

SHOWTIME CHALLENGE

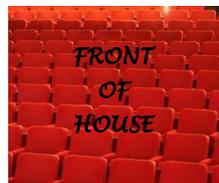


Help us fulfil the dream.....

SHOWTIME 2015



Performance



Girlguiding Hampshire West



Welcome to SHOWTIME!

Have you ever wanted to see your name in lights? Be the star of the show? Or find out what goes on behind the scenes?

If so, this is the challenge for you!

You will get chance to practice all the skills that you will need to be able to put on your own performance now, or in the future, and we hope to see you put your skills to good use in a Showtime in a Day Academy coming soon, or the next Showtime in 2015!

But before then, simply look through the challenge, and complete at least two activities from each of the four sections to achieve your fantastic Showtime Challenge badge. If nothing in the section takes your fancy, feel free to come up with a challenge of your own! Complete the order form at the back of this booklet to order your badges, and send your photos to the county website so we can see what you've been up to!

Maybe you would like to use this challenge to put on your own show for friends and family, or simply share with each other, but whatever you choose to do, we're sure that you will have a great Showtime!

Enjoy the challenge!

The Showtime Team



The team that work backstage are rarely seen in the spotlight, but their jobs make sure that the show looks, sounds and runs perfectly. Find out what goes on in the wings, behind the curtain, and in the flies, and see if you have got what it takes to be a backstage crew member.

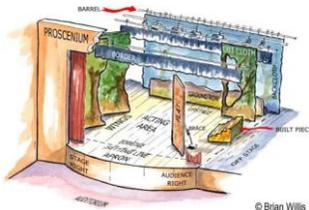
SCENERY AND PROPS

Make a shoe box theatre, design and make all the scenery that you would need to put on a mini show.

Use paper maché or another technique to create a giant pantomime prop - pick an everyday item and make it giant sized.

www.kids-fun-and-games.com/paper-mache-recipe

Make a list of all the props that you might need to collect for a scene in a play.



SOUND EFFECTS

Record different noises in your home or meeting place, and make a quiz for the rest of your group - can they tell what the sounds are?

Read a story out loud, and add the sound effects to match every part of the story.



BACK STAGE TOUR

Contact your local theatre and take a back stage tour. See what goes on behind the curtain, and learn some of the secrets of the theatre.

WARDROBE

Make a costume using recycled materials

Make or decorate a mask to use in a performance.

www.colorbookmasks.com

Practice your hair and make-up skills: make your friends look like Kate Winslet, or maybe even Shrek!

www.snazaroo.com/beginners-guide/



LIGHTING

Make a shadow puppet theatre to experiment with different lighting.

www.squidoo.com/shadow-puppet-theater

See what effect colours have on lights make a stained glass window or decorated tea light holder and see the beautiful filtered colours.

Practice your lighting skills by playing spotlight tag - try to shine your torch on others to tag them



MUSIC

How musical are you? Practice an instrument that you already play, or try out a new one.

Maybe even make some instruments out of recycled materials, or try some instruments from another culture



www.storytimesongs.com/instruments

What a Performance

Your audience will be hoping to see a fantastic performance, so you will need to rehearse your skills, no matter what type of performance you choose. Try out some different types of performance to see which you like best. Once you are ready, put on a show for your friends and family

MIME

How well can you tell your story without speaking? Have a go at mime, where your body language and facial expressions have to convey your message to your audience!



ACTING

Work with a group to write your own play, or use a story that you know. Allocate parts and learn your lines!

www.storiestogrowby.com/script



ANIMATION

Are you good at drawing or modelling? Create your own animation through a flickbook, or photographing your models in action. Maybe even create a computer animation.

www.fluxtime.com



PUPPETRY

Put on a performance using puppets, make your own Sock or Hand puppets, try out shadow puppetry, or experiment with string and rod puppets. You can even create a special theatre for your puppets to perform in!

