

Audition Sides for Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

- You may act up to three of these sides for your audition.
- You may skip this and just perform a monologue you chose yourself.
- Memorization is not required but be familiar enough with it to act not just read
- You could also be memorized. Memorization is not acting, but acting is better when memorized.
- You may prepare them with a partner that will come with you to audition. Or we can assign someone to act with you.
- British accent is preferred but not required.

SORTING HAT

I've done this job for centuries
 On every student's head I've sat
 Of thoughts I take inventories
 For I'm the famous Sorting Hat
 I've Sorted high, I've Sorted low,
 I've done the job through thick and thin
 So put me on and you will know
 Which house you should be in...
 Rose Granger-Weasley. GRYFFINDOR!

MADAM HOOCH

Well, another Potter. Given your parentage, this should be a cinch. Come, Albus, show us how it's done. Stick out your hand over your broom, and say, Up! Okay. Children. Time to fly

AMOS:

I've tried to make appointments at the Ministry. They say "ah, Mr Diggory, we have an appointment for you, let's see, in two months."

HARRY

– and coming to my house in the middle of the night –

AMOS

You're shutting me out.

HARRY

Of course I'm not. It's just I'm afraid as Head of the Department of Magical Law Enforcement I'm responsible...

AMOS

There's plenty you're responsible for.

HARRY

Sorry?

AMOS

My son Cedric – you do remember Cedric don't you?

HARRY

Yes, I remember your son. His loss –

AMOS

Voldemort wanted you! Not my son! You told me yourself, the words he said were 'kill the spare.' The spare. My son, my beautiful son, was a spare.

HARRY

Mr Diggory, as you know, I sympathise –

AMOS

I am here to ask you – beg you – to help me get him back.

HARRY

Get him back? Amos, that's not possible.

AMOS

The Ministry has a Time-Turner does it not?

HARRY

(lying)

The Time-Turners were all destroyed years ago.

AMOS:

Really? I've just heard rumour – strong rumour – that the Ministry seized a Time-Turner from Theodore Nott and has kept it. Let me use that Time-Turner. Let me have my son back.

HARRY

(surprised he knows about the Time-Turner and quickly covering)

Amos, playing with time? You know we can't do that.

AMOS

How many people have died for the boy who lived?

(This hurts HARRY. His face hardens.)

I'm asking you to save one of them.

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DELPHI:

Didn't mean to startle. I used to be a big stair-listener myself.

ALBUS

Who are you? Because this is sort of my house and...

DELPHI

Of course! I'm Delphi Diggory, and I work at St. Oswald's Home for Old Wizards – are you Albus Potter?

(Albus nods)

So, Harry is your Dad? That's a bit, wow, isn't it?

ALBUS

Not really.

DELPHI

Ah. Have I just put my foot in it? It's what they used to say about me at school. Delphini Diggory – there isn't a hole she couldn't dig herself into.

ALBUS

They do all sorts with my name too.

AMOS

Delphi!

She makes to depart and then hesitates. She smiles at ALBUS.

DELPHI

We don't choose who we're related to. Amos – isn't just my patient, he's my uncle. It's tough to live with people stuck in the past isn't it?

HARRY

Do you want a hand? I always loved packing. It meant I was leaving Privet Drive and going back to Hogwarts. Which was...well, I know you don't love it but for me...

ALBUS

For you, it's the greatest place on Earth. I know. The poor orphan, bullied by his Uncle and Aunt Dursley–

HARRY

Albus, please – can we just –

ALBUS

– traumatized by his cousin Dudley, saved by Hogwarts. I know it all, Dad. Blah blah blah.

HARRY

I'm not going to rise to your bait Albus Potter.

ALBUS

The poor orphan who went on to save us all – so may I say – on behalf of wizarding kind – how grateful we are for your heroism – should we bow now, or will a curtesy do?

HARRY

Albus, please – you know, I’ve never wanted – gratitude.

ALBUS

But right now I’m overflowing with it – it must be the kind gift of this moldy blanket that did it...

HARRY

Moldy blanket?

ALBUS

What did you think would happen? We’d hug. I’d tell you I always loved you. What? What?

HARRY

(finally losing his temper)

You know what? I’m done with being made responsible for your unhappiness. At least you’ve got a Dad. Because I didn’t, OK?

