

Choosing Your Modern Monologue

We really want you to succeed in this audition and to show us the best possible performance you can. Remember the speech is only part of the audition so try to be relaxed about it. Here are some guidelines to help you choose your piece and prepare.

- The monologue should be no more than 2 minutes long.
- You should bring a copy of the monologue with you.
- The monologue must be from a published play.
- You should have learned by heart and rehearsed your monologue.
- You should have read the play and be able to describe what is happening at this point in the text.
- For us a modern monologue can be from any play post 1956.
- Avoid playing characters who are far older or younger than you or of a different gender. Basically look for a role you could be cast in.
- Avoid doing accents. We would prefer to hear you working with your own accent.
- Don't necessarily assume that tragedy is the best idea. We are very happy to see lighter, comedic pieces too.
- Avoid plays with heightened language. Playwrights to avoid: Beckett, Berkoff, Barker, Kane.
- Avoid choosing a play which only has one character in it.
- Make sure you have thought about who the character is talking to. It is generally easier if they are speaking to someone rather than doing a soliloquy or speaking directly to the audience.

Choosing Your Song (Optional)

Being able to sing is beneficial but not essential. If you would like to show us what you can do as a singer then we are happy to hear a one minute unaccompanied song of your choice in any style. If you are not a confident singer you do not have to prepare a song.

Break a leg!

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