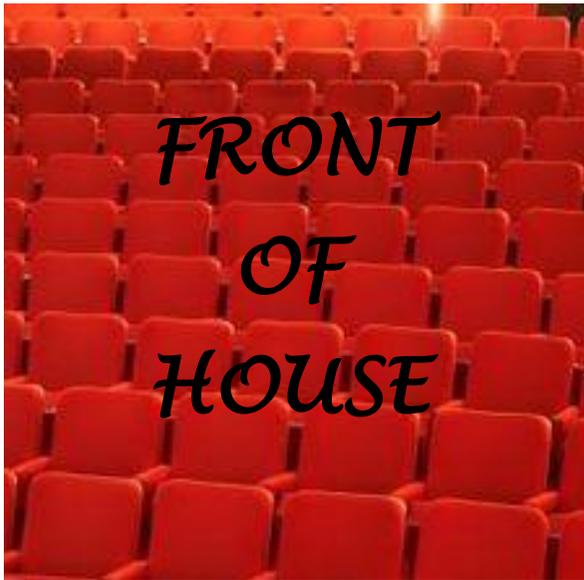
www.schoolofpuppetry.au



DANCING

Pick any form of dance that takes your fancy! Try out tap, ballet or folk dancing, or choreograph your own performance. Learn street dance with your friends, or hold a Scottish Cèilidh for guests.

www.dance-kids.org



Good publicity is vital to ensure that you get a big audience for your show. Make sure that everyone knows all about your show, and how good it is!

REFRESHMENTS

No performance is complete without great interval refreshments! Have a go at making popcorn, with your own flavours; experiment with making special confectionery for the interval; or mix up your own non-alcoholic cocktails for your audience to enjoy.



PROMOTION

Make a poster to advertise your performance. Remember to include all the important details (what, who, when, where)! Decide where would be the best places to display your poster, to make sure that lots of people want to be in the audience! Make sure that you get permission before you put them up!



BE THE CRITIC!

Write a review of a show, film or TV programme that you have seen. Have a look at some of these reviews to help you.



www.kidsnickflicks.com

INTERVIEW THE STARS

Write a set of questions that you would use to interview your favourite movie star. Try them out on a friend!



PHOTOGRAPHY

Take photographs of your performers in costume. Make sure that their pose represents their characters.



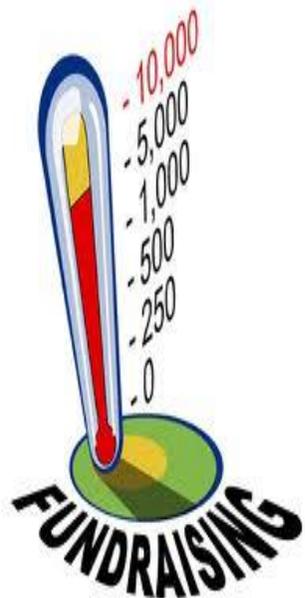
www.betterphoto.com/photography-for-kids.asp

PUBLICITY

Write a newspaper article about your performance. Tell the reader all about your show, and the performers. Remember to tell them all about Girlguiding too!

Use the PR section of the Girlguiding UK website for great hints and tips.





EVERY SUCCESSFUL PERFORMANCE NEEDS SPONSORS!

How about being a Showtime sponsor and raise some unit funds at the same time? All you need to do is hold a fundraising or sponsored event within your unit and split the profits between you and Showtime. In return, we will acknowledge your unit's efforts in the Showtime programme, and if you raise £25 or more for Showtime we will discount your badge price.

SPONSORED EVENT

Why not run a sponsored event for your unit. It could be swimming, skipping, bouncing, dancing, jumping or singing. The ideas are endless. Why not think up one of your own?

FUNDRAISING EVENT

You could collect prizes for a raffle & run it at a district event. Or you could go a step further and run a silent auction.

<http://www.wikihow.com/Run-a-Silent-Auction>

If you have your own head quarters how about running a car boot sale and get other local charities to book a table

HAVE FUN :)

Run a quiz/treasure hunt/car wash - you could even make it themed!

If you are feeling really adventurous, why not put on a fashion show and charge entry - you could even try designing your own fashion with recycled items



If you do not wish to take part in the fundraising challenge, badges may still be purchased at £1.50 each.

Showtime Challenge

Badge Order Form

Once your unit has completed the **Showtime Challenge** please complete and return this badge order form :

Unit: _____

County: _____

Guider's name: _____

Address where badges should be sent: _____

_____ Postcode: _____

Tel (in case of queries): _____

Email (in case of queries): _____

Amount of money raised for Showtime £.....

Number of badges required at £1.00 each - £.....

(£25.00 or more raised for Showtime – Thank you)

Number of badges required at £1.50 each- £.....

(less than £25.00 raised for Showtime)

Post and Packing £2.00 (if required) or collect free of charge

From Test District Guide Shop. £.....

Total amount enclosed £.....

Please send a cheque made payable to 'Girlguiding Hampshire West Showtime'

To Showtime – 27 Elmes Drive, Regents Park, Southampton SO15 4JA

e: showtime2015@btinternet.com