

Soapy Play

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I've heard there is a soaping scene in a movie called Coal Mine Christmas, but I haven't seen it. Actually It was called "The Christmas Coal Mine Miracle" I have a copy. It's actually a very touching Christmas film. but the scene we would be most interested in is where Kelly, played by a young Melessa Gilbert, makes a comment about her sister's "dang virginity" and her mother tells her to wash her mouth out with soap. She says yes ma'am and trudges slowly across the floor of the kitchen where her grandfather hands her a bar of soap.

She looks pleadingly at her mother only to hear her order "WASH!" so she washes her own mouth out while the adults talk. you don't get to see the soap go into her mouth as her back is to the camera. but you do get to see her arm move, and her her say yuck as the soap goes in. all in all a good scene.

while this doesn't fit the category of film, back in school i got my mouth washed out during a play. I played the teenage daughter of a man returned from prison after many years. my character, a sixteen year old girl, mouths off to her parents and her mom washed her mouth out with a bar of soap.

while rehearsing for the play everyone was brainstorming on how to fake my mouth soaping. they had all sorts of ideas like doing it off camera, and using a block of white chocolate. you should have seen the look on their faces when i asked why don't we just really wash my mouth out with soap. that sat there stunned as i told them that I'd had my mouth washed out with soap before and that it wasn't too bad.

The girl who played my mom was all for it, (she really hated me because i had a little bit of sex with her boyfriend... go figure. she walked in on us, i would have invited her to join us but the look on her face said she would have said no.) and the professor commended me for my method acting.

the first time we did the soapings in rehearsals, i swear she kept screwing up on purpose. while trying to get the scene to work the way we wanted to, I got my mouth soaped about 20 times that night. the scene we finally decided on was like this. 15 minutes before the soaping a stage hand would start soaking the bar of soap so it would lather well. then after i cussed out my parents "mom" went off stage and comes back with a very bubbly bar of soap. (we tried many different brands, but found that a bath sized bar of Ivory was best able to be seen from the back of the theatre. I spent a whole afternoon sticking just about every brand of soap in my mouth so the rest of the class could discuss the results, "try the irish spring again") when she reached me she grabbed the long hair on the back of my head and shoved the bar of soap in my mouth. she scrubbed for about three minutes all the while scolding me and complaining to "dad" when she was done she sat me on the couch and we finished the scene. For the next ten minutes i did all my lines with ivory soap caked

on my teeth and bubbles forming on my lips.

for two performances each night thurs-sun for two months, i got my mouth washed out with soap very vigorously, all the while my stand-in was praying just as vigorously that i never miss a performance. she did get her mouth soaped a few times in rehearsal, but was hoping that she wouldn't have to do that scene in public. i called in sick just once, so I could watch the scene from the back of the theater. they were right the Ivory was very visible from there.....lol

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