ALBUS

And you think that was unlucky? I don’t.

HARRY

You wish me dead?

ALBUS

No! I just wish you weren’t my dad.

HARRY

(really snapping)

Well, there are times I wish you weren’t my son.

HOGWARTS EXPRESS.

ALBUS walks quickly along the train corridor.

ROSE

Albus, I’ve been looking for you...

ALBUS

Me? Why?

ROSE

Albus, it’s the start of the fourth year, and so the start of a new year for us. I want to be friends again. Besides, I’ve got great gossip. Big ministry raid a few days ago. Your Dad apparently was incredibly brave.

ALBUS

Go on...?

ROSE

Apparently he – the wizard they raided – Theodore Nott I think – had all sorts of artefacts that broke all sorts of laws including – and this has got them all gooey – an illegal Time-Turner.

ALBUS looks at ROSE, everything falling into place.

ALBUS

A Time-Turner. Did you say a Time-Turner!?! Wait, who's told you that you have to talk to me?

ROSE

OK, so maybe your Mum owed my Dad –

ALBUS

Leave me alone Rose. I have to go find Scorpius.

ROSE

Albus, I'm here, OK? If you need me.

ALBUS

Scorpius, we have to get off this train.

The whistle blows. The train starts moving.

SCORPIUS

Too late. The train is moving. Hogwarts ahoy.

ALBUS

Then we have to get off a moving train.

SCORPIUS

Albus Severus Potter, get that strange look out of your eye.

ALBUS

First question. What do you know about the Triwizard Tournament?

SCORPIUS

(happy)

Oooh, a quiz. Three schools pick three champions to compete in three tasks for one cup. What's that got to do with anything?

ALBUS

You really are an enormous geek you know that?

SCORPIUS

Thank you.

ALBUS

Second question. Why has the Triwizard Tournament not been run in over 20 years?

SCORPIUS

The last competition included – your Dad – and a boy called Cedric Diggory – they decided to win together but the cup was a portkey – and they were transported to Voldemort. Cedric was killed. They

cancelled the competition immediately after.

ALBUS

Good. Third question: Did Cedric need to be killed? Easy question, easy answer: No. The words Voldemort said were 'kill the spare'. The spare. A mistake has been made and we're going to right it. We're going to use a Time-Turner. We're going to bring him back.

SCORPIUS

Albus, for obvious reasons, I'm not a massive fan of Time-Turners...

ALBUS

Amos Diggory asked my dad for a Time-Turner, and he denied they even existed. But the ministry does have one. My father lied to an old man who just wanted his son back – who just loved his son. Everyone talks about all the brave things Dad did. But he made mistakes too. Some big mistakes. I want to set one of those mistakes right. And you know as well as I do, I'll entirely mess it up if you don't come with me. Come on.

SCORPIUS

Albus, wait. This is a bad idea.

ALBUS ignores him and starts climbing onto the roof of the Hogwarts Express. SCORPIUS hesitates, conflicted. And then climbs after Albus.

In this scene the actor who is playing Ron is playing Albus' character Polyjuice potioned to look like Ron. So the interaction with the real Hermione is extremely awkward.

HERMIONE

Ron?

ALBUS/RON

Surprise!!!

HERMIONE

What are you doing here?

ALBUS/RON

Does a man need an excuse to see his wife?

He awkwardly tries to kiss HERMIONE.

ALBUS/RON

Oh, you're talking about how Harry said sometimes he wished I—
(he corrects himself)

Albus weren't his son.

HERMIONE

Ron!

ALBUS/RON

Better out than in, that's what I say...

HERMIONE

He'll know... We all say stuff we don't mean. He knows that.

ALBUS/RON

But what if sometimes we say stuff we do mean...

HERMIONE

Ron, now's not the time, honestly.

ALBUS/RON

Of course it isn't. Bye bye darling.

HERMIONE tries to go into her office, ALBUS/RON blocks her.

HERMIONE

Why are you blocking the entrance to my office?

ALBUS/RON

I'm not. Blocking. Anything.

HERMIONE

You are. Let me into my room Ron.

HERMIONE tries to dodge past him.

ALBUS/RON

Let's take a holiday.

HERMIONE

What?

