

Stage Manager: Drea Brown

Challenges & Opportunities

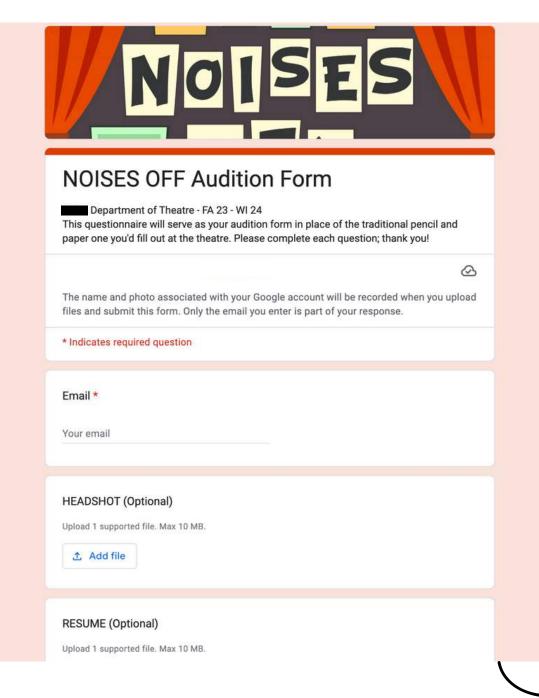


Noises Off is a huge undertaking as it is--it's a script that demands nearly perfect timing, beautifully executed choreography, and props upon props upon props. In addition to that, a 3,000-pound set that needed to rotate with no added mechanics and a cast that nearly all came down with COVID just before tech created a truly insane process!

I learned so much over the entirety of this process. From finding new ways to block & notate intimacy and fight choreography, to learning how to delegate within a team and allowing others to learn and not just do things myself--this show truly showed me what it is to be a stage manager, and what it is to have a team that you trust.



Pre-Show Prep



I distilled the information from our digital audition form into one sheet of paper with the relevant information for auditions-our team preferred to have all of the information easily available, as it was easier to reference during the initial audition and casting process.

Paige Tuckerman

She/Her/Hers

Hair: Brown Eyes: Brown

ROLES MOST INTERESTED IN

Belinda Blair/ Flavia Brent and Dotty Otley/Mrs. Clacket

Will you accept any role?

Yes

Are you willing to change your hair?

Yes, both cut and dye my hair

What year are you at ?

2nd Year Student

What is your Major and Minor?

Theatre and Criminal Justice, Legal Philosophy

Are you currently receiving a Theatre Scholarship?

Yes

Is this your first audition at ? If not, what have you auditioned for?

Tiny Beautiful Things, The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds, Very Berry Dead



Do you have previous acting experience?

Yes. The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds as Tillie Hunsdorfer - a timid girl in an abusive household finding joy and peach from her crazy home in science, The Waiting Room as Eunice - a puritan waiting in purgatory who believes she is a witch as she was alive during the Salem Witch Trials.

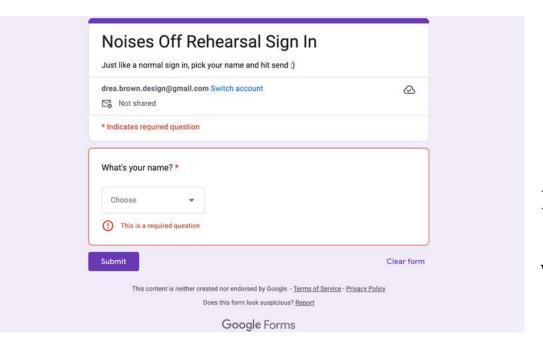
List any special talents or skills

Slight experience in english and southern accents without professional training, only comfortable performing with notice.
Comfortable with movement on stage.

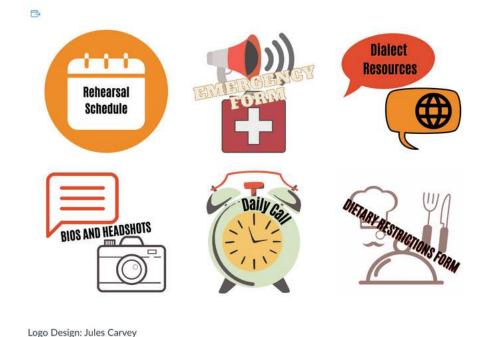


Pre-Show Prep

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	Nothing for now
Noises Off Entire Production	
	Hi all. Here is the schedule for closing and strike! Please note



I chose to utilize a digital sign in for rehearsals, as I was trying to eliminate paper and make it easier for our SM team to reference without needing to go to the callboard.



