

## Auditions

## For ages 8 and up

Directed by: Jami Steele

## arts center

OF KERSHAW

## September 24th:

4-5 pm kids 8-13

5-7 pm ages 14 and up

## September 25th:

5:30-6:30 pm kids 8-13

6:30 to 8:30 pm ages 14 and up

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**Hello and Welcome** to all our interested auditionees. The Arts Center of Kershaw County is glad to have you!

If you have auditioned for a show at the Arts Center in the past, welcome back!

If you are new to our stage, we are thrilled that you are here! The Arts Center of Kershaw County was founded in 1974 by the Camden Art Association, the Camden Music Association, and the Camden Community Theater as a nonprofit organization dedicated to bringing arts experience and exposure to all ages. We have two performance spaces. The Wood Auditorium which houses the main stage, and tge Black Box Theatre.

We understand that the audition process can be overwhelming, and we want you to be as comfortable as possible. We have put this booklet together to introduce ourselves, our upcoming musical, the characters you will be reading for, and to give you an idea of what to expect during the audition process. We have provided you with an overview of the characters and the director's comments. Please pay special attention to any specific audition requirements for this show. Then, review the script sides that have been included within this booklet.



We will have audition forms for you to fill out at auditions. You will need a parent present if you are under 18 while filling out the forms. Once you have filled out the forms, parents are free to stay or come back at the end of auditions. You may also submit a headshot and resume if you have one, but they are not required.



## Note from the Director



Hello everyone!

I hope that you are as excited as I am to bring Elf to the stage of the Arts Center of Kershaw County. I know that we will have a grand time together creating a show that will lift hearts during the holiday season. We believe in a supportive welcoming environment here at the Arts Center. We treat each other with respect. We will do our best to make the audition process fun for you. Do not be afraid to ask for our help to put your mind at ease! I look forward to seeing you at auditions!

Jami

## Important dates to know

Mandatory dates: November 25 - Dec 3. Dec 7-10. Strike on December 10 after show.



**The Arts Center of Kershaw County auditions are open** – we discourage all directors from pre-casting.

**Know what you are auditioning for** – In this booklet you will find script sides that you can study ahead of time. Before you audition, you should have completed online research about the show. Know what the show is about. Have an idea about which characters you identify most with. YouTube is a great place to find other companies' versions of the show for you to get a general idea of the premise of the show and its characters.

**Audition requirements and formats may vary from show to show.** - Different directors may require different things. It is always the best practice to read the audition notes found in this booklet, so you are not caught unaware. Directors often have age ranges suggested when setting up auditions. These age ranges are suggestive and not set in stone.

Not getting the part you wanted can be disappointing – Many factors go into the selection of an actor for a particular part and casting a show. If you didn't get the part you wanted, we encourage you to audition often. We have several shows a year. Just because you didn't get what you wanted this time doesn't mean you won't get it next time. It is always encouraged that you still do the show as it will give the director a chance to see what you've got, your work ethic and more.

We encourage you to get involved in other ways -Helping paint or build sets, costumes, or props, working backstage, or volunteering to usher. These are all great ways to meet people, network, and become part of the Arts Center theatre family!

## What to Prepare for Auditions

You will need to prepare one or more of the provided song cuts in this booklet. You can find these cuts on pages 22-40. You can easily find the *Elf the Musical* soundtrack by searching on YouTube. You will find the time stamps on the audition pages. You can sing or learn any or all of the cuts. We may ask for multiple song cuts from an audtionee.





There will be a dance call at auditions as well. Please dress appropriately and wear appropriate shoes. The dance may consist of jumping. You can also show any special moves at auditions as well. Tap is featured in this musical.

You will also be asked to read some of the script cuts found on pages 10-21 of this booklet. You do not need to memorize them but it would be beneficial to look over them before the auditions.



# What is Elf the Musical about?

Buddy, a young orphan, mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole. The would-be elf is raised, unaware that he is actually a human until his enormous size and poor toy-making abilities cause him to face the truth. With Santa's permission, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Faced with the harsh realities that his father is on the naughty list and his half-brother doesn't even believe in Santa, Buddy is determined to win over his new family and help New York remember the true meaning of Christmas.

This modern-day holiday classic is sure to make everyone embrace their inner elf. After all, the best way to spread Christmas Cheer is singing loud for all to hear.



