Musical Theater Actor Analysis Assignment

Due Date: Monday, November 26, 2018

**Task**: choose an actor to analyze throughout the performance. Consider the questions below, then type your responses in essay format. Your last paragraph should be your take-away from this experience.

**Areas in which to judge:**

Character development

* Does the actor create a believable character? How or not?
* Does the actor ever break character? If this person is moving a set piece or prop, is he/she still in character?
* Does the actor play multiple characters? If yes, how does he/she give them different personalities?
* If your actor doesn’t have any lines, how did he/she show you who their character is?

Stage presence

* Does the actor portray confidence on stage? How or not?
* Does the actor look like he/she is comfortable on stage? What gestures did he/she use to express emotion?
* If the actor has lines, discuss his/her vocal expression and overall delivery.
* Did your actor express any emotion in this play? How?

Choreography and line sequencing

* Does the actor know his/her choreography? Explain how you know this.
* Does the actor know his/her music? Does he/she sing in tune?
* If the actor has lines, did he/she seem natural with them, or did they sound like memorized lines?

**The Take-Away**

* What strengths of your actor would you want to imitate? OR what weakness of your actor will you consciously avoid? Or both!
* After dialing in on one actor for an entire performance, what did you learn?
* How will you change your own acting practices based on the good or bad acting you saw today?

**Things to include in your essay**

* Typed essay with no spelling mistakes, and use proper punctuation marks. Please use Microsoft Word to ensure this is the case. Print your essay and make sure your name is on the top. If more than one page, you may print on both sides or \*staple\* your papers. If you are using a school printer, you need to plan time to do this during the day so you can submit your essay on time.
* Name of the actor and character you are analyzing
* Answers to the three judgement areas
* Answers to the take away questions
* Essay length doesn’t matter as long as you cover all the required areas thoroughly.