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INTRO TO ACTING & AUDITIONING

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Welcome to the World of Acting!

Introduction:

Are you ready to take your passion for acting to the next level? Whether you're looking to audition for TV, film, or theater, this booklet will help guide you through the basics of acting and give you the tools to succeed in auditions.

What You'll Learn in This Booklet:

- Understanding the Acting Process
 - Building Your Acting Skills
 - Audition Tips and Techniques
 - Getting Comfortable in Front of the Camera
 - Building Confidence and Presence
 - Activity Exercises to Practice Acting & Auditioning
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Section 1: What is Acting?

What Does It Mean to Be an Actor?

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Section 3: Understanding Your Character

Character Analysis:

Before you perform any scene, understanding your character is key. You need to know their background, motivation, relationships, and how they feel in different situations.

Activity: Character Breakdown

Pick a character you want to perform (or use an example from a TV show or film). Answer the following questions to help you understand their role better:

1. What's my character's main goal in the story?
2. What does my character want from other characters?
3. What obstacles are in my character's way?
4. What is my character's emotional state during the scene?

Section 4: Auditioning Techniques

How to Prepare for an Audition:

- **Know Your Lines:** Always memorize your lines before the audition. Rehearse them until they feel natural.
- **Understand the Scene:** Know the context of the scene and the character's objectives.
- **Be Yourself, but Be the Character:** Bring your unique personality to the role, but remember you're performing as someone else.
- **Confidence is Key:** Whether you're reading lines for the first time or performing a prepared piece, stand tall, speak clearly, and show confidence in your delivery.

Section 4: Auditioning Techniques

Activity: Mock Audition Practice

Set up a mock audition in front of a friend or family member.

- Choose a monologue or a short scene from a movie or play.
- Prepare and perform the scene with full emotion and expression.
- Ask for feedback on your performance:
 - How did your voice sound?
 - Was your body language expressive?
 - Did you seem confident?

Section 5: Camera Confidence and Self-Tape Auditions

Getting Comfortable in Front of the Camera:

As an actor, you need to feel comfortable performing in front of the camera. Practice making eye contact with the lens, using facial expressions, and keeping your energy consistent.

Activity: Self-Tape Audition Practice

- Set up your camera: Record yourself performing a monologue or reading lines from a script.
- Review the footage: Watch your performance and see how you appear on camera. Did your expressions match the emotions you wanted to convey?
- Ask for feedback: Show the video to a friend or mentor and ask for feedback on your delivery and body language.

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Step 5: Define Your Format

What type of project is this?

- ☐ **Short Film**
- ☐ **Feature Film**
- ☐ **Documentary**
- ☐ **Web Series**
- ☐ **TV Pilot**
- ☐ **Social Media Content**
- ☐ **Music Video**
- ☐ **Other:** _____

Step 6: What's Next?

How do you want people to feel after watching this?

What is the message or takeaway?

TIP: Great content solves a problem, answers a question, or explores a truth.

Crafting Your Logline

What Is a Logline?

A logline is a one to two sentence summary of your project. It captures the main character, their goal, and the conflict they face. It's your elevator pitch.

Think of it as the heartbeat of your story.

Logline Formula:

When [inciting incident happens], a [character description] must [goal], but [obstacle/conflict].

Examples of Loglines:

Film:

When a young lion prince is cast out of his kingdom by his evil uncle, he must learn the true meaning of responsibility and reclaim his throne.

→ The Lion King

TV Series:

Five strangers with nothing in common wake up in a locked room. To escape, they must solve deadly puzzles—or die trying.

→ Fictional example

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Crafting Your Logline

Write Your Logline:

Project Title: _____

Main Character (Who?):

Their Goal (What do they want?):

Obstacle/Conflict (What's in the way?):

Now Put It Together:

Crafting Your Synopsis

What Is a Synopsis?

A synopsis is a one-paragraph summary (or up to half a page) that outlines your story from beginning to end. It tells us who, what, why, and how—without diving into deep detail.

It's a tool for producers, agents, or funders to quickly understand your project.

Synopsis Structure Checklist:

- Introduce the main character and setting
- Describe the inciting incident (what kicks off the story)
- Explain the goal or journey of the character
- Reveal the main conflict or stakes
- (Optional) Give a hint at the resolution or transformation

Example Synopsis:

After discovering she can speak to animals, an 8-year-old girl embarks on a magical mission to rescue a lion from captivity. Along the way, she finds her voice, builds unlikely friendships, and learns the true meaning of courage.

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Crafting Your Synopsis

Write Your Synopsis Below

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Questions to Consider

CONCEPT & STORYTELLING

What inspired this idea?

What is the main message or theme of your story?

Who is your main character, and what do they want?

What is at stake in your story?

How does your story begin, and what is the arc?

Is your project scripted or unscripted? Why did you choose that format?

Why is this story important right now?

AUDIENCE & IMPACT

Who is your target audience?

What do you want the audience to feel or learn?

How does your project stand out from others in the same genre?

Is this idea best suited for TV, streaming, film, or digital content? Why?

BUDGET & PRODUCTION

What is your estimated budget or production scale?

What resources do you already have or need to bring this to life?

Where would you want to shoot this, and why?

PACKAGING & PRESENTATION

Do you have a title? How did you come up with it?

What does your logline tell us about the heart of your project?

Do you have a mood board or reference images that show the look and feel?

If this project was greenlit today, what's the first thing you'd do?

ELEVATOR PITCH CHECK

Can you describe your project in 30 seconds or less?

Why are YOU the best person to tell this story?

CRITICAL THINKING & DEVELOPMENT

What would you change or improve based on what you've learned so far?

Have you thought about how you might market or promote this project?

If a producer wanted to make changes, how flexible are you with your vision?

What's the long-term vision for this project (series, franchise, festival circuit, etc.)?



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