

DSA AUDITION INFORMATION 2025-26



CAROLINAS MUSIC & ARTS

LIGHTS UP! ACTING

Please read the following instructions carefully:

Please prepare the monologue found on the following page. The script must be fully memorized.

You will be evaluated in the following areas:

- **PROJECTION & CLARITY:** Ability to speak loudly, clearly, and with presence.
- **EXPRESSION:** Expressive face and body with appropriate vocal inflection.
- **CHARACTER:** A developed character that is interesting to watch and appropriate to the piece.
- **USE OF STAGE:** Using space purposefully and with conviction. Knowledge of stage directions.
- **MEMORIZATION:** How well the monologue is learned, and ability to carry on when a mistake is made without breaking character.
- **CONFIDENCE & CONNECTION:** A strong stage presence. The "believability" factor - ability to make the audience believe you ARE the character and IN the moment.



LIGHTS UP!
CAROLINAS YOUTH CREATIVE ARTS

LIGHTS UP! AUDITIONS

Lights Up! is the Carolinas divisional youth creative arts ensemble for advanced actors and dancers. They perform at Youth Councils and other events. **Those wishing to audition for *Lights Up!* must perform the provided monologue and will also need to complete the application form found on the following pages.** You can submit this in person at your audition or email your completed form to caitlin.jackson@uss.salvationarmy.org.

If you have any questions, please contact Caitlin Jackson

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AUDITION MONOLOGUE

Because You Are Young

by Chris Stoker, adapted by Caitlin Jackson

A senior soldier has just been asked to give their testimony. Frustration is apparent from the very beginning.

What am I going to do? I don't even know what *that word* really means, except they use it in court cases...and that's serious. My mom watches Law & Order, so if they use it in court cases one of two things is going to happen. You are going to jail, or you get whacked because you opened your mouth.

I am (**say age**) years old. That's far too young to know anything about anything as far as the pulpit is concerned. But I'm supposed to give my testimony. This is what happens when you sign up for Senior Soldier classes. You learn about all 11 doctors, and you read articles about war and then you give your testimony.

My mom says it's not that big of a deal. Just say what "God has done in my life". We'd be better off watching concrete dry or watching grass grow. I AM BORING.

It's not like I'm a modern-day bible hero. I've never had a crazy dream or heard a voice from a burning bush. Nobody ever sang a song that goes "Dare to be a (**insert your name here and sing to the tune of 'Dare to be a Daniel'.**)"

(**having an idea**) I could always try the random bible verse method. I think that's how they pick the scripture every Sunday anyway.

Ahh. Here we go. Judges 1:7. "Then Adoni-Bezek said, "Seventy kings with their thumbs and big toes cut off have picked up scraps under my table. Now God has paid me back for what I did to them." (**Beat**). Ok. Maybe another verse.

Hosea 1:2 "When the LORD began to speak through Hosea, the LORD said to him, "Go, take to yourself an adulterous wife and children of unfaithfulness, because the land is guilty of the vilest adultery in departing from the LORD." Nope.

Let's look at one more... I think this one might work... 1 Timothy 4:12. "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

Mimes writing down the verse and getting lost in thought for a few seconds. Folds up papers, delivers this last line as if it is the opening of the testimony.

"Good morning, everybody. I'll be honest with you...I don't think there's much about my story that's very spectacular...or even interesting. But I don't think this testimony should focus on a boring past. So let's talk about my future..."

Blackout.

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LIGHTS UP! APPLICATION FORM

You are the light of the world...In the same way let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. - Matthew 5:14-16



Lights Up! is the Divisional Creative Arts Ensemble for the North and South Carolina Division. This ensemble is made up of talented youth in the areas of acting and dance for the purpose of worshipping our God and ministering to His people. Membership is by audition, application, and with the approval of the Corps Officer, Divisional Creative Arts Director, and the Divisional Music and Arts Director.

Please complete the following application and submit it to Caitlin Jackson either in person or scan and send it to caitlin.jackson@uss.salvationarmy.org

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

CORPS: _____

Please circle: ACTOR DANCER BOTH

WHY ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BEING A MEMBER OF *LIGHTS UP!* ?

PLEASE OUTLINE YOUR DANCE/ACTING EXPERIENCE.

DESCRIBE YOUR INVOLVEMENT IN YOUR CORPS AND THE DIVISION.

HOW DO YOU THINK *LIGHTS UP!* CAN MAKE AN IMPACT IN PEOPLE'S LIVES?

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WHERE ARE YOU IN YOUR WALK WITH CHRIST?

HOW DO YOU FEEL BEING PART OF *LIGHTS UP!* WILL HELP YOU GROW SPIRITUALLY/ARTISTICALLY?

TO PARTICIPATE IN LIGHTS UP! FOR THE 2024-25 SEASON YOU MUST BE COMMITTED TO ATTENDING ALL REHEARSALS. PLEASE CHECK THE BOXES BELOW TO CONFIRM YOU CAN COMMIT TO ALL OF THE FOLLOWING DSA/YOUTH COUNCILS DATES:

- ☐ September 12-13, 2025
- ☐ October 24-25, 2025
- ☐ November 14-15, 2025 (*YC Ensembles only*)
- ☐ January 23-24, 2026
- ☐ February 20-21, 2026
- ☐ March 20-21, 2026
- ☐ March 27-28, 2026 (*YC Ensembles Rehearsal*)
- ☐ April 10-12, 2026 (*Youth Councils*)
- ☐ April 24-25, 2026 (*Spring Worship Arts Festival*)

Signed: _____

Date: _____