



Grand Rapids Civic Theatre is holding auditions for *Dear Evan Hansen* Friday, August 14-Sunday, August 16 based on the schedule below. Auditions are open to the public. Civic is seeking 10-15 volunteer actors, ages 16-55 to build a company of performers who are strong storytellers, thoughtful collaborators, joyful artists, and dependable community builders.

Please note: *Annie*, *A Chorus Line*, and *Dear Evan Hansen* initial auditions will all be held TOGETHER, with separate callbacks on the Saturday, August 22. Actors should indicate their level of interest for each show on their online audition form. Actors under the age of 16 will ONLY be eligible for *Annie*, and should only sign up for the “orphan” audition times.

SHOW INFORMATION

Rehearsals begin December 9, 2026 with a significant Holiday Break from December 19-January 3.

Performance Dates are February 19-March 7, 2026. Performance times are: Wednesdays-Saturdays at 7:30pm; Sundays at 2pm with one daytime school performance on Tuesday, March 3.

Seventeen-year-old Evan Hansen has felt invisible his entire life. But when a tragedy shocks his community and thrusts him into the center of a rapidly evolving controversy, Evan is given the opportunity of a lifetime: the chance to be somebody else. As his web of well-intentioned lies begins to unravel, though, Evan is forced to confront the fact that the price of belonging may be far steeper than he bargained for.

RATED:PG-13 thematic elements, moderate language, reference to smoking, and some sexual references

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director: Eric Hand

Music Director: Scott Patrick Bell

Choreographer: Amy Wilson

Stage Manager: Breanne Blackwell

Assistant Director: Maddie Jones

Assistant Stage Managers: Andrew Faught, Emma Hill

AUDITION INFORMATION

WHEN:

INITIAL AUDITIONS

- Friday, August 14 7-10pm (Adult Roles: ages 16+)
- Saturday, August 15 11am-5pm (Adult Roles: ages 16+)
- Sunday, August 16 2-6pm (Adult roles: ages 16+)

Auditions will be in 30-60 minute slots. Those auditioning for ONLY Annie and/or Dear Evan Hansen should expect to be in the audition room for approximately 30 minutes. Those auditioning for A Chorus Line will have an additional 15-20 minute dance call at the end of their audition slot (see IMPORTANT DANCE AUDITION NOTE below).

CALLBACKS (by invitation only)

- Saturday, August 22 6-10pm

Callbacks are by invitation only based on the needs of the individual production. Those invited to callbacks will likely read scenes and sing songs from the show, and may learn additional choreography, as well as participate in improvisation and movement exercises.

WHERE:

- Auditions will take place at Grand Rapids Civic Theatre: 30 N. Division Ave, Grand Rapids MI. You will enter through the Main Lobby Doors on Library Street, across from the Ellis Lot.
- **Please arrive at LEAST 20 minutes prior to your audition time**, and plan to be on-site for about 60 minutes. Note: Allow for extra time to navigate downtown construction and find parking.

WHAT TO PREPARE:

- ALL Auditions will consist of a singing element and a dance element. NO reading from the script will happen at the initial audition.
- **VOCAL AUDITION:** ALL Auditionees should prepare 16-32 bars; additional details can be found in the audition guide at grct.org/audition.
- **DANCE AUDITION:** The dance combination will be available via video approximately two weeks prior to the audition. Look for more information in the audition guide as well as the video itself at grct.org/audition.
- ***IMPORTANT DANCE AUDITION NOTE:** We will be posting THREE dance combinations. One combination that EVERYONE 16+ should learn, a second combination that ONLY youth ages 8-15 (auditioning for *Annie*) should learn, and a third combination that ONLY people auditioning for *A Chorus Line* should learn. On the day of your audition, EVERYONE AGES 16+ will do the first dance combination as part of their audition, and AGES 8-15 will do the ANNIE AUDITION CHOREOGRAPHY (YOUTH) combination. Then anyone interested in A

Chorus Line will go to the Dance Studio for a dance call which will consist of performing the second combination and MAY include some new choreography or other opportunities to show skills and technique.

- **Perusal scripts** can be checked out with a \$10 deposit at the Civic Theatre Box Office, M-F 10am-5 pm. After that, you may read the perusal script AT the theatre, but the scripts may not leave the building.
- **PLEASE FILL OUT THE ONLINE AUDITION FORM AT LEAST 48 HOURS BEFORE YOUR AUDITION** which can be found at [*grct.org/audition*](http://grct.org/audition).