



Come From Away Audition Breakdown

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Audition Preparation Instructions

1. Select a Character

Review the available roles and choose the character you would most like to audition for.

2. Prepare the Required Material

Each character has specific audition pieces (e.g., song selections, sides, monologues).

Please prepare only the material associated with your chosen character. 3. If you are undecided, select a character that best aligns with:

- Your age range
- Your vocal range
- Your general casting type

1.Claude Elliot/ Derm/ Brenda's Brother, Eddie



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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.

Also plays Derm and Brenda's Brother, Eddie.

Gender: male

Age: 40 to 60

Vocal range top: G4

Read #1

Ladies and Gentlemen. This is Screech. Back in World War 2, an officer was stationed here and was offered some of this stuff. All the locals were tossing it back with nar' a quiver, so he does too, and lets out an ear-piercing...(CLAUDE lets out a howl). Everybody comes to see what's happened and says—"What was that ungodly screech?! And now it's your turn. Are you ready?"

Read #2

September 16th. After five days, they just ran the zamboni over the ice. And played hockey. With the Plane People gone, I tell my staff, "Go home, get some sleep." We were all exhausted—just spent—most of us had been up for five days straight working. But somehow I can't sleep, so I sit down and turn on the television. And I just start crying. I hadn't let myself cry the whole time.

Auditions songs to prepare

- Claude, Oz, Bob, Doug, Swight, Garth '10 Screech In ' bars 123 - 133

2. Bonnie Harris/ Martha/ Staff 7/Hindu Passenger/Flight Attendant ("Me & the Sky")/Reporter 5/Control 5/Passenger 10

A no-nonsense mother of three, 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



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safety - but in frustration, she often lashes out at those around her.

Gender: female

Age: 30 to 40

Vocal range top: B4

Side 1 (choose only one Side)

Hello? It's Bonnie Harris down at the Gander SPCA. I went down with the rest of the town to look at all those planes. Well, I got to wondering if there weren't any animals on them... No? There's no animals on those planes? Not A ONE?!

(They hang up on her) Okay, then... (she dials) Doug? (HE answers the phone.) Doug, are there animals on those planes? Probably? Are they "probably" feeding them then? I'm heading over. (Doug explains there are armed guards surrounding the planes) Well, then they'll have to shoot me.

OR Side 2 (choose only one)

... Unga... I've never met a rare Bonobo chimpanzee before. We don't get many of them here in Newfoundland. And since your partner there likes to throw his own feces, I'm going to say that you are the nicest rare Bonobo chimpanzee I've ever met... And I want you to know that I'm sorry... I'm sorry that you lost your baby... I've got three, and some days they're more trouble than they're worth... Anyway. You're going to be okay.

Auditions songs to prepare

Hannah, **Bonnie**, Beulah, Margie, Brenda, Janice - '7F I Am Here' bars 15 - 68

3. Beverley Bass/ Annette/ Reporter

Beverly: The first female captain for American Airlines Pilot, Beverly Bass has always loved flying, when her world suddenly changes.

Annette: A schoolteacher at Gander Academy with an active fantasy life.

Gender: female

Age: 50 to 60



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Vocal range top: C#5

Read

Good morning. I'm Captain Beverley Bass. Now I know this is going to be hard to hear, but the American airspace remains closed. I can't tell y'all how long we'll be on the ground. We are going to be here for some time

I don't leave the hotel. I wait by the phone. Wait for someone to tell me we can fly again. Planes aren't made to just sit on the tarmac—planes are made to be in constant motion. They arrive, you switch crew, you switch passengers, you empty the honey buckets, and the plane keeps going. When they sit still for too long, well, it's not good for 'em. They start to break down.

Auditions songs to prepare

- Beverley - '11 Me and the Sky bars 86 – 104 (note: please do in C major, provided audio files are in the correct key. DO NOT practise with Broadway Cast Recording, it's in Db major)

4. Diane Gray /Control 9/Pilot 9/Local 9/Crowd 10

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.

Gender: female

Age: 40 to 60

Vocal range top: C#5

Vocal range bottom: A3

Read

Look at this: Five hundred and forty million years ago, the continents of the world



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crashed together right here. And two hundred million years ago, they separated again, moving apart from each other. I should move. You're missing all the scenery –Nick and I sit together, and I just want to say something, but we're leaving... and it's over...So...So you'll call? And then he left And then I was alone.