ALBUS/RON

I'm feeling so romantically romantic toward you right now. I feel like romance animal. A romance fox or a romance horse or a romance... bunny.

HERMIONE

Ron. Are you going to list every animal you can think of?

McGonagall.

If you have somebody to read Harry and Albus parts, great. If you don't just deliver it like a monologue. Pretend you heard Albus and Harry, pretend to look at them even though there's nobody there. A Scottish accent is preferred.

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HARRY. Professor, if I may—

McGONAGALL. You may not. What you choose to do as parents is your matter, but these are my students, and I will choose what punishment they will face. I should expel you, but (*Looks to HARRY.*) all things considered—I think it might be safer for you to remain in my care. You are in detention for the rest of the year. At least.

Moaning Myrtle

Again, if you have somebody to play Albus and Scorpius, great. Or just skip their lines and deliver a monologue.

MOANING MYRTLE. Why, hello!

SCORPIUS. Of course—you're a genius—Moaning Myrtle...

MOANING MYRTLE turns on SCORPIUS.

MOANING MYRTLE. What did you call me? Do I moan? Am I moaning now? AM I? AM I?

SCORPIUS. No.

MOANING MYRTLE. What's my name?

SCORPIUS. Myrtle.

MOANING MYRTLE. Exactly—Myrtle—Myrtle Elizabeth Warren—a pretty name—no need for the moaning. (*Giggles.*) Now how can I help you pair?

ALBUS. You were there, Myrtle, in the lake. They wrote about you. There must be a way out of these pipes.

MOANING MYRTLE. I've been everywhere.

ALBUS. The lake task. In the Triwizard Tournament. Twenty-five years ago. Harry and Cedric.

MOANING MYRTLE. Such a shame the pretty one had to die.

ALBUS. Help us, Myrtle. Help us get into the lake. Help us save Cedric.

MOANING MYRTLE. You think I can help you travel in time?

ALBUS. You help us do the travelling, we have answers to the time.

MOANING MYRTLE. (*Grinning.*) Well, that sounds like fun. This very sink empties directly into the lake. Dive in and you will be piped straight to it.

Ginny Weasley

Characters Description

Ginny is Harry's wife, Albus's mother, and Ron's younger sister. Ginny edits the sports section of the Daily Prophet, the wizarding world's primary newspaper. Ginny is also a loving mother and wife; she often tries to bridge the gap between Harry and Albus as they struggle to understand each other. Ginny counsels Harry to be honest with his son about his fears and failures—advice that Harry doesn't always heed. Ginny also helps forge an understanding between Draco and Harry, as she realizes that a lot of Draco's criticism of Harry comes from jealousy. Harry had very close friendships and strong support systems at Hogwarts, whereas Draco did not. Ginny admits that she, too, felt jealous of Harry, Ron, and Hermione's friendship.

Monologue

GINNY. She'll come when she's ready and we'll be ready for her.

Looks at ALBUS, asleep.

Or—some of us will be. Poor kid has saved the world. That blanket was masterful. I mean, he also almost destroyed the world, but probably best not to focus on that bit. He does know. He knows that you love him. It might just take him a bit of time. And you a bit of time too.

HARRY: I'd do anything for him.

Harry, you'd do anything for anybody.

You were pretty happy to sacrifice yourself for the world. He needs to feel specific love. He needs to feel it.

DELPHI: It is my destiny—the fulfillment of a prophecy. “When spares are spared, when time is turned, when unseen children murder their fathers: then will the Dark Lord return.” You have already murdered your father once and I will make sure you do it again. You see, I am Voldemort's daughter, and I will bring my father back to his glory and rule at his side. I am the new past. I am the new future.

Draco is the bully from the original novels. But he's been through a lot. Now his son is struggling and his wife is dying. Once again he is trying to save his dignity in the face of crisis.

DRACO. I need a favour. .

HARRY. Draco.

DRACO. These rumours—about my son's parentage—they don't seem to be going away. The other Hogwarts students tease Scorpius about it relentlessly. If the Ministry could release a statement reaffirming that all the Time-Turners were destroyed...

HARRY. Draco, just let it blow over—they'll soon move on.

DRACO. My son is suffering, and his mother hasn't been well recently. He needs all the support he can get.