



**MATT MURPHY  
PRODUCTIONS**

TECHNICAL RIDER for *The Berenstain Bears in Family Matters, The Musical*

IN ORDER TO INSURE THAT ALL GOES SMOOTHLY, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT A COPY OF THIS INFORMATION SHEET GETS TO THE ON-SITE PERSON IN CHARGE.

**IF THE PERFORMANCE IS TO TAKE PLACE IN A SCHOOL, OR YOU ARE A VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION OR HAVE LIMITED TECHNICAL CAPABILITIES, DON'T WORRY. SUGGESTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE IN EACH SECTION TO MAKE IT WORK.**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

- 1) Our Stage Manager will contact the on-site person in charge approximately 48 hours before the performance to get specific information (as to where the loading dock door is located, etc.) and to answer any additional questions which may arise.
- 2) We will arrive approximately 2 hours before performance time in theaters, 1 1/2 hours prior in schools. Performance times cannot be changed at the last minute, and we will be prepared to open the house any 1/2 hour before performance time. If you need to open the house prior to 1/2 hour before the performance, you may do so, but be aware that the cast will probably still be setting up on stage.
- 3) The performance is approximately 1 hour.
- 4) We travel in one Dodge Sprinter van and one 4-door Sedan. We will need to have a clear space to unload onto or near the stage. If load-in area is a long way from the auditorium, please let the Stage Manager know in case more time is needed for load-in. If the vehicles cannot stay in the loading area during our time at the theater, then other parking arrangements need to be made for us at no additional charge to our company.
- 5) We will need at least two dressing rooms close to the stage with mirrors and electrical outlets able to accommodate 3 men and 3 women. These rooms need to be properly heated/ventilated, and doorways and windows should be covered to insure the actors' privacy. In schools, rooms such as the nurse's office or faculty bathroom will suffice.
- 6) Separate sanitary toilet facilities with hot and cold running water must be provided for male and female actors. These restrooms should be separate from those provided for the audience.
- 7) We will need easy access to drinking water. Additional food and beverage hospitality is greatly appreciated.
- 8) The taking of pictures during the performance is not allowed, nor is the video or sound recording of the show, without the expressed written permission of Matt Murphy Productions.
- 9) Matt Murphy Productions must be informed of any picture call no less than 48 hours prior to the call, barring extenuating circumstances.
- 10) Please remember to turn off any bells, buzzers, and P.A. systems in the auditorium during the show.

**PERSONNEL**

- 1) There needs to be someone in charge available at all times to answer questions.
- 2) We will need 2 people to help us unload our van when we first arrive and to load again at the end of the performance.
- 3) One electrician is needed to run lights during the show. He/She also needs to be available before the show to work with our Stage Manager to set cues, do rough focusing, etc...

or

We will need one person familiar with whatever lighting is available. He/She will be needed when upon our arrival and during the show. If the controls for the lights are not close to the Stage Manager, it would be helpful if communication (i.e. headsets) is provided.

- 4) If there is a grand/main drape or front curtain, there should be someone to operate it.
- 5) We would always like someone to help with sound.

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## SOUND

We travel with our own sound system which our Stage Manager runs from backstage. All we will need are regular 110 volt outlets on either side of the stage (with extension cords if the outlets are not easily accessible). If there is a house sound-system we can plug our playback source into easily, this may be preferable. If you have your own body mic system and would prefer to use it, please notify the Stage Manager well in advance.

There will need to be communication (i.e. headsets) for the Stage Manager to be able to talk to the lighting operator and possibly the sound operator. Our Stage Manager usually runs the sound offstage right or left. However, if in-house cable runs are sufficient to operate the sound and call the show from a house sound station or a booth out front, please inform the Stage Manager of this option when he/she calls.

## STAGE/DECK

IMPORTANT: The set requires a stage height minimum of 13' and a clear playing area of 20' X 30'

- 1) The stage must be cleared, swept, and mopped.
- 2) If there is a crossover available, it also needs to be cleared. The performance works best with a crossover.
- 3) The size of the stage will determine what we will use for masking behind the backdrop. Possibilities are a black traveler, cyc, etc...

or

If your space is a gymnasium with no wing space or stage curtains, some adjustments will need to be made. For example, the actors often have quick changes that need to be done just offstage but out of the audience's view. Possible solutions may be discussed with the Stage Manager when he/she calls two days before the performance.

- 4) If there is a grand/main drape, it may be used.
- 5) There need to be prop tables offstage both left and right and up center.
- 6) We need a Stage Manager's station where the SM can run sound, preferably offstage left or right. If you have a SM station at another location, the SM should be given the option as to which to use...

or

If you do not have a Stage Manager's station, please provide a table on one side of the stage, preferably out of the sight of the audience, with adequate lighting for the SM to run sound.

- 7) There should be a few chairs on each side of the stage.
- 8) It would be helpful if you could provide a costume rack.

## LIGHTS

Our lighting needs are very simple. Whenever possible we use:

- 1) Full stage wash with warm, bright colors.
- 2) Full stage coolwash for scene changes.

Ideal areas of isolation with warm, bright colors are downstage left, right, and center...

or

If you do not have a sophisticated lighting system, do not worry. At the very least, please be sure to check and replace any burned-out light bulbs. The stage should be as brightly lit as possible. IMPORTANT: we cannot work under fluorescent lights. All shades on the auditorium windows should be drawn and doors shut during the performance.

## FRONT OF HOUSE

Bells, buzzers, cell phones, and personal beepers should be turned off during the show. Please call children to the auditorium early enough to begin the program at the scheduled start time.

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