Auditions songs to prepare

- Nick & Diane - ' 12 Stop the World ' bars 1 - 64

5.Nick Marson / Male townspeople/ Control 12/ Cardiologist

An English oil engineer who is focused on his work, Nick's life is turned upside down when he falls for Diane.

Gender: male

Age: 40 to 60

Vocal range top: E4

Read

We're told by our pilot to stay close to our shelters so we're ready to go again. But Diane wants to take one last look around. And I can't let her go by herself. And we find a gorgeous lookout:the Dover Fault. There's about a million stairs. Wow...I can't



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believe we're here. I can't believe we are leaving, I don't want to go. I'm—I'm going to take a picture or two. (Diane goes to move) No, no. Stay where you are. It's perfect.

Auditions songs to prepare

- Nick & Diane - ' 12 Stop the World ' bars 1 - 64

6.O'Rourke/ Control 2/Staff 6/Passenger 2/Local 12/

Muhumza's Wife

The mother of a firefighter in Manhattan, Hannah waits for news about her son and is comforted by Beulah.

Gender: female

Age: 40 to 60

Vocal range top: E5

Black/ African Diaspora

Read



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They said it was Kev's day off—but someone else said there were more men down there than were scheduled. I should be looking for him. He's always there for me—trying to make me laugh. Tells me stupid jokes. He loves jokes—tells them to the kids at the firehouse, while he fixes their bikes. I should be there.

Auditions songs to prepare

- Hannah, Bonnie, Beulah, Margie, Brenda, Janice - '7F I Am Here' bars 15 - 68

7. Kevin T. Pilot 8/Staff 9/ President Bush/ Passenger 3

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.

Gender: male

Age: 30 to 50

Vocal range top: G4

Read

Kevin breaks up with me. And then he quits and moves back home to New York. And I miss him. I miss his jokes. My new secretary's name is Robin. Every year on September 11th, I close my office and give each employee 100 dollars to go and do random good deeds for strangers. It's my way of remembering what happened.

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8. Kevin J. – Pilot 2+3/Staff 9/ local 8/ Mr. Michael's/ Cardiologist

Kevin's boyfriend and secretary. Sarcastic and unhappy, he wants to leave as soon as possible.

Gender: male

Age: 30 to 50

Read

We'd been sitting there for 14 hours when we pull out the Grey Goose. Kevin and I were kind of hiding it because, well...we didn't want to share it. Anyway, this woman –this hot mess behind us kept completely freaking out. And my boyfriend, Kevin – we're both named Kevin. It was cute for a while. Anyway, (To Delores) Excuse me! Would you likesome Xanax? Because you are freaking out, and it is freaking me out, and we are all FREAKING THE FUCK OUT!!!

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9. Beulah Davis – Staff 5+8/Customs Officer 4/Control 3/Crowd 5/Flight Attendant (“Me & the Sky”)/Passenger 8

The head of the Gander Legion, with a firefighter son, who walks Hannah to her church and prays with her. She is the female heart of the community, a mother hen type.

Gender: female

Age: 40 to 60

Read

Hello? This is Beulah Davis down at the Academy. I heard we might be getting some guests, and I thought I'd see if I could help whomever in charge of getting the school organized. How many passengers can we take? Uh –well, we fit about 400 students– yes, we could probably do 600. Or sure, 700, if we really pack them in. When are they coming? Could be any time now? Well, I'm glad I phoned

Welcome to Gander Academy–nicest hotel on the east coast, except for those with actual beds. My name's Beulah. Washrooms are just down the hall. There's food over there if you're hungry–and clothes, if you'd like to change...I'm going to show you now to your rooms, and then if you want to come back, we've got two TVs set up in the cafeteria with the news on–so you can see what's actually happened for yourselves...

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10.Oz – Police Constable/ Pilot 7/ Robin/Control 6/ Customs Officer

The quirky constable in the two-person Gander police force. When the town's population suddenly doubles, Oz helps out in unexpected ways.

Gender: male

Age: 30 to 50

Vocal range top: G4

Cold read

Jaysus, that's a jumbo! There's gotta be two-fifty or three hundred on her. That's a fairly large one, there's gotta be two hundred on her—now, I'm adding this up. We got 38 planes—we got two, three hundred people on the average..Holy Shit

By eight o'clock the bar is completely packed with people from around the world.Everybody's talking about where they're staying and what they've seen—and the bar staff keep making runs for more beer and liquor. After an hour, people are swimming in the river out back. And no, noone brought their swim trunks!A couple of the local b'ys get up with their accordions and fiddles—and someone brings out an ugly stick.

