

Blackeyed Theatre

TEACHERS

BY JOHN GODBER

EDUCATION WORKSHOP



This 90 minute workshop, for up to 25 students, is designed for Blackeyed Theatre's touring production of Teachers. The workshop is suitable for KS3-KS5, and will be adjusted depending on the learner group, however it is anticipated that most learners will be on GCSE, A Level, or BTEC qualifications.

Through participatory theatre games, discussion and performance activities, students will explore rehearsal techniques used by the company to develop character, scenes and to interpret the text. The workshop may be particularly useful for groups who are studying the work of John Godber or are analysing the production for their course. The workshop is led by 2 professional actors from Blackeyed Theatre Company, who bring their expertise and experience, and will also answer questions from students about their careers as actors and performers, and 'life on the road' with a touring production.

The workshop is supported by a comprehensive education pack that accompanies the production, providing activities and background information for students before, during and after a visit to see the play.

Aims

Students will participate in a series of practical task based activities to develop bold Godber-esque characters. They will learn methods used by professional actors to discover and shape physicality and voice, and explore how to shift from one character to another whilst maintaining rhythm and energy. Theatrical devices and themes of the play will also be explored and used to devise short scenes, where students can demonstrate and apply the skills and knowledge covered during the session.

Objectives.

By the end of the session students will be able to:

- Use physicality and voice to create bold characters
- Demonstrate multi-roling performance techniques
- Explore the devices 3rd person and direct address
 - Critically comment on the themes of the play
 - Perform to the rest of the group

Itinerary

- Meet the cast
- Discuss the production
- Take part in energising warm-up activities
- Learn rehearsal techniques to develop characters
- Try out theatrical devices used by John Godber
 - Explore the themes of the piece
 - Develop short scenes based on the play
 - Perform to the group
 - Evaluate your performances
 - Talk about life on the road for a professional touring actor

Cost

£130 for one workshop
£200 for two workshops on the same day
Max 25 participants per workshop



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