

# Jungle Book The Musical

## Rehearsals and Season

Jungle Book The Musical will rehearse on Monday and Wednesdays from 7:00pm – 9:30pm, and Sundays from 12:00pm – 4:00pm.

The season will run from the 14<sup>th</sup> of December – 18<sup>th</sup> of January, with shows on Saturdays, Sundays and the first week of the December school holidays.



## Audition Requirements

Auditions will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of October in hour long slots. Each audition will be in groups with up to 10 people per group.

As Jungle Book is a very physical show, the emphasis on the audition will be on your physicalisation and how you can develop movements for a character that is an animal.

We would like you to prepare the first verse and chorus of a song which not only shows your vocal range and capacity as a performer, but which suits that character that you're auditioning for. If you're auditioning for a monkey, is there a song that's a bit cheeky and mischievous? Or are you a bit more reserved, like the elephants? These are just small things to think about.

At the audition there will be a movement and dance sequence taught and you will also be asked to do a cold read of the script. Each of these tasks are opportunities for you to show the creative team how well you can create a character and their world through movement.

## Characters

**Mowgli (MALE):** Mowgli is the main character in the play who, as a child, is taken from his village by Shere Khan and rescued by a Wolf Pack who treat him as their own. Nicknamed 'Little Frog' by Mother Wolf, Mowgli meets Bagheera and Baloo, who look after the young man cub and help bring Mowgli back to life whenever he gets lost in this imagination. Mowgli is a brave, kind-hearted young boy who honors the law of the Jungle and respects the jungle traditions. Mowgli is the only character in the show that does not sing.

**Baloo (MALE):** Baloo is a lazy large brown bear who has an enormous heart and loves to open honey combs. He is one of Mowgli's teachers and his number one protector in the jungle.



**Bagheera (FEMALE):** Bagheera is a black panther who is another one of Mowgli's teachers and loves the man-cub dearly, even though she doesn't always show it.

**Shere Khan (MALE):** Shere Khan is an aggressive and extremely predatory tiger who is disrespectful of the Jungle Laws regarding killing and an innate troublemaker. He stole Mowgli from a village on the outskirts of the jungle and hasn't stopped trying to hunt him down since.

**Kaa: (FEMALE):** Kaa is an elegant, graceful giant python who is great friends with Bagheera and Baloo. At first, she picks on Mowgli but soon grows to love him.

**King Louis (MALE/FEMALE):** King Louie is a very bold and proud orangutan who wants to become more human. He is never taken too seriously and likes to be waited on.

**The Monkey Ensemble (MALE/FEMALE):** The monkeys are very cheeky and mischievous. They like to be very loud, have lots of fun and don't always follow King Louis's orders.

**Colonel Hathi (MALE):** Hathi the elephant is the King of the Jungle and a wise, inspiring leader. He is the voice of authority in the jungle as there is no force as destructive as Hathi when injured or angry.

**The Elephant Ensemble (MALE/FEMALE):** The elephants obey Hathi's every word, as they're too scared to do otherwise. They're loyal and hardworking and don't get along with the monkeys.