

Audition Packet “Finding Nemo Kids.”

The Audition Process

1. Read through this packet COMPLETELY.
2. Practice the attached songs & dialogue that corresponds with your group of characters.
3. You may choose to audition for two of the 4 character groups A, B, C, or D
Auditioning for a group does not guarantee that you will be chosen for that group.
4. All auditions will take place in the music room.
5. Audition date is WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17th
6. **Bring your audition form filled out to your audition.**
7. Everyone will receive a part in the show.
8. All students are required to audition. If a student does not want to be considered for a major role in the musical, they may sing “Happy Birthday” for their audition. They will then be casted as ensemble.
11. Audition results will be posted on Friday, January 19th
13. Have Fun and Break-a-Leg!!!

“Finding Nemo Kids”

Based on the beloved animated film of the same name, Finding Nemo JR. tells the tale of an adventurous fish named Nemo who finds himself out on his own for the first time ever. As his overprotective father, Marlin, searches frantically for his son, he winds up on a life-changing journey of his own, discovering that the best way to hold onto someone you love is ultimately to let them go, even a little. Nemo, Marlin, Dory, Bruce, Gill, Crush, and many other charismatic creatures fill this bubbly story in this musical stage adaptation.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

- Marlin - a good clownfish father who wants what’s best for his son. Throughout the play, he learns to “go with the flow” and trust in others
- Pearl - an excitable octopus student in Nemo’s class
- Sheldon - an H2O intolerant seahorse student in Nemo’s class with an appetite for trouble
- Tad - an obnoxious butterflyfish student in Nemo’s class
- Parents of Pearl, Sheldon, and Ray - Marlin’s peers who are experts at the first day of school, trying to put him at ease.
- Professor Ray - Nemo’s teacher, a wise manta ray who loves his job
- Dory - a blue tang with short term memory loss who helps Marlin find Nemo

- Bruce - a shark who's finding it hard to stay vegetarian; the leader of the friend group
- Chum - a shark in Bruce's program. He's trying his best, but his best isn't that great; the brawns of the friend group
- Anchor - a shark in Bruce's program. A loyal and devout vegetarian; the brains of the friend group
- Bubbles - a friendly yellow tang who loves bubbles
- Bloat - an open-minded and supportive blowfish
- Gurgle - a nervous royal gramma fish who values order and cleanliness
- Peach - a starfish who offers guidance and reassurance
- Gill - the leader of the Tank Gang who will stop at nothing to return to the ocean
- Nigel, Spirit, Tiller, and Job – a knowledgeable pod of pelicans, the show's narrators who convey the story of the show to the audience
- Crush - a laid-back, 150-year-old sea turtle
- Kai - Crush's friend who's rambunctious and playful Breeze - Crush's friend who's chill and zen
- Squirt - Crush's fearless kid
- Scuba Diver Dancer - floats the diver's mask that leads Dory and Marlin to Nemo
- Featured Ensemble - includes jellyfish, moonfish, lobsters, octopuses, lobsters, sharks, turtles, and more!

Common Questions:

- 1) What should I bring to my audition?
 - a. Audition form filled out. You may also bring your audition materials.
- 2) What version of the song should I use for the auditions?
 - a. For the auditions you must sing with the accompaniment only.
- 3) Do I need to memorize my audition materials?

- a. No. You will not be judged on memorization. But memorizing does help you get into character.

4) How can I have a good audition?

- a. Speak/sing with expression
- b. Practice so you don't stare at the paper for the words
- c. Look out to the audience when you sing
- d. Use gestures with your body, hands, arms, head, eyes, etc.
- e. Act confident-pretend that you are not nervous or afraid to be on stage.
- f. Research the show through videos or recordings to get a better idea of how the character sings and speaks.

5) What does the audition committee look for when assigning roles to students?

- a. Ability to sing and/or sell a song to an audience on your own
- b. Ability to act
- c. Ability to speak clearly and with volume
- d. Behavior at auditions: follows directions, respectful of others auditioning, etc.

Song Options:

Big Blue World (Part 2): Measures 11 thru 26

In the big blue world,
We're gonna go explore.
In the big blue world,
We've never seen before.
So many creatures swimmin' 'round the sea.
In the big blue world, And all of them are waiting for me.

Just Keep Swimming (Part 1): Measures 39 to 56

Just keep swimming, just keep swimming.
Ev'rything's will be okay! See?
Just keep swimming, move your tail and sure enough you'll find your way!
Oh, sometimes things look bad.
Then, poof! The moment is gone!
And what do we do?
We just keep swimming on!
To P. Sherman, forty-two Wallaby Way, Sydney!

