

young People's Theater



SHREK Audition Readings

Find your audition reading(s) below. Locate the appropriate category and follow the instructions in italics.

Prepare the reading(s) for your audition. Memorization is not required! A notecard with the readings will be provided to you at your audition.

Boys and Girls Grade K-4

Choose one (1) of the readings below to present at your audition.

NARRATOR

Once upon a time, there was a little ogre named Shrek, who lived with his parents in a bog by a tree. It was a pretty nasty place, but he was happy because ogres *like* nasty.

LITTLE PIG

Well gosh, we were *forced* to come here... by Lord Farquaad. He huffed and he puffed, and he signed an eviction notice!

Girls Grade 5-7

Choose one (1) of the readings below to present at your audition. You may be asked to present both.

SUGAR PLUM FAIRY

Look here, ogre. I'm gonna spell if out for you. We don't want to be here any more than you do. But you're the only one tough enough to stand up to that no-good flim-flammer Farquaad.

YOUNG FIONA

Oh, here's a good one. It's a classic. "There's a princess in a coma." Glad it's her instead of me. "Blah-blah-blah poison apple, boring-boring evil queen..." Skip ahead, skip ahead!

Boys Grade 5-7

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DONKEY

Shrek? Huh. Well, you know what I like about you, Shrek? You got that whole, “I don’t care what anybody thinks of me” thing. I like that. I respect that, Shrek. You all right.

PINOCCHIO

Now wait a minute! Maybe that ogre wasn’t the answer, but something better will come along, and we have to wait for it, because that’s what fairytale creatures do. We wait for miracles. We wish upon stars.

FARQUAAD

Oh her way! Rah! She’s on her way, and so am I! My fairytale princess. I always said I’d be kind, and now look. The last adorable piece to my master plan.

Girls Grade 8-12

Prepare both of the readings below to present at your audition.

FIONA

You did it! You did it! You did it! You’re amazing, you’re wonderful, you’re... a little unorthodox I’ll admit, but — Thy deed is great, and thine heart is pure. I am eternally in your debt. Oh no! I’m supposed to be rescued by my true love. Not by some ogre and his... pet.

GINGY (Gingerbread Person)

No! Not the buttons! Not my gumdrop buttons! Okay... I’ll tell you. She’s a day’s walk from here. In a dragon-guarded castle, surrounded by hot boiling lava.

Boys Grade 8-12

Choose two (2) of the readings below to present at your audition. You may be asked to present all three.

SHREK

(No accent required)

I’m not the one with the problem, okay? It’s the world who seems to have a problem with me. You saw how that princess reacted. That’s how it *always* is. People take one look at me, and it’s all, “Aghhh! Help! A big stupid ugly ogre!” They judge me before they even know me. That’s why I’m better off alone.

Boys Grade 8-12 Continued

DONKEY

There you go again! My-my-my! Me-me-me! Well guess what? Now it's my turn, so you just shut up and pay attention. You are mean to me, you insult me, and you don't appreciate anything I do. You're always pushing me around or pushing me away! You're so wrapped up in layers, onion boy, you're afraid of your own feelings.

FARQUAAD

I will make Fiona my queen and Duloc will finally have the perfect king! Captain, round up your men, summon the citizens! Thelonus, tell the royal coiffeur I'll need my hair pressed. We're going to get a queen.