## Elf the Musical Character Breakdown

#### **Buddy**

Born a human but raised at the North Pole as a Christmas Elf, Buddy is eager to find his place in the world. He is a child at heart and that child-like curiosity makes him both endearing and gets him into trouble.

Gender: Male Age: 25 to 35

Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: Ab2

#### **Jovie**

Buddy's girlfriend. She works at Macy's and has a bit of a cynical outlook on life and love because of the men she's dated. She is caught off guard by Buddy's genuinely big heart.

Gender: Female Age: 25 to 30

Vocal range top: D5 Vocal range bottom: G3

#### Walter

Buddy's workaholic father. He is a Children's book writer, but lacks any of the childlike spirit that Buddy has. He is selfish, tense, and generally angry with life.

Gender: Male Age: 55 to 65

Vocal range top: G4 Vocal range bottom: A2

#### **Emily**

Walter's wife. Though she is sweet and willing to take him in, she thinks Buddy is crazy at first. Wishes her husband would spend more time with the family.

Gender: Female Age: 40 to 50

Vocal range top: Eb5 Vocal range bottom: F3

#### Michael

Buddy's stepbrother who is excited to have a new friend and brother. Unlike his mother, he doesn't take much convincing to have Christmas spirit, but like his mother, he wishes his

father would spend more time with the family.

Gender: Male Age: 12 to 16

Vocal range top: G5 Vocal range bottom: F3

# Elf the Musical Character Breakdown Continued

#### Deb

Walter's secretary. Takes an instant liking to Buddy simply for the novelty of it. Though she aims to please and is a bit of a suck-up, she feels under appreciated.

Gender: Female Age: 25 to 55

Vocal range top: Eb5 Vocal range bottom: D4

#### Manager

A heavy-set manager at Macy's. He is a good, friendly guy just trying to do his job and get by.

Gender: Male Age: 35 to 40

Vocal range top: F#4 Vocal range bottom: B2

#### Greenway

Walter's boss. He is what Walter will become if he continues down the path he is on.

A tyrannical, workaholic who cares nothing about the people around him or who work for him.

Gender: Male Age: 55 to 65

#### Santa

Just another workingman. Loves his job and Christmas, but also likes to kick-back and watch the game when a rare opportunity arises. A natural storyteller.

Gender: Male Age: 65 to 80

Vocal range top: E4
Vocal range bottom: A2

#### Chadwick

One of Walter's right-hand men. He is desperate to keep his job, and perhaps the dumber of the two.

Gender: Male Age: 40 to 50

#### **Matthews**

One of Walter's right-hand men. He is desperate to keep his job and is the schemer of the two.

Gender: Male Age: 35 to 40

#### Ensemble

Mrs. Claus, Elves, Charlie, Tiara, Mr. Narwhal, Teenager, Employees, Security Guard 182,

Customer 1&2, Saleswoman, Store Elf 1&2, Fake Santa 1&2&3,

Boy, Mother, Policeman 1&2, Sarah, Jim, Vendor, Waitress,

Charlotte, Man, Woman



## Buddy Page 108

#### BUDDY

You didn't ruin Christmas. No one can!

(turning to the crowd)

Oh, I could stand here all night reading names out of this thing and you still wouldn't believe in him, would you? Well, it doesn't matter, because Christmas is a lot more than just Santa Claus. Christmas is....is....sleeping on a futon. Having cold spaghetti for breakfast with your little brother. Right? It's going ice skating with your girlfriend and kissing her for the very first time under a big, glittery Christmas tree. It's travelling miles and miles to be with your family, walking through the Lincoln tunnel with cars blowing their horns the whole time and truck drivers yelling things that no person should say to another human being, let alone to an elf.

#### (BUDDY)

It's hoping that when you wake up on Christmas morning all the cars, and all the big grey office buildings, and all the piles of garbage will be covered in snow.

## 13b - Snow Music

A light snow begins to fall.

You see? You can't ruin Christmas! It's all around you. You just got to get into the spirit of it. And the best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear! Everybody! Sing! Sing! Anybody?

Silence

## Buddy and Jovie pg 37-38 PAGE 1

JOVIE Do I want to eat food? BUDDY Um-hmm. You know... JOVIE Are you asking me out on a date? BUDDY Yes, right, that's it. A date! JOVIE Oh, you don't want to go out with me. BUDDY Yes, I do! JOVIE No, you don't. BUDDY Yes, I do! JOVIE Why? BUDDY Well, because I like you. I feel really warm when I'm around you. And, um, my tongue swells up. JOVIE Your tongue swells up? BUDDY (with a swollen tongue) Yeth, it doth. See?

