

SPEECH TEAM NOVICE AUDITIONS 2017-2018

- **DRAMATIC INTERPRETATION / PROSE READING**

PARENT

Lucie, sweetheart, I need you to listen to me carefully, okay? No matter what happens, no matter what I say or do, I need you to know that Mommy and Daddy love you. Now, you won't be able to see us for awhile, but—no, no, no, don't cry, now, angel—look at me. Look at me, Lucie, I need you to be a strong girl for me, alright? [beat] Can you do that for me? Pinky promise?

FAILED MARRIAGE

Will you just listen to me? No, no, you've had your turn. Now, listen to me. Do you know what it feels like to have to support something—someone—that you don't believe in? Huh? Do you? Do you? Because that's what I've been doing for the last 18 years of this marriage. Just hoping that maybe—just maybe—you'd finally come around and be a decent human being for once.

BAR SCENE

[Jokingly] That's the cheesiest pick-up line I've heard all night, darling. Huh, but ya know, you're not half bad. Me? Well, aren't you a bit audacious. [beat] Alright, I guess I'll amuse you. Let's be honest here. I'm pretty sure I score at least an 8. And that's on a bad day. And no. As cliché as that line is, no, I don't come here very often. Nice try, though. I admire your effort. Huh? What did you say? Oh this? Oh, well, this is my wedding band.

CUSTOMER SERVICE

Ma'am. Ma'am, I understa—[beat] Yes, we've gotten many calls on that particular issue and in fact, our company is working their hardest to resolve that prob—yes, we do understand that your DVD player spontaneously combusted. And yes, we do feel for the loss of your cat, but Ma'am please understand that when objects combust, living things may be in the risk of being lit on fire. Yes, we look forward to seeing you in court too—Hello? Hello? [hang up] God, I hate my job.

A MEAN GIRL

If only you knew how mean she really is... You'd know that I'm not allowed to wear hoop earrings, right? Yeah! Two years ago she told me hoops earrings were *her* thing and I wasn't allowed to wear them anymore. And then for Hannukah my parents got me this pair of really expensive white gold hoops and I had to pretend like I didn't even like them and... it was so sad. And you know she cheats on Aaron? Yes, every Thursday he thinks she's doing SAT prep but really she's hooking up with Shane Ohman in the projection room above the auditorium! I never told anybody that because I am *such* a good friend!

● DUET ACTING

Sam: Boys can be such jerks, can't they?

Katie: All I really want is someone to pull my hair and make me feel special, you know? I'm so sick of these boys that think they're so cool.

Sam: And I'm so sick of these girls where all they care about is what kind of Big Wheel you drive and hanging out in the back of the bus. I've hung out in the back of the bus, it's really not that cool. What am I missing?

Katie: Most people are so full of doody.

Sam: My last girlfriend was the worst.

Katie: How long did you guys go out?

Sam: Two hours.

Katie: That long?

Sam: Yes.

Katie: What happened?

Sam: Well, in the morning, I wrote her a note-- I said check yes if you want to be my girlfriend, she did, everything was going great. And then by lunchtime I could tell she was growing a little distant. Then at the end of the day in the carpool circle, she was like this isn't working out, and I think we should see other people.

Katie: What changed her mind?

Sam: (embarrassed) I might have....uh...peed in my pants a couple of times.

Katie: That happens to a lot of guys.

Sam: That's exactly what I told her! Don't get me wrong, I'm in total control now, I mean, I can hold it, but um...she hurt me really bad. And I just said no more relationships for awhile.

Katie: I'm so with you on that. My last boyfriend was just as bad. He bailed right when things started to get serious. One day, we were just hanging out, sitting in a tree, K-I-S-S-I-N-G, first came love, then came marriage...but when it came to the baby in the baby carriage, he didn't want any part of it. He was like-- hey I never wanted kids and I was like, hey, I didn't write the song buddy!

Sam: Well you know what-- if he left you for that then he wasn't worth it. You deserve better, you're a great girl.

Katie: Thanks. You're a great boy.

- **POETRY READING**

This one goes out to those who refuse to be defined,
Who look at government forms as a challenge,
Who see the safe little boxes next to Caucasian and Asian and Black and Hispanic
And make their own little box labeled all of the above,
Who scratch out the question entirely
And write their own name in large letters,
Who, when forced to choose between male and female,
Write instead “see attached 27-page document detailing why my gender and sexuality
will never fit within the confines of your stifling need to define me.”