Lucid (Whiteboard)

In addition to prepping audition information, I took some time to prep a few different methods of communication (as well as the templates for information), and getting the callboard ready!

Our Canvas pages (one for the Entire Production, and one for the Creative Team) had almost all of the information that anyone would need to access. We used these similarly to a digital callboard, and I was able to set these up ahead of time so that people could find things quickly & easily!



Production Meetings

We tried to utilize a new tool for this production: editable production meeting agendas that would be sent out to everyone on the creative team a few days ahead of the meetings. This was beneficial to be able to see ahead of time what we wanted to talk about, and made it easier to problem-solve when everyone could see what we needed to discuss. It also helped us decide what order we went in for each meeting--we wanted to make sure that we had enough time for the departments, but since different departments each week had a different amount to discuss we would switch up the order.

Typically, I would lead the meetings and the ASM would take notes that we would discuss and distill into the report afterwards!

Noises Off Production Meeting Agenda - x/xx/24

SM: Drea Brown ASM: Emma Koch

Noises Off Production Meeting Agenda

**Please fill out this agenda with a brief explanation of what you plan on/would like to discuss at our
production meeting on x/xx**
☐ Attendance
☐ Director
☐ Insert Notes/Thoughts/Questions
□ Costumes
 Insert Notes/Thoughts/Questions
□ Hair & Makeup
 Insert Notes/Thoughts/Questions
□Scenic
 Insert Notes/Thoughts/Questions
☐ Lights
☐ Insert Notes/Thoughts/Questions
□ Props
 Insert Notes/Thoughts/Questions
□ Sound
 Insert Notes/Thoughts/Questions
☐ Stage Management
 Insert Notes/Thoughts/Questions
□Publicity/Office Worker -
 Insert Notes/Thoughts/Questions
□ Next Meeting - When and Where?
☐ Dismissal

Production Meetings

Director: Tommy Wedge AD: Lela Murray SM: Drea Brown ASM: Emma Koch

Noises Off

Written by Michael Frayn

Production Meeting Report #5

Date: 1/19/24

Location: Makeup Room

Next Meeting: 1/26/24, 11am in the Makeup Room

Start Time: 11:03

Breaks:

End Time: 11:28

Total Meeting Time: 25 min.

Attendance:

Drea Brown, Peggy Mead-Finizio, Tommy Wedge, Emma Koch, Lela Murray, Eric Durette, Tyler Obermiller, Jerry Dennis, Alex Dubowski, *Courtney Kelly*, Lila Duvendack, Becca Dubs, *Zoe Gilbert*, *Kalinah Dunn*

Present, Excused, Unexcused, Late

Production Notes

General:

 This is also in the rehearsal report from today, but the rehearsal calendar has been updated several times—please reconnect with this to make sure that we're all on the same page!

Costume

- 1. The doctor's note for Emma-Gene will be here on Monday!
- 2. See publicity 1.
- Plans to start fittings next week.
- 4. Would like to discuss with Props the Sheikh robes/sheets so that we can get the performers rehearsing with rehearsal clothes close to the final product.
- 5. Lila has been practicing some renderings.
- 6. Courtney will be out of state January 30th February 4th.

Director: Tommy Wedge AD: Lela Murray SM: Drea Brown ASM: Emma Koch

Director:

- 1. Rehearsals are going well!
- 2. Moving the schedule around slightly, stumble through may be pushed a day or two depending on how productive rehearsals are.

Hair/Makeup:

- 1. Concept/design presentation is in the Canvas!
- 2. If you would like us to send out a notice to actors about not changing hair or looks overall, we totally can.
- 3. See Publicity 1.

Lights:

- 1. Getting into the space next week.
- 2. Veronica Vozniak is our lead electrician!
- 3. Tommy, Paige, Kelly, and Peggy will have a longer conversation about making electrics hours sign-up electronic

Props:

- 1. Could the rehearsal props be labeled/could you walk us through what you intend the props to stand in for? Post-it notes are great for this!
- 2. See Costumes 4.

Sound:

- Gave presentation about speaker plot and intentions for where sounds will be coming from during each Act.
- 2. Tommy is open to some sort of music for Nothing On rather than having a preshow announcement.
- 3. For crashing sounds, Tommy is into physical in person sounds, but we may need more support from artificial sounds.