#### JOVIE

Well, it's weirdly nice that I make your tongue swell up, but I just don't see this date happening.

#### BUDDY

Oh, of course. I'm sure you already have a date tonight. Obviously. You probably have guys wanting to eat food with you all the time. Lunch, dinner....I bet you have a different guy for breakfast every morning. It was dumb of me to ask.

## Buddy and Jovie pg 37-38 PAGE 2

#### JOVIE

What the hell. I'm free Thursday.

#### BUDDY

Thursday? Thursday! Yessss!!! This is going to be the best Thursday ever in the history of Thursdays!

#### JOVIE

You know what? I find if you lower your expectations in life, you avoid a lot of disappointment.

She starts to leave and notices he isn't moving.

Don't you have a home to go to?

#### BUDDY

Sure. I have a home to go. A nice home, with a big bed. And walls and a ceiling and everything. I'm just going to stay here and put up a little more tinsel.

#### JOVIE

Seriously? Okay. Well. Good night.

BUDDY

G'night, Jovie.

## Buddy and Jovie pg 84-85 PAGE 1

#### JOVIE

Yes, I'm sure some lucky couple had a wonderful evening sitting at our table.

BUDDY

No they didn't.

JOVIE

Why not?

BUDDY

Because we didn't have a table. I was going to ask my Dad to get us one-

JOVIE

But you forgot.

BUDDY

No. I remembered, but he got really mad at me for making it snow in his office-

JOVIE

Stop. Just. Stop. I can't take any more of your crazy stories.

BUDDY

But it's true! And, oh, Jovie, I am so, so sorry I ruined your Christmas dream.

JOVIE

Forget it. It's my fault. I knew you couldn't get a table. But still, I got all dressed up and came here. And then an hour went by, then another hour and I waited. I didn't leave. Why? Because our date on Thursday was the only good time I've had in the last year and a half. How sad is that?

BUDDY

That is sad. But it's nice, too.

JOVIE

I just thought that if anyone could give me a real Christmas it would be you. "Lower your expectations, so you don't get disappointed". I should have that tattooed on my forehead.

BUDDY

Jovie I feel so bad about this, sick in my stomach, like I swallowed a zillion sticks of Juicy Fruit. The last thing in the whole wide world I wanted to do was hurt you.

JOVIE

I don't want to talk about it anymore. I'm cold, and my feet are killing me in these heels...

BUDDY

Can I just give you a Christmas present?

## Buddy and Jovie pg 84-85 PAGE 2

#### JOVIE

This is the worst possible time -

(BUDDY takes out the snow globe)

#### BUDDY

Here. This is what New York city looks like when it snows.

(he hands it to her)

Shake it.

(as SHE takes the globe and shakes it)

Pretty, huh? Real snowflakes are smaller than buildings.

JOVIE tries to hand it back to him.

Keep it, and look at it later when you're not furious. It's real special. I mean, I know you're not going to believe me, but Santa Claus gave it to me when I left the North Pole.

#### JOVIE

Oh, Buddy. I so, so wish that were true. Goodbye.

## Walter, Sam, Deb pg 18 and 19

#### SAM

We got a problem, Mr. Hobbs. "Jingles The Jolly Christmas Puppy" is tanking in every bookstore in the country.

WALTER

Why?

SAM

Because two whole pages are missing from the last chapter.

WALTER

What?

SAM

Without them the end of the book makes no sense.

WALTER

How did that happen?

SAM

I don't know but you yourself okayed the final proofs. We'll have to recall all copies and reprint.

WALTER

No, we won't. Kids don't read the books, anyway, they just look at the pictures. No recall!

SAM

You really want to do that?

WALTER

No, I want to go to Greenway and say we're taking a fifty-thousand dollar bath so some stupid five-year-old can find out what happened to Jingles the friggin' Puppy on Christmas Eve.

SAM

But ...?

WALTER

But nothing!

SAM

Whatever you say, boss.

WALTER

(calling to DEB)

Deb!

DEB

Yes, Mr. Hobbs.

WALTER

Coffee! Now!

DEB

Right away.

