

BLACKEYED
THEATRE

FRANKENSTEIN

Workshop Plan

This 90 minute workshop, for up to 25 students, is designed to accompany Blackeyed Theatre's touring production of *Frankenstein*. The workshop is suitable for KS3-KS5 and can be adjusted to suit the learner group, though 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 is led by professional actors from Blackeyed Theatre and is supported by a comprehensive education pack, providing activities and background information for students before, during and after a visit to see the play.

“Thank you for the excellent workshop and performance. The students came away from the experience absolutely buzzing and we have already seen an improvement in their performances. Please pass on my thanks to the actors and we look forward to seeing your next production”

B.Guyon

Content

Students will participate in a series of practical task based activities to develop well-crafted characters. They will learn techniques 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 – including the use of puppetry - 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-rolling performance techniques
- Critically comment on the themes of the play
- Perform to the rest of the group

Agenda

- 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 Blackeyed Theatre, including puppetry
- Explore the themes of the piece
- Develop short scenes based on the play
- Perform to the group
- Evaluate your performances
- Talk about life as a touring actor

Workshops last 90 minutes but can be shorter if required. They are available on most performance days, either at the theatre where we're performing or at your school if it's nearby. The cost per workshop is £150 + VAT. For further details or to book, please contact Adrian on 07766 681943 / info@blackeyedtheatre.co.uk