Set:

- Have started to flip the set around.
- Working on small tasks.
- 3. More wood for the walls is coming in soon.
- 4. Will be getting walls up next week and tying them to the platforms.
- 5. The weekend of February 2nd would be a good weekend for APO to do a workday in the scene shop.
- 6. We have an old grand curtain (red in color) that we can possibly use for the double curtain moment at the top of Act III.
- 7. Lights is willing to give line set three for the second curtain to live on.
- 8. Could use Velcro for the ripping of the curtain.

Director: Tommy Wedge AD: Lela Murray SM: Drea Brown ASM: Emma Koch

We will have to move the set very slowly so that we are able to stop it in the correct spot.

Stage Management:

 Check in with actors that will be wearing skirts about getting rehearsal skirts if they feel that is beneficial for them.

Publicity:

- 1. Get together with hair/makeup, costumes, and actors about making the *Nothing On* program.
- 2. Calendar is updated.
- 3. Making a department TikTok!
- 4. Making first post on Monday!

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Schedules

Department of Theatre

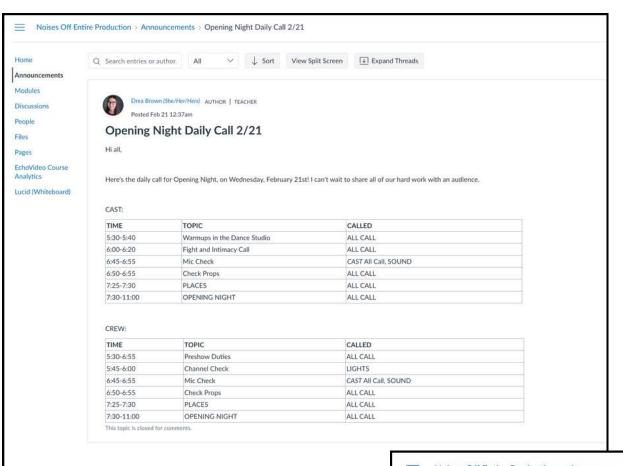
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Noises Off

Performance Schedule

- **❖ 5:30** − All Call
 - ➤ Cast: Warmups in the Dance Studio
 - ➤ Crew: Preshow duties
- ❖ 5:45 Channel Check
 - ➤ Will be dark onstage as Lights works
- ❖ 6:00 Fight and Intimacy Call
 - ➤ Cast: Fight and Intimacy Call
- **❖ 6:45** Mic Check
 - ➤ Cast and Sound: run Mic Check onstage (check props when finished!)
 - > Crew: check all duties are done, final checks
- **❖ 7:00** House Open
 - ➤ No one can cross the stage at this time!
- ❖ 7:25 Places
 - ➤ Make sure that everything is set and ready to go before this!
- ❖ 7:30 Performance GO!
 - > Have a great show, everyone!