Group A Characters:

You will be considered for the following roles: Nemo, Marlin, Dory, All Pelicans, All Sharks, All Speaking Sea Turtles, All Tank Fish

Required singing:

1. "Just Keep Swimming"

Required Dialogue: SEE NEXT PAGES AND FIND THE PAGE FOR THE CHARACTER YOU'RE INTERESTED IN

Nemo + Marlin

AUDITION SIDE – Nemo, Marlin
from *Finding Nemo KIDS*

NEMO

C'mon, Dad!

(MARLIN follows NEMO.)

MARLIN

Slow down, Nemo!

NEMO

Woohoo! First day of school! First day of school!

(NEMO spies the other kids playing.)

Can I go play? Please, Dad?

MARLIN

Hang on a minute; let me ask the other parents where you're supposed to be.

(to TAD, SHELDON, and PEARL's PARENTS)

Excuse me, is this where we meet the teacher?

Dory

**AUDITION SIDE – Dory, Marlin
from *Finding Nemo* KIDS**

(MARLIN follows DORY all around the stage. After a few moments, she gets suspicious when she notices someone following her.)

DORY

Do you MIND?

(MARLIN, confused, catches up to DORY.)

MARLIN

What?

DORY

I'm trying to swim here!

MARLIN

But... we're trying to find Nemo. You were showing me which way the boat went!

DORY

A boat! I've seen a boat! Follow me!

(DORY takes a big breath and begins to swim again.)

DORY

LA LA LA LA LA...

MARLIN

(interrupting)

No! We already did this!

DORY

We did? Oh dear. I have short-term memory loss. I forget things almost instantly. It runs in my family... or at least, I think it does. ...Where is my family?

(DORY forgets who MARLIN is again.)

...Can I help you?

MARLIN

Ugh!! You're wasting my time. I have to find my kid!

DORY

Meeko?

MARLIN

Nemo!

TanK Fish

AUDITION SIDE – Nemo, Gill, Bloat, Gurgle, Peach, Bubbles
from *Finding Nemo KIDS*

NEMO

How am I going to get out of here?

(GILL, who has been listening the whole time, emerges from behind a plant.)

GILL

Nemo...

NEMO

Who are you?

GILL

The name's Gill. I've been watching you, and you're small enough to break us free.

BLOAT

(to NEMO)

Gill here is always cooking up new ways to try and bust us out of the aquarium.

GURGLE

(worried)

A real risk-taker!

GILL

The ocean is where we belong! We can all get out of here, if you listen to me.

PEACH

What do you have in mind this time?

GILL

The intake pipe. It leads directly to the ocean.

GURGLE

But that pipe pumps water into the tank. There's no way we can swim against that current!

BLOAT

Unless the pump was off.

GILL

Exactly. That's why Nemo here is the key.

Script: Dory**Sharks**

AUDITION SIDE – Bruce, Dory, Marlin, Chum, Anchor
from *Finding Nemo KIDS*

BRUCE

Hello!

DORY

Well, hi there, sharks!

BRUCE

Name's Bruce.

DORY

I'm Dory! And this is...

MARLIN

You don't need to know. I'm nobody, really. I was just leaving—

(MARLIN attempts to swim away but CHUM blocks his path.)

CHUM

Looks like you've stumbled upon a little party we're havin'.

MARLIN

Oh, sorry. We'll just be on our way!

(He again tries to swim away. This time, ANCHOR blocks his path and flashes their teeth.)

Okay, I guess we could stay for a little while.

(A frenzy of SHARKS enters.)

ANCHOR

Ah, the gang's all here! Welcome to the party, mates!

Turtles

**AUDITION SIDE – Crush, Marlin, Dory
from *Finding Nemo KIDS***

(MARLIN is asleep. CRUSH, a large sea turtle, wakes him.)

CRUSH

Dude... Dude???

MARLIN

(woozy)

What happened?

CRUSH

He lives! You took on the jellies, mini-man. Ya saved little blue!

MARLIN

Little blue?! Dory! Is she okay?

(DORY enters playing with the SEA TURTLE KIDS.)

DORY

Catch me if you can!

MARLIN

(swimming frantically in circles)

Dory! Wait! We've gotta get out of here! We've gotta get to Sydney! Where are we?

CRUSH

You're on your way, Jellyman. You're riding the East Australian Current!

Group B/ Characters:

You will be considered for the following roles: Fish kids at school, non speaking turtles, general ensemble, mask dancer

Required singing

1. "BIG BLUE WORLD"