## Walter and Buddy pg 58 and 59

WALTER Sit down here... (handing him a children's book) Read this. I've got a lot of work to do. Please don't talk. BUDDY Dad? WALTER What? BUDDY Why is the sky blue? WALTER I don't know. It has something to do with the sun, and ultraviolet....I don't know. More silence. BUDDY Dad? WALTER What? BUDDY What does a rainbow feel like? WALTER I don't know. Soft... BUDDY Dad? WALTER Buddy! BUDDY

What was my mom like? Susan Welles?

WALTER

That was a long time ago, Buddy.

BUDDY looks dejected. WALTER softens.

What I mean is, we were just kids in college. We drifted apart. She never told me about....Susan was fun, full of life. You would have liked her.

## Deb paragraph pg 54

#### DEB

(into phone)

Anyway....it seems that he had this secret love affair when he was in college...

I know! Walter "the-ice-man" Hobbs! And, get this, there were "consequences"!

Yep. He's six foot two, he's incredibly sweet which is bizarre considering the bloodline, but here's the kicker, he thinks he's an...

WALTER and BUDDY enter together wearing matching overcoats, over matching business suits.

(into the phone)

Uh-oh! The ice man cometh.

SANTA

I don't believe it.

(calling off stage)

It happened again!

Santa and Mrs. Claus

pgs 1-2

MRS. CLAUS

(off stage)

What happened again?

SANTA

The DVR thing. It didn't tape the football game I was gonna watch. East Carolina vs. Boise state.

MRS. CLAUS

(off stage)

Oh.

SANTA

(calling off stage)

What did I do wrong?

MRS. CLAUS

(off stage)

I don't know, dear.

SANTA

(calling off stage)

I mean, I can fly around the world in one night but I can't set the DVR! What's wrong with me?

MRS. CLAUS

(off stage)

I don't know, dear.

He turns off the TV.

Hey. They'll be here at six.

#### SANTA

(to audience)

In-laws. They come every year on Christmas day. I finish my rounds, just start to unwind, then the door bursts open and the kids run in, start dancing with the elves and the elves get into the eggnog and start riding the reindeer. Now, don't get me wrong; I'm a big fan of Christmas. It's just, well, I had fifty bucks on Boise. What am I complaining about? It's Christmas! Let's read a Christmas story.

(He picks up a large book)

Ah. Here's one. The story of Buddy the Elf-

—well, he thought he was an elf—we'll get to that part. Oh! You know what? Before we start I'm going to turn off my cell phone. It's pretty irritating when one of these things goes off in the middle of a story. Gonna unwrap my candies now too. Okay. It begins once upon a time, in a little village here at the North Pole called Christmas Town. Now this town is unique for two reasons: One, there's no Starbucks; and two: everyone who lives here is a elf.

## Emily and Michael pg 86-87 PAGE 1

#### **EMILY**

(reading the note)

"...I don't belong at the North Pole, either. Nobody wants me, Nobody needs me."
Poor thing, wandering the streets in that dorky elf suit.

MICHAEL

Why did he do it?

**EMILY** 

He had a fight with your father.

(examining the Etch-a-sketch more closely)

This really is amazing. I can barely draw a straight line on one of these things.

MICHAEL

We have to find him! We have to bring him home!

-- EMILY

We will find him, but after that I think we need to get him some help.

MICHAEL

What do you mean "help"?

EMILY

Professional help. Honey, Buddy is crazy.

MICHAEL

Mom.

EMILY

No, he is. We have to accept that.

MICHAEL

He's my brother.

EMILY

I know. You have a crazy brother. Lot's of people do.

MICHAEL

Just because somebody believes in Santa Claus, doesn't mean they're crazy.

## Emily and Michael pg 86-87 PAGE 2

EMILY

Yes, it does.

MICHAEL

No, it doesn't.

**EMILY** 

Yes, it does.

MICHAEL

What about little kids? Are they crazy too?

#### EMILY

It's different. If a little kid believes in a talking purple dinosaur, it's delightful. If he still believes when he's thirty, it's profoundly disturbing. Look, just because Buddy is crazy, doesn't mean we should love him any less. I have a friend who's a psychiatrist. You remember Barry? With the Ferrari? I'm going to give him a call right now. Maybe he can tell us where we should look for Buddy.

EMILY leaves the room.

MICHAEL wanders over to an upstage window. He stares out forlornly.

