Come From Away Audition Pack



Audition Date - WEDNESDAY 16TH JULY from 7PM Call backs / 2nd Audition Date - SUNDAY 20th JULY from 10:30am. Where - The Forum Theatre, Romiley

THE PLOT

Come From Away is a heart warming musical based on the extraordinary true story of what transpired when 38 planes were ordered to land unexpectedly in Gander, Newfoundland, on September 11, 2001. With the small towns population of 9000 swelling by nearly 7000 stranded airline passengers, the residents of Gander opened their hearts and homes, welcoming 'plane people' with warmth and kindness. The musical highlights themes of community, resilience, and compassion, showcasing the profound connections formed between the locals and the passengers during a time of crisis. As they navigate fear, uncertainty, and cultural differences, both groups discover the transformative power of empathy and human connection. With a dynamic score and uplifting storytelling, "Come From Away" celebrates the spirit of togetherness in the face of adversity, truly proving that love can prevail even in the darkest times.

OUR HOPE

As we embark on this journey with "Come From Away," my hope, along with that of our dedicated crew, is to assemble a well-rounded cast that can work as a team and embodies the spirit of collaboration. Together, we aim to create a truly special experience that resonates with everyone involved.

I want each member of the cast, crew, and audience to feel every moment of this powerful musical, leaving with a deeper sense of connection to one another and the world around us—just as I did when I first experienced it.

I am extremely excited to welcome you all to the audition process and wish you the best of luck! Hannah

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director / Choreographer - Hannah Thomas MD - Tom Guest Assisted by - Amy Earith, Scott Mitchell & Tom Leonard

Rehearsal Days - Thursday & Sunday, with Monday's nearer the time if needed.

- This is a show that requires true team effort and commitment, if absence was to become an issue, you would unfortunately be re-cast.

- There will be a maximum show fee of £50 (non- refundable)

- There will be Photography/Videography throughout the rehearsal process with dedicated promo days.

- You will be required your base costume.

- It must be understand that only respect for cast and crew will be accepted; any form of disrespect will lead to your replacement.

What to expect on your Audition Day

When you arrive at The Forum in Romiley Precinct, if the main doors are open, please make your way up the stairs, across the bridge, and into the foyer to wait. If the doors are locked for safety reasons, don't worry—someone will be there to let you in. Whilst you wait, you will be sent the link to an audition form that you will fill in and submit.

We will kick off the audition with a group movement session featuring "Welcome to the Rock." It's a good idea to familiarise yourself with this song, as you will also be singing it.

After the group session, each individual will have the opportunity to sing for the roles they are interested in. Please note that these auditions will be filmed solely for deliberation purposes.

Once you've completed your audition, you are free to leave. We will send out invitations for the second audition/callback on Sunday, July 20th, starting at 10:30 AM. If you do not receive an invitation for this, unfortunately, it means you will not be cast in this particular production. We hope you understand that due to the small cast size, there will be lots of hard decisions for us to make. We encourage you to keep performing and not to be discouraged!

Characters and Audition Material

Below, you'll find a list of available roles along with a brief description of each character, vocal requirements, and which song(s) to prepare. Additionally, you'll have access to the score and a backing track to assist you.

FOLLOW THE LINK FOR ALL AUDITION RESOURCES (copy & paste into your search engine, any problems please just drop me an email <u>hannah@nktheatrearts.org.uk</u> and ill get it sorted for you) https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-PP2Swu-0XYTeZSu0BjJ-ZuD-G4IDW2u?usp=drive_link

For futher information please contact hannah@nktheatrearts.org.uk

Characters

Female

Islander locals are listed in blue, 'come from aways' listed in black.