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11.Janice /Pilot 1/Passenger 6/Party Girl/Crowd 12/ Control 4/Staff 10/ Flight Attendant

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.

Gender: female

Age: 20 to 30

Vocal range top: E5

Read

Hello? Is this on? Sorry. I'm new.(she turns to the camera) This is Rogers TV Channel 9. My name is Janice Mosher and I'm reporting live from Gander Airport where the 19th plane has just touched down. The Baptist Church needs a hand moving their pews...Doctor O'Briendown at the pharmacy is ready to fill any prescriptions. Oh, and the Lion's Club is looking for some toilet paper, if you have any extra.

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12. Garth / Rabbi / Head Cardiologist / Matty / Terry / Joey/ Cardiologist

The head of the local union, representing the Bus Drivers.

Gender: male

Age: 30 to 50

Vocal range top: G4

Read

Every school bus we got is goin' back and forth all night. Out at the Salvation Army Camp, we've delivered passengers from Germany, England, and France. And around three in the morning, my bus is designated to take all these African people out there. Silence comes on the bus. We get outside of Gander and you could hear a pin drop.

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13. Bob / Muhumuza / Captain Bristol /Control 10/Pilot 10/ Cardiologist



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A hardened New Yorker, Bob is suspicious of where he's landed, fearing that it's World War 3, that someone is going to shoot him and steal his wallet - but instead, he ends up losing his New York jadedness.

Gender: male

Age: 20 to 40

Black/ African Diaspora

Read

People are saying 'we want you to come to our house'. And I think, what is up with this? I mean, are they charging for these "free" showers? Or are they gonna go all Norman Bates... Anyway, I wasn't falling for it. But finally, I'm invited back to the Mayor of Appleton's house –that sounds fancy, but it's not– there's a mayor for every town of a thousand people in Newfoundland. There's the Mayor of Gander. There's the Mayor of Lewisporte. There's the Mayor of Gambo. Anyway, I'm staying with the Mayor of Appleton. His wife shows me where my bedroom is and where the shower is, and through it all, I keep thinking– where am I going to leave my wallet? Someone is gonna steal my wallet.

Auditions songs to prepare

- Claude, Oz, **Bob**, Doug, Swight, Garth '10 Screech In ' bars 123 - 133

14.Ali / Dwight/ Cardiologist

An Egyptian man travelling to America who experiences isolation and Islamophobia but who finds a connection to Beulah.

Gender: male

Age: 30 to 50



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Middle Eastern/North African heritage

Cold Read

I arrive at the airport and am pulled out of line. At first, I do not understand what the police are asking. And then I do. In my culture, there is a word—"awrah"—the area between your stomach and your knees. It is forbidden in my religion for anyone to see this but my wife. To have a woman in the room, watching this. Watching me. You cannot understand.

Auditions songs to prepare

- Claude, Oz, Bob, Doug, Swight, Garth '10 Screech In ' bars 123 - 133

15. Margie/Micky/ Control 11/ Passenger 11&12/ Pilots 4&5/ Delores

Gender: female

Age: 30 to 60

Vocal range top: E5

Auditions songs to prepare



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- Can audition with Janice or Hannah's audition selections.
- Hannah, Bonnie, Beulah, **Margie**, Brenda, Janice - '7F I Am Here' bars 15 - 68

16. Doug/ Officer Stephenson/ Customs Officer/ Cardiologist An

Air Traffic Controller, married to Bonnie, who tries to help his wife and the animals.

Gender: male

Age: 30 to 40

Vocal range top: E4

Auditions songs to prepare

- *Can audition with Nick's audition selections
- Nick & Diane - ' 12 Stop the World ' bars 1 - 64



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17. Crystal / Brenda /Control 7/Crowd 11/Party Girl/Passenger 1/Pilot 11/ Britney

Gender: female

Age: 30 to 50

Vocal range top: C#5

Auditions songs to prepare

- *Can audition with Diane or Beverly's audition selections
- Kevin T. , Kevin J - ' 8 Prayer ' bars 1 - 17

OR

- Beverley - '11 Me and the Sky bars 86 – 104 (note: please do in C major, provided audio files are in the correct key. DO NOT practise with Broadway Cast Recording, it's in Db major)