

## **2024 California Thespians Opening Number / Festival Finale Audition Information**

We are so excited to have you audition for the 2023-2024 Thespian Festival Opening Number and/or Festival Finale.

We want you to bring your personality, style, and talent to these auditions. The creative team for both pieces will be reviewing all submissions.

If you are only auditioning for the OPENING NUMBER – MAGIC HAPPENS you only need to complete and submit the dance audition component. Sarah Kobayashi has given you an accessible routine to use and show us your talent.

If you are auditioning for FESTIVAL FINALE – WICKED: A CELEBRATION OF 20 YEARS OF DEFYING GRAVITY. You should submit the dance audition Sarah provided. Allison Leo the director/choreographer and Sarah consulted on this combo and will use it to make casting choices. You also need to pick the vocal part that best suits your voice from the options of music provided and record and submit that. Finally, we would like to have you select one of the reading options from the show and perform that as well. You do not have to memorize this, but we want to see your personality.

***We aren't looking for copies of these shows! We want to see YOU performing this material to the best of your ability and bringing your personality and talent to it.***

More info on what we are creating is below.

We thank you for your time and talent and look forward to seeing your auditions!

***Sarah Kobayashi, Allison Leo, Jason Yarcho & Jason Daunter  
2024 California Thespians Opening/Finale Artistic Team***

**Opening Number - Magic Happens!** The 2024 California State Thespian Festival Opening Number will be a choreographed dance to Magic Happens from Disney's Magic Happens parade. Sarah Kobayashi the choreographer of the Disneyland Parade will be directing and choreographing our '24 Festival Opening Number. For 100 years the Walt Disney Company has celebrated magic, self-acceptance, and believing in a dream. We can think of no better way to open the 2024 California Thespian Festival than with this celebration of the power of believing in yourself.

### **Festival Finale - Wicked: A celebration of 20 years of 'Defying Gravity!'**

In celebration of Wicked's 20-year anniversary on Broadway, California Thespians will be tributing this Broadway Blockbuster with a one-of-a-kind experience. Jason Daunter, Allison Leo, and Jason Yarcho (all with ties to the Broadway and National touring companies of *Wicked*) are creating something unique that will defy gravity. *Wicked* continues to amaze audiences with its message of friendship, daring to be yourself, and standing for what you believe in. We look forward to showcasing California's finest with some of Stephen Schwartz's greatest music.