<u>BONNIE</u>: A no-nonsense mother of 3, Bonnie is the head of the Gander area SPCA. When she discovers animals are trapped on the planes, she stops at nothing to ensure their safety - but in frustration, she often lashes out at those around her. (30-40's) *(Secondary roles: Martha)*

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Vocal notes: Mezzo with belt up to B

Audition Song: Something's Missing , Welcome to the Rock

<u>BEULAH</u>: The head of the Gander Legion, with a firefighter son, who walks Hannah to her church and prays with her. (40-60's) (Secondary roles: Delores) Vocal notes: Mezzo with belt up to B Audition Song 'My Heart Will Go On' (acapella) Something's Missing and Welcome to the Rock (Page 8)

JANICE: An eager new local TV reporter, Janice is thrown into the deep end on her first day.Initially naïve about the world, Janice must face the pain and confusion around her. (20 yrs old)Come From AwayNK THEATRE ARTSMarch 2025

(Secondary roles: Britney, Flight Attendant) Vocal notes: Contemporary Soprano with strong pop belt and mix up to E Audition Song: Something's Missing, Welcome to the Rock

<u>BEVERLEY</u>: The first female captain for American Airlines, Pilot Beverley Bass has always loved flying, when her world suddenly changes. (50's) Also plays ANNETTE: A local teacher at the Gander Academy and mother to a lot of children. (40-60's)

(Secondary role: Reporter)

Vocal notes: Strong Mezzo, with an easy mixed and belted C# Audition Song: Me and the Sky ,Welcome to the Rock

<u>DIANE</u>: A traditional divorcee from Texas, who is terrified that her son may have been flying at the time of the attacks. When she finds out that he's safe, she's given a new lease on life and discovers a wilder, more carefree side of herself. (50s).

(Secondary roles: Crystal and Brenda)

Vocal notes: Warm, natural contemporary Soprano with strong mix up to D Audition Song: Stop The World

<u>HANNAH</u>: the mother of a firefighter in Manhattan. Hannah waits for news about her son and is comforted by Beulah. (40-60's) *(Secondary roles: Margie, Mickey)* Vocal notes: Contemporary Soprano with strong pop belt and mix up to E Audition Song: I Am Here

Characters

Male

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<u>CLAUDE</u>: The gregarious and well-liked Mayor of Gander, Newfoundland, Claude loves his work, the townspeople and his daily traditions, but he's never had to deal with a crisis of this magnitude before. (40-60's)

(Secondary roles: Derm, Brenda's Brother, Eddie) Vocal notes: Gruff, natural sounding Baritone with a strong high G. Audition Song: Screech In ,Welcome to the Rock

<u>OZ</u>: The quirky constable in the two-person Gander police force. When the town's population suddenly doubles, Oz helps out in unexpected ways. (30-50's) (Secondary roles: Joey, Customs Officer, Mr Michaels, Terry, Matty, Rabbi, Head Cardiologist) Vocal notes: Strong contemporary Tenor up to G. Audition Song: Prayer, Welcome to the Rock

<u>NICK</u>: An English oil engineer who is focused on his work, Nick's life is turned upside down when he falls for Diane. (50's)

Also Plays DOUG: An Air Traffic Controller, married to Bonnie, who tries to help his wife and the animals. (30-40's)

(Secondary roles: Officer Stephenson, Male Townsperson) Vocal notes: Warm, natural Baritone or Baritenor with an easy E and strong pop sensibility. Audition Song: Stop The World, welcome to the rock

<u>KEVIN T</u>: The head of an environmental energy company in Los Angeles, Kevin was on vacation with his boyfriend (and secretary, also named Kevin), when they are stranded in Gander. Inspired by the town's generosity, Kevin creates the Pay It Forward Foundation. (30-50's) *Also plays GARTH: The head of the local union, representing the Bus Drivers. (30-50's) (Secondary roles: President Bush)* Vocal notes: Strong contemporary Tenor up to G.

Audition Song: Costume Party , Prayer , welcome to the rock

<u>KEVIN J</u>: Kevin's boyfriend and secretary. Sarcastic and unhappy, he wants to leave as soon as possible. (30-50s) *Also plays ALI: A devoted muslim misunderstood by those around him. (Secondary role: Dwight)* Vocal notes: Tenor or Baritenor. Audition Song: Costume Party, Welcome to the Rock

<u>BOB</u>: A hardened New Yorker, Bob is suspicious of where he's landed, fearing that it's World War III, that someone's going to shoot him and steal his wallet – but instead, he ends up losing his New York jadedness. (20-40's) *(Secondary roles: Muhumuza, Captain Bristol)* Vocal notes: Baritone. Audition Song: Somewhere in the Middle of Nowhere, Welcome to the Rock

Piano/Conductor

Something's Missing



Music & Lyrics by IRENE SANKOFF & DAVID HEIN

Arrangements by IAN EISENDRATH

Orchestrations by AUGUST ERIKSMOEN

3/18/17

Audition piece for Bonnie, Janice and Beulah. Track: 4 bars of 6/8 intro. Sing ALL parts.









