladers as ensemble skills.

**REHEARSALS:** Mon.-Fri.; Sept. 19-Nov. 2 (7:00-10:00 pm) and possibly some Sundays (2:00-6:00pm) t.b.d. **TECH REHEARSAL:** Tech SATURDAY, Oct. 29<sup>th</sup> (12 noon to 5:00, dinner break 5-6, then continue 6:00-11:00pm)

**OFF SUNDAY NOV. 30:** Due to Halloween!

**DRESS REH:** Monday-Wednesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>-Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> (6:00-11:00pm)

ITW Performance: Thursday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup> (6:30pm Call/7:30 Curtain)

**SPONSOR PERF.:** Friday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup> (6:30pm Call/7:30 Curtain) Upstate Alliance of Realtors Performance

PLU PERF.: Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> (1:00pm Call/2:00 pm Curtain)

**PERFORMANCES:** Friday-Sundays, w/ Saturday matinees, 3 weeks, Mov. 5-20, 2022

Fri. & Sat. evenings (6:30pm Call/7:30 pm Curtain)

Saturday matinees and Sunday matinees (1:00pm Call/2:00pm Curtain)

<u>AUDITION FORM & PHOTO</u>: Please complete the audition form, which you can find where you sign up or at fwcivic.org, and email it back to Eunice Wadewitz at: <a href="mailto:ewadewitz@fwcivic.org">ewadewitz@fwcivic.org</a> with a HEADSHOT or SELFIE PHOTO OF YOU! It is very important that we have a list of ALL CONFLICTS at the time of the audition.

<u>AUDITION REQUIREMENTS:</u> Prepare and memorize 16-32 measures of a show tune similar in style to the show or a similar musical theatre selection that best shows off your vocal qualities and range. Be sure to bring piano/vocal sheet music for the accompanist. Do not expect the pianist to transpose music. Pianist is provided.

<u>WHERE:</u> 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: We encourage all ethnicities to audition. Cast Size: 30 Ages: 10 and up

**Buddy** - Born a human but raised at the North Pole as a Christmas Elf, Buddy is eager to find his place in the world. He is a child at heart and that child-like curiosity makes him both endearing and gets him into trouble. Age: 25 to 35 Vocal range: Ab2-C5 **Jovie** - Buddy's girlfriend. She works at Macy's and has a bit of a cynical outlook on life and love because of the men she's dated. She is caught off guard by Buddy's genuinely big heart. Age: 25 to 30 Vocal range: G3-D5

**Walter** - Buddy's workaholic father. He is a Children's book writer, but lacks any of the childlike spirit that Buddy has. He is selfish, tense, and generally angry with life. Age: 55 to 65 Vocal range: A2-G4

**Emily** - Walter's wife. Though she is sweet and willing to take him in, she thinks Buddy is crazy at first. Wishes her husband would spend more time with the family. Age: 40 to 50 Vocal range: F3-Eb5

**Michael** - Buddy's stepbrother who is excited to have a new friend and brother. Unlike his mother, he doesn't take much convincing to have Christmas spirit, but like his mother, he wishes his father would spend more time with the family. Age: 12 to 16 Vocal range: F3-G5 **Deb** - Walter's secretary. Takes an instant liking to Buddy simply for the novelty of it. Though she aims to please and is a bit of a suck-up, she feels under appreciated. Age: 25 to 55 Vocal range: D4-Eb5

**Manager**-A heavy-set manager at Macy's. He is a good, friendly guy just trying to do his job and get by. Age: 35 to 40 Vocal range: B2-F#4 **Greenway** - Walter's boss. He is what Walter will become if he continues down the path he is on. A tyrannical, workaholic who cares nothing about the people around him or who work for him. Age: 55 to 65

**Santa** - Just another workingman. Loves his job and Christmas, but also likes to kick-back and watch the game when a rare opportunity arises. A natural storyteller. Age: 65 to 80 Vocal range: A2-E4

Chadwick - One of Walter's right-hand men. He is desperate to keep his job, and perhaps the dumber of the two. Age: 40 to 50 Matthews - One of Walter's right-hand men. He is desperate to keep his job and is the schemer of the two. Age: 35 to 40 Adult Ensemble - Mrs. Claus, Elves, Charlie, Shwanda, Mr. Narwhal, Teenager, Employees, Security Guard 1&2, Customer 1&2, Saleswoman, Store Elf 1&2, Fake Santa 1&2&3, Boy, Mother, Policeman 1&2, Sarah, Jim, Vendor, Waitress, Charlotte, Man, Woman Children Ensemble - ages 10+ (total of 10-12 kids)