

Animal Farm audition scripts

Please prepare **one** of the scenes below in pairs or three's.

If you would prefer to audition alone, please familiarise yourself with both scripts and we will allocate you someone to audition with on the day. You do not need to be off script for the audition.

Note: You do not audition for a specific role, if successful we will allocate you a role that suits your acting style/ ability.

There will be 'named' cast, as well as an ensemble who are in the vast majority of the play (as farm animals/ farmers/ in fight scenes/ dance scenes etc.) If you are not successful in gaining a 'named' role on this occasion, we hope that you will still join us in the ensemble, as the ensemble are equally as important and necessary to the show!

Script 1 - Group of three

BOXER and BLUE are out attempting to plough the soil, but it is almost frozen. MINTY works nearby.

BOXER (to BLUE): This is the most important part of the cycle.

BLUE: Why?

BOXER: You've got to turn the soil over and make sure there's no roots or anything left from the crops before.

BLUE: Why?

BOXER: If we leave them in, then the old plants will compete with the new plants and strangle them before they can grow.

BLUE: Can I try?

BOXER: Here. *(BLUE takes the plough)* That's right, keep going, heave!

BLUE *heaves but the plough won't move an inch.*

MINTY: (mocking) That's right Blue, you can do it! Who's a good boy? Who's a good boy?

(BLUE stops) Oh, don't let me stop you, you're making such excellent progress.

BLUE: Go away!

BLUE *runs towards MINTY, who steps towards him aggressively. BLUE flinches*

MINTY: Down, boy.

BOXER (calm) That's enough.

MINTY: Just a bit of fun, that's all. You want to be careful, Boxer. Lay down with dogs, get up with fleas.

BLUE *(shouting at MINTY)* I do not have fleas! *(MINTY leaves)*

BOXER: You alright? *(BLUE says nothing)* Come on, help me with this.

BLUE: I can't.

Script 2 - Pairs

SNOWBALL: Every idea I've had you've shot down.

NAPOLEON: No I haven't.

SNOWBALL: Yes. Every one. And they're all worked.

NAPOLEON: Have they?

SNOWBALL: Yes. The rota, the ambush, the Battle of the Cowshed.

NAPOLEON: The ambush?

SNOWBALL: Yes.

NAPOLEON: That was a lucky escape.

SNOWBALL: Lucky? We won.

NAPOLEON: By the skin of our teeth.

SNOWBALL: By our cunning, by bravery.

NAPOLEON: You led us into unnecessary danger and it was lucky more animals weren't hurt.

SNOWBALL: I was hurt.

NAPOLEON: Okay.

SNOWBALL: (*Holding up his arm in a sling*) I was hurt!

NAPOLEON: Oh come on, how long are you gonna keep wearing / that thing?

SNOWBALL: I was an animal hero.

NAPOLEON: Those are Major's medals. Not yours. You look ridiculous.

SNOWBALL: You want them? Here, go on, take them.