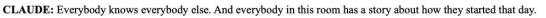
Welcome To The Rock

Audition piece for Claude

Piano/Conductor

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#1. Welcome to The Rock...3/8/17







Audition piece for Bonnie, Beulah, Janice. 2 bars introduction. Sing all parts.

Welcome To The Rock

Continued



Piano/Conductor

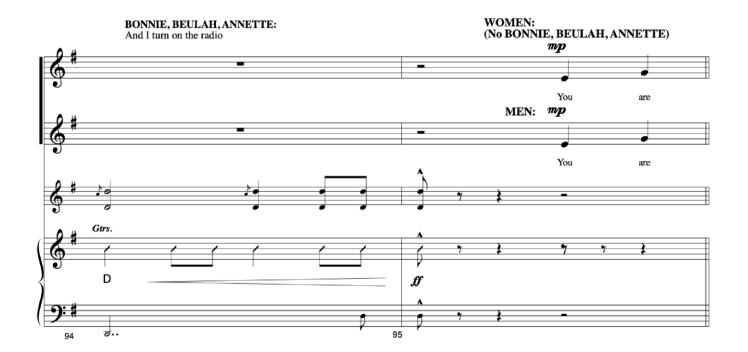


Piano/Conductor



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8 bars (in 2) rest and then.



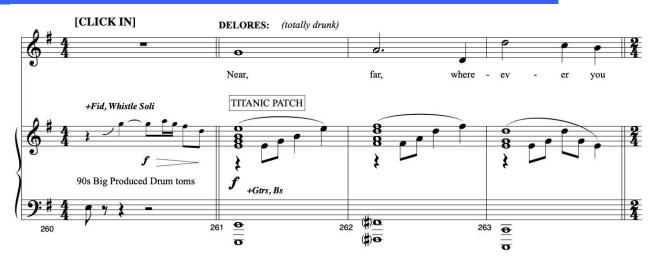
Come From Away





Wherever You Are

(Titanic Snippet) Audition piece for Beulah (as Dolores) 1 bar intro: Looking for top note belt on *"ever"*





Audition piece for Beverley.

3 Bars intro (12 beats)

Me And The Sky



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In this number In 2 parts S: Singer 1, 2 In 3 parts [CLICK IN] SI: Singer 2 SII: Singer 1, 5 A: Singer 3, 4 Country Folk = 136 [NO PRE-CLICKS] A: Singer 3, 4, 5 Vamp - vocal last x **BEVERLEY:**) thought My par-ents must have they had a cra-zy kid. PIANO Mando (Ac Gtr) Gb2 2 3 'Cause of those kids I was one Db/F 5

























