

# Mime Assignment

## Boltz Drama, Fall 2019

Performance Date: Tuesday, October 8, 2019

You will work in a small group of 2-4 assigned classmates to create a mimed story. Miming is all about imagination, big actions, and no vocalizing. You should overexaggerate your facial expressions and body gestures. This will help you prepare for your next performance. You may use sound effects and *basic* props (and *basic* costumes, if you wish!). Your performance should be engaging and entertaining!

Step 1: decide what role each member of the group will be taking (director, sound effects, actor, or something else!). Write down each person's role on the back of this paper.

Step 2: create the movement to your story. You will perform a classic children's tale.

Step 3: practice your performance MANY times in class. We will have one and a half days of in-class practice time.

Step 4: perform your story! You will be graded on a scale of 0-4 in the following areas:

Actors

- Character interpretation (did you emotionally "become" this character, or do you act like yourself?)
- Emotion and gestures (do your physical actions and reactions match the intention of the plotline?)
- Story clarity (can the audience tell what is happening based on your interpretation?)

Technical Elements (sound effects, props, costumes, etc.)

- Actual sounds and objects (are your ideas cliché, unique, or a bit of both?)
- Execution (does your timing match that of the storyline, or are you too early/late?)
- Creativity (how many sound effects did you come up with, and where did you place them?)

Director

- Management (did you keep your group on task when practicing? Did you make sure decisions and interpretations were approved by you?)
- Feedback to cast (if you liked/didn't like something your cast was doing, did you tell them? How did you give this praise or criticism?)
- Final product feeling (are you happy with this performance?)

Step 5: after the performance you will evaluate yourself and your group. This will happen the day of the performances so you will need to bring your computer to class.