

Rules for Group Acting

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Time Limit: 7-8 minutes (with a 10 second grace period before and after)

Aim of Category: To learn and practice the skills needed for the creation of a dramatized group script.

Description of Category:

The main focus of Group Drama is character interaction. Characters should move, speak, react, and act with clear purpose and intent. Facial expressions and use of body are essential. Although individual characters should develop and change accordingly during a performance, the whole group must also develop towards a clear climax and resolution. The audience can be addressed, but only in a limited manner. All dialogue should be in English. Scattered, in context, non-English words will be allowed. Clear, understandable accents are allowed. Use of English is marked.

Types of Source Material Allowed:

Published plays, scripts, and radio dramas will be the main focus. However, students may also adapt their own scripts from other materials: poems, song lyrics, speeches, prose, etc. Students may also choose to write their scripts.

Rules:

1. Number of students is between 2 and 7
2. Performances must be 7 to 8 minutes in duration.(A 10 second grace period will be allowed before and after)
3. No costumes or make-up is allowed. This include hats, scarves, pipes, glasses, etc.
4. No props. This includes anything "found" in the room: bottles, chairs, books, pencils etc. The use of one table and two chairs will be permitted and provided by the judges only.
5. No recorded music or sound effects. No special lighting. No use of any technical equipment.
6. There must be a clear introduction stating title and author(s)
7. Audience interaction is not allowed. Asides and breaking the 4th wall is permitted, but without any response required from the audience, and should be extremely limited.
8. This is not a musical. Singing should be incidental and not lasting longer than 20 seconds.
9. The space of the play should be set within the room. Windows, doors, and lights are not to be used.
10. If a member of the group is not able to attend, another, appropriate (age and school) student may be used. No special allowance will be given for the substitution.
11. All lines must be memorized. No prompts or assistance can be used or given.

Violation of Rules:

1. A clear violation of a rule will receive a 10 point penalty.
2. Time violations will receive a 5 point penalty.
3. Judges must note exact reasons for all penalties.

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