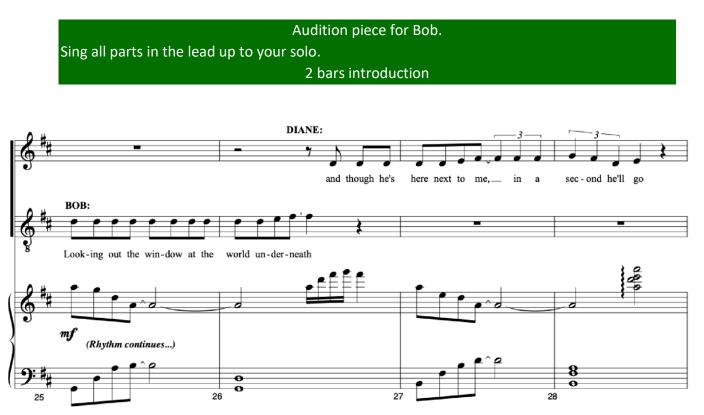








Somewhere In The Middle Of Nowhere

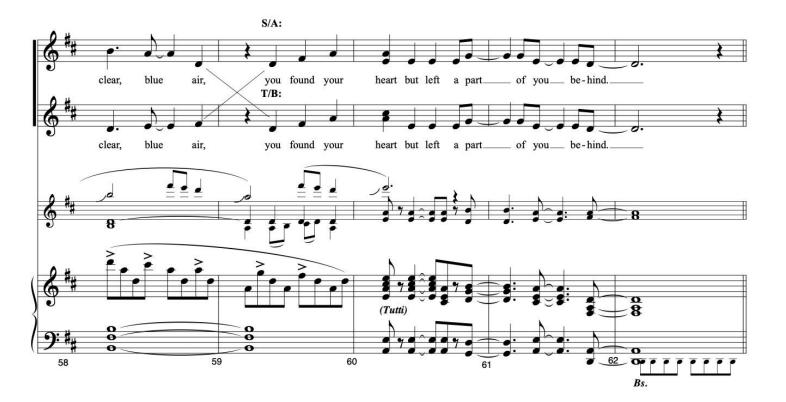












Stop The World



2/10/17

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[SEGUE AS ONE]



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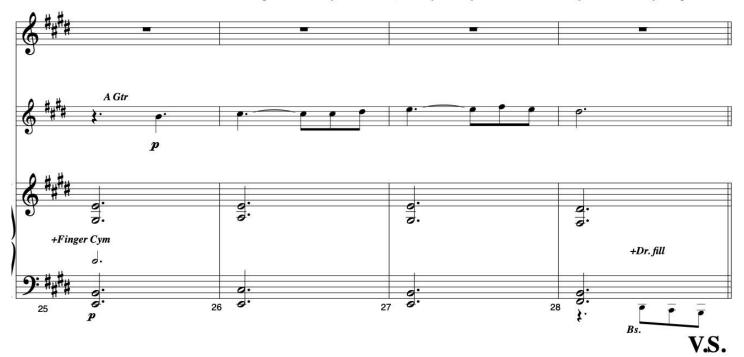
Audition for Nick and Diane.





NICK: Huh. DIANE: But a little piece of them was left behind. (A pause as they take it in. Nick lifts his camera, pointing it at Diane.)

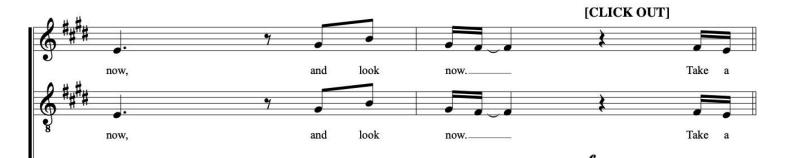
DIANE: I should move. You're missing all the scenery- NICK: No, no. Stay where you are. DIANE: Really? NICK: Really. It's perfect.