#### MICHAEL

(to himself)

Buddy. Where did you go?

#### #11 - There Is A Santa Claus

SUDDENLY a bright flash of light appears outside. MICHAEL stares in disbelief.

Mom! Mom!

EMILY runs back into the room.

**EMILY** 

What?

## Charlie and Tiara pg 9-10

CHARLIE

Hey, Tiara.

TIARA

Yeah, Charlie?

CHARLIE

I hate to do this to you but do you think you could pick up the slack with those Etch-A-Sketches?

BUDDY returns immediately with the cocoa cart. He listens, unnoticed by CHARLIE and TIARA.

TIARA

No problem.

CHARLIE

I appreciate it. Buddy's killing me.

TIARA

Hey, that was quick thinking with that 'special talents' thing.

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ELF - THE MUSICAL

#### CHARLIE

I feel bad for the big guy. I just hope he doesn't get wise.

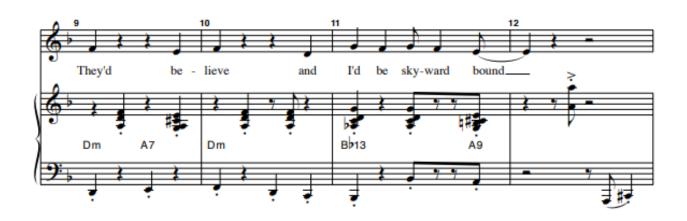
#### TIARA

Well, if he hasn't figured out by now that he's a human I don't think he ever will.

## Start at Beginning Christmastown: SANTA CUT





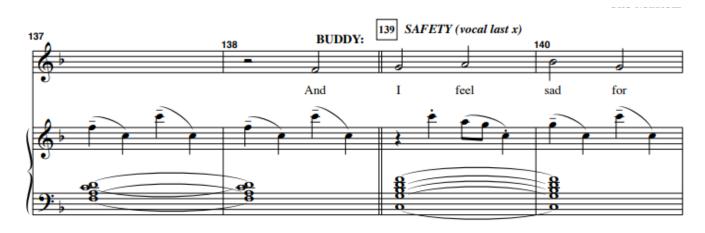


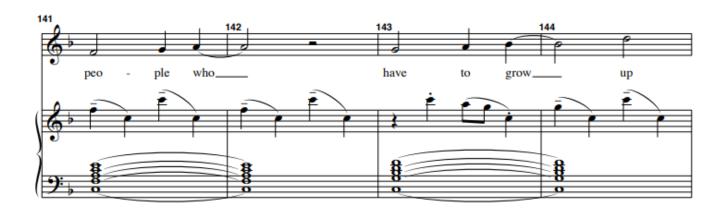
## Nobody Cares About Santa Reprise: SANTA CUT pg 2



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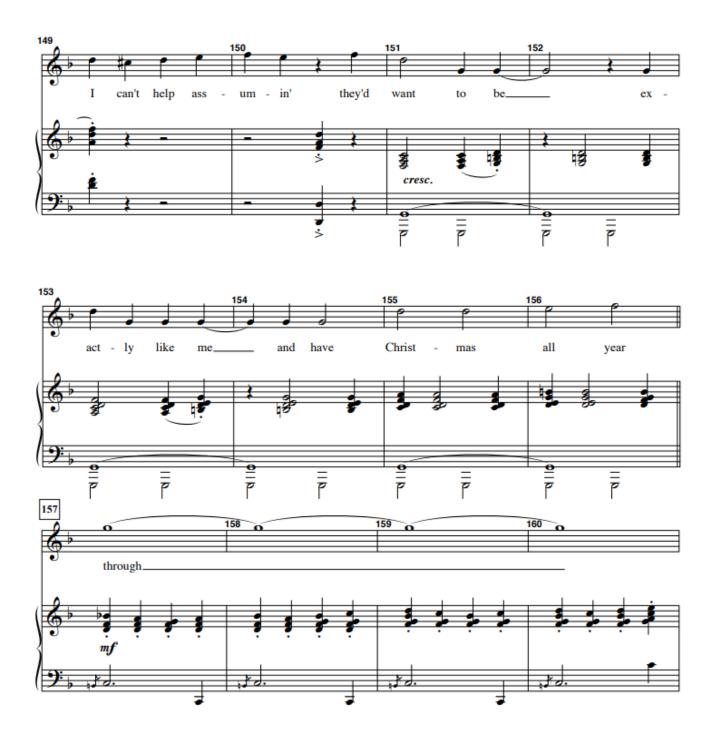
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## Christmastown BUDDY pg 2