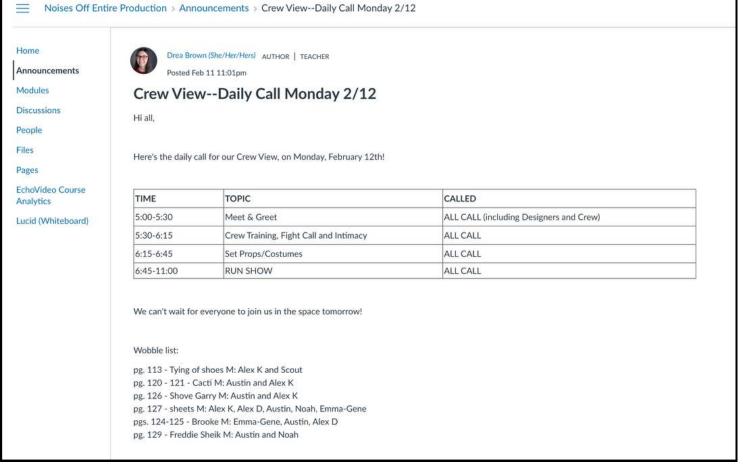
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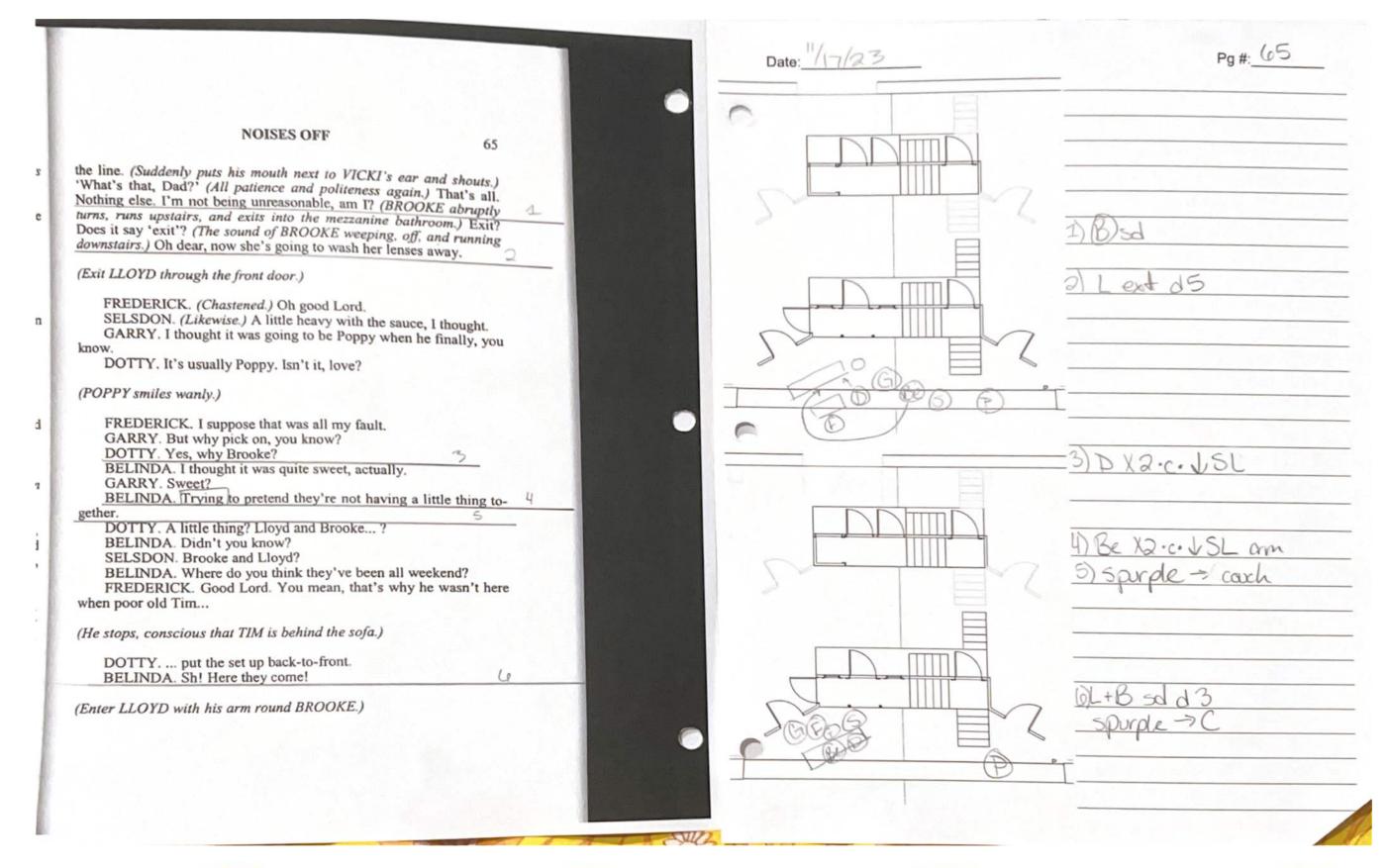
We chose to utilize Daily Calls, which were sent out each night to the Entire Production Canvas page. This way, everyone involved with the production was able to see these--it allowed all of the actors to quickly reference what they would be doing, as well as give designers a heads up about what we intended to cover.

Alongside the Daily Calls, which were also printed for the Callboard each day, I made prettier versions of the schedule once we got towards tech, dress, and performances--this made it easier to quickly reference, as the callboard is in the middle of the spaces we used.