- **ORATORY DECLAMATION**

MALE ORATORICAL DECLAMATION

I represent people on death row. It's interesting, this question of the death penalty. In many ways, we've been taught to think that the real question is, do people deserve to die for the crimes they've committed? And that's a very sensible question. But there's another way of thinking about where we are in our identity. The other way of thinking about it is not, do people deserve to die for the crimes they commit, but do we deserve to kill?

You see, death penalty in America is defined by error. For every nine people who have been executed, we've actually identified one innocent person who's been exonerated and released from death row; a kind of astonishing error rate. In aviation, we would never let people fly on airplanes if for every nine planes that took off one would crash.

FEMALE ORATORICAL DECLAMATION

On the 9th of October 2012, the Taliban shot me on the left side of my forehead. They shot my friends too. They thought that the bullets would silence us. But from that silence came thousands of voices. The terrorists thought that they would change our aims and stop our ambitions but nothing changed in my life except this: weakness, fear and hopelessness died. Strength, power and courage were born. I am the same Malala. My ambitions are the same. My hopes are the same. My dreams are the same.

- **PUBLIC ADDRESS (SERIOUS)**

When the Chinese government discovered the 2008 Beijing Olympics was being threatened by rain, they took matters into their own hands. As ChinaDaily of March 19, 2014 explained, they fired more than twenty chemical rockets into the sky, which induced premature rainfall and ultimately saved the ceremony: because when opening night came around, there was no water left to rain on the parade...literally. This entire process is known as Cloud Seeding. Cloud seeding provides huge agricultural and economic benefits, but growing controversies threaten to prevent this technology from reaching its potential. So it is essential we examine the background, consequences, and implications of a process that the technology website, Gizmodo of July 9, 2013 suggested, is science playing God.

- **PUBLIC ADDRESS (FUNNY)**

It's hard to try new things. I understand that. Last week I tried to fail a math test, just to see if I could do it. I got an A minus. Now my dad won't talk to me. But you know what shouldn't be ignored? The causes of why we don't take chances. First, we create a goal of being successful, and second, we have a natural inclination to stay "safe."

As kids, our parents teach us that the goal of life is to be happy. Did I say happy? I mean be rich. And that in order to so, we should follow the status quo on what tends to be successful. Or marry rich. According a 2010 CNN study, the most common majors in colleges include medicine, political science, and psychiatry, prerequisites to the highest paying jobs in America. This study implies that we're pursuing careers with the highest salaries, and disregarding the aptitude, enjoyment, and even availability that comes with these highly competitive jobs. If this keeps up, we're going to be outsourcing. To Djibouti. Cause Djibouti's so big!

● RADIO SPEAKING

Good afternoon, I'm (*say your name!*) and you're listening to WKEY, your key to unlocking all of today's important news, sports and weather. This broadcast is brought to you by American Family Insurance- All your protection under one roof.

On the National Scene, A plea of not guilty was entered on behalf of a young Nigerian man during his first public court appearance to face charges of trying to ignite a chemical-laden explosive on a Detroit-bound US airliner on Christmas Day. Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's arraignment was brief and he spoke little. Authorities say the 23-year old with al-Qaida links was traveling to Detroit from Amsterdam when he tried to destroy the plane carrying nearly 300 people by injecting chemicals into a package of explosives concealed in his underwear.

We'll be back for sports and weather after this word from our sponsor.

A man fills many roles in his lifetime; provider, protector, master of the house. As a father you have a vital role in your family's life. They depend on you to be there. We help to make sure you can fulfill that promise because no matter what they call you, at the end of the day you know you're just, Dad. American Family Insurance- All your protection under one roof.

In sports, the Seattle Seahawks fired Jim Mora after just one season, leaving the former NFC West champs without a coach, general manager and president less than four years after they appeared in the Super Bowl. Speculations on Mora's replacement immediately centered on Southern California coach Pete Carroll.

In weather . . . expect freezing temperatures this evening with a high of 30 and a low of 15. Snow is a possibility through Friday, but on Saturday, temperatures will be heating up with a high of 75 and a low of 60.