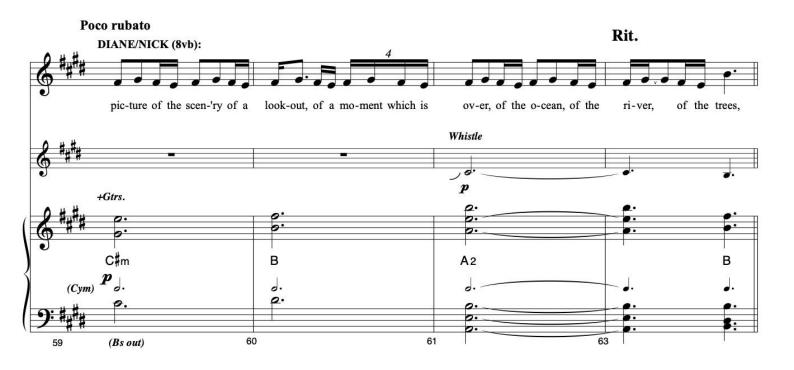


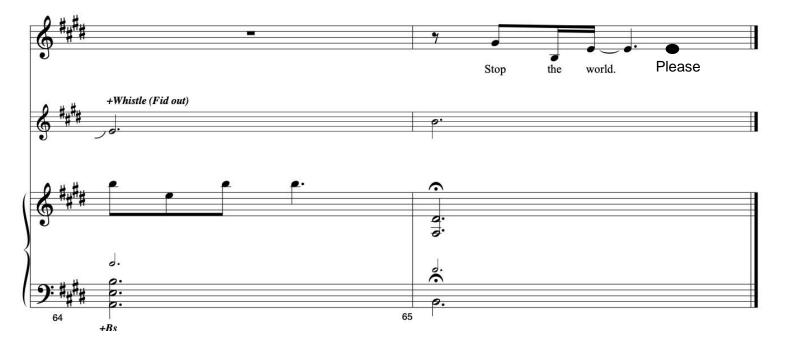






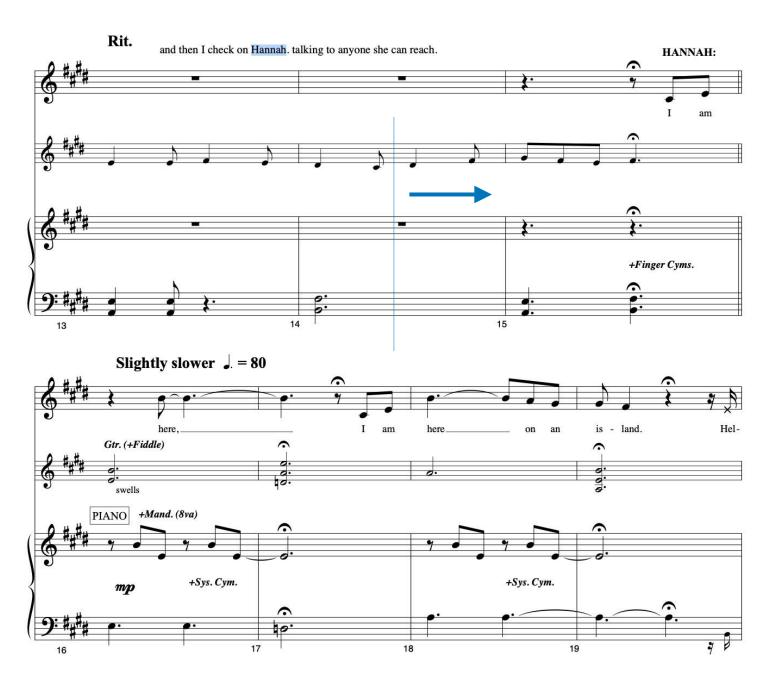






I Am Here

Audition for Hannah

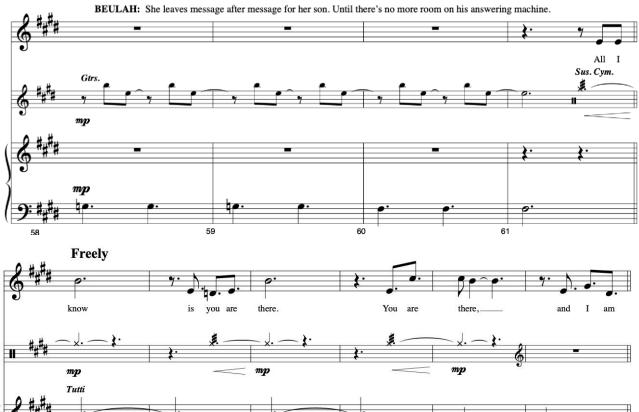










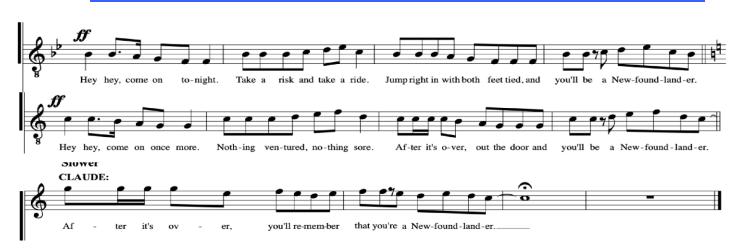






Screech In

Sing all named parts 2 bars introduction



Piano/Conductor

Prayer

2/10/17

Sing part marked for Rabbi. Kevin T - Sing from start

Audition for Oz

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Gently = 98 [2 PRE-CLICKS]







Costume Party