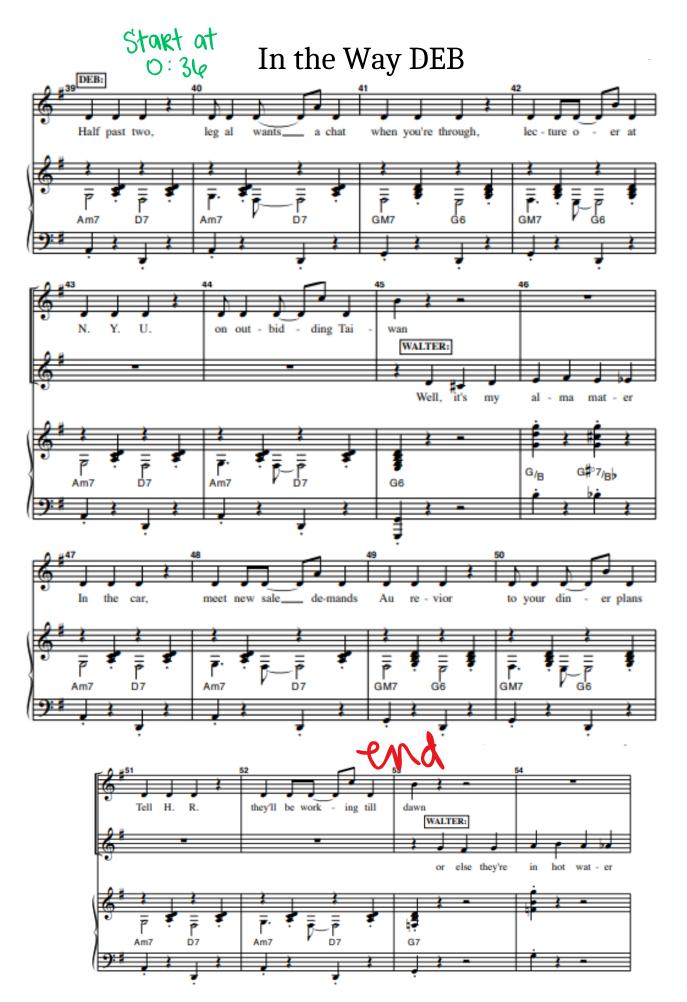
## World's Greatest Dad- BUDDY2 pg 1

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## World's Greatest Dad- BUDDY2 pg 2

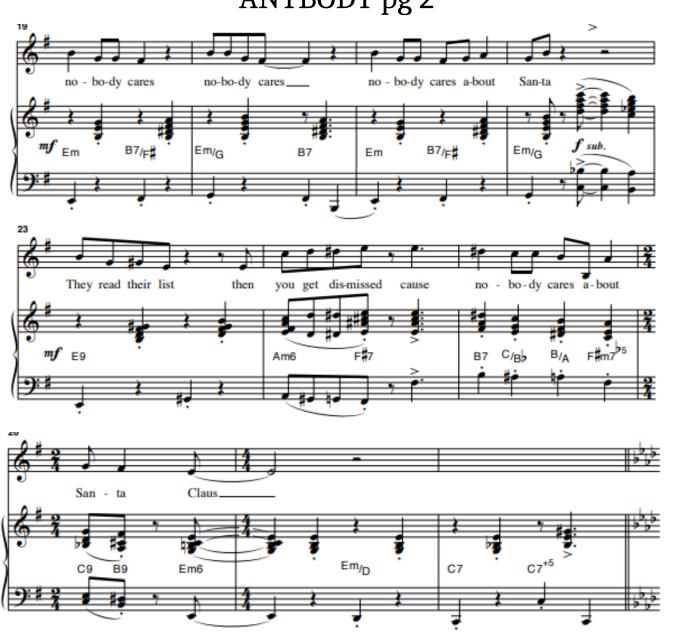




Nobody Cares About Santa Claus:



## Nobody Cares About Santa Claus: ANYBODY pg 2



# Never Fall in Love: JOVIE CUT pg 1



## Never Fall in Love: JOVIE CUT pg 2

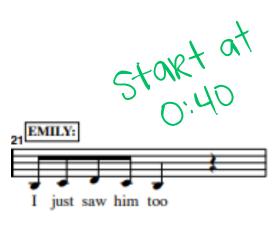


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## There is a Santa Claus: MICHAEL CUT pg 2







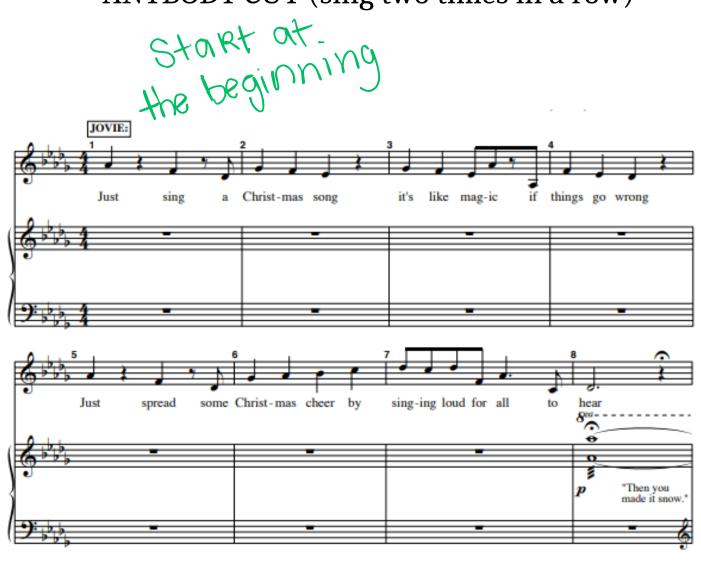
## There is a Santa Claus: EMILY CUT pg 1

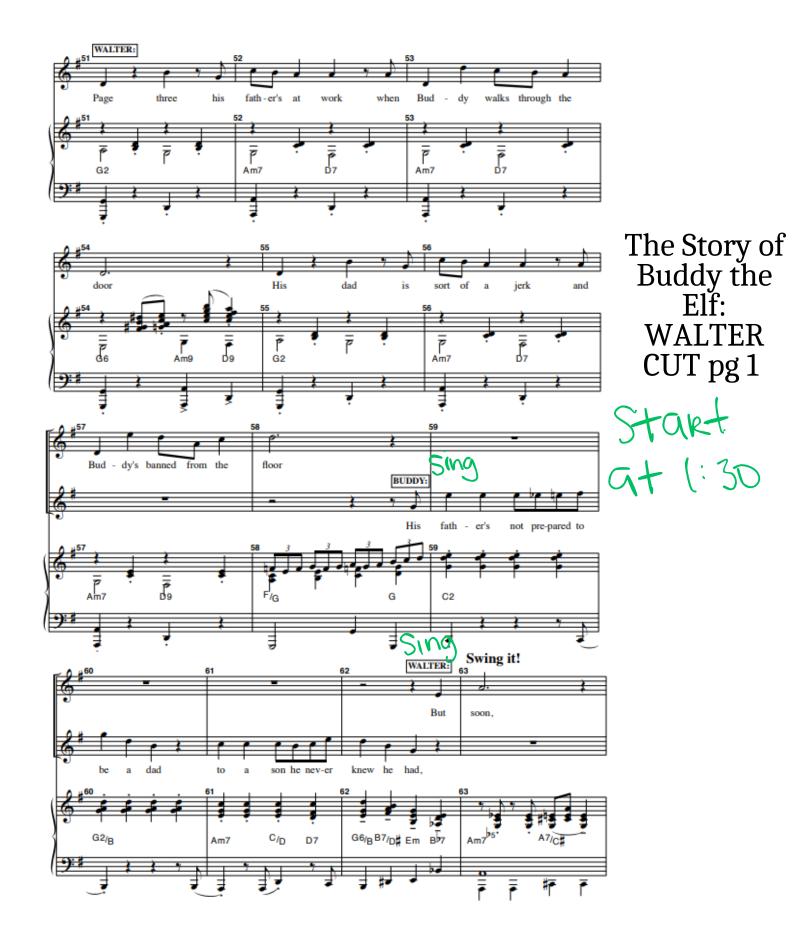


## There is a Santa Claus: EMILY CUT pg 2



## A Christmas Song Reprise: ANYBODY CUT (sing two times in a row)





## The Story of Buddy the Elf:







## Elf the Musical

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