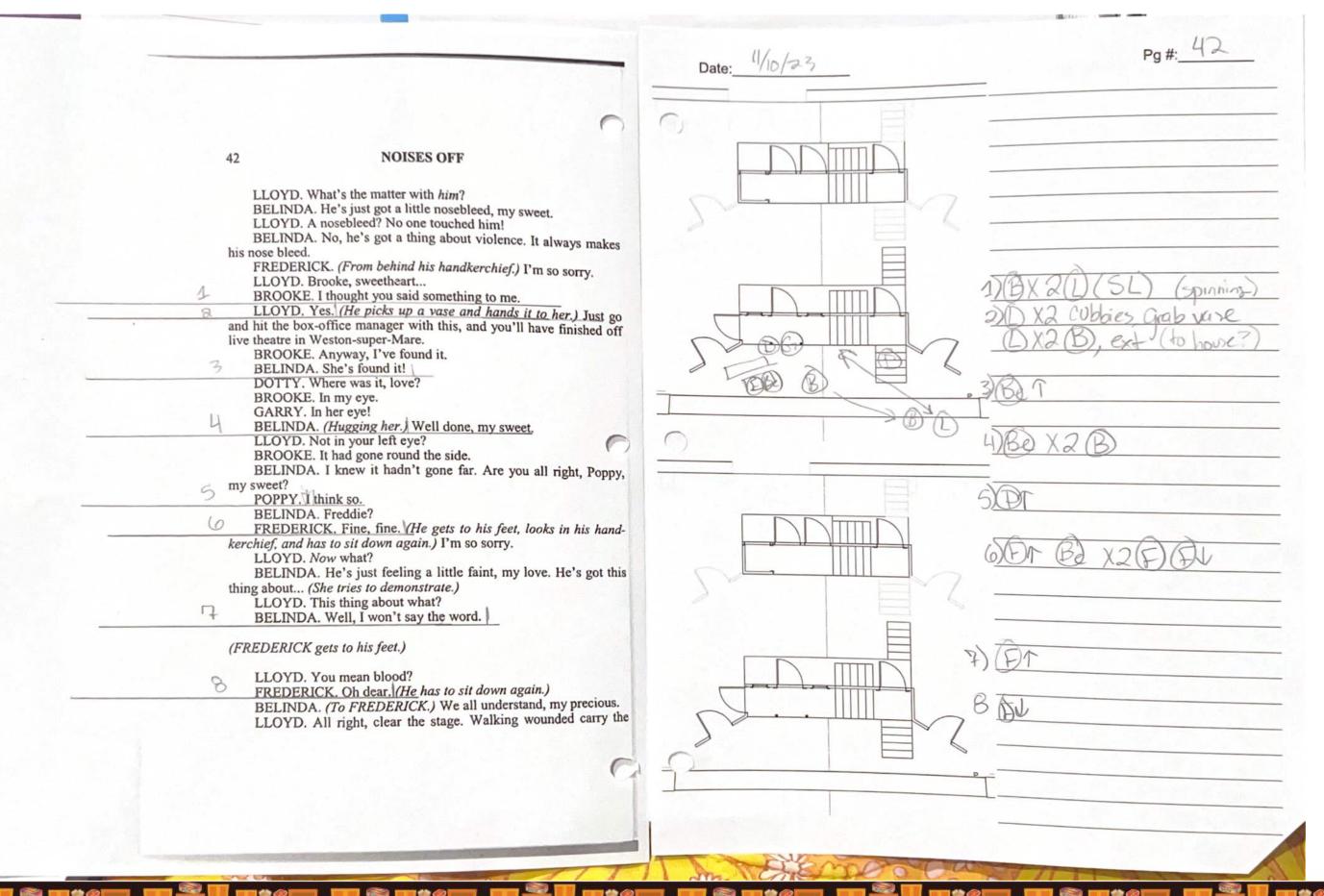




Blocking



Blocking



Rehearsal Reports

Director: Tommy Wedge AD: Lela Murray SM: Drea Brown ASM: Emma Koch

Quote of the Night:

Noises Off

Written by Michael Frayn

Rehearsal Report #30

Location: Malcolm Field **Next Meeting:** 2/11/24

Start Time: 7:00

Breaks:

8:18 - 8:28 9:16 - 9:26 **End Time:** 10:03

Date: 2/9/24

Total Meeting Time: 2 hours, 43 minutes

Rehearsal Notes:

7:00 – Warmups and meet and greet 7:12 – Run Act I

8:18 - Break 8:28 - Run Act II 9:16 - Break

9:26 - Run Act III 9:54 - End of night announcements Attendance:

Drea Brown (SM)
Austin Butterfield
Alex Dubowski
Noah Johnson
Emma Koch (ASM)
Alex Kulmacz
Isabel Losa
Scout McCulloch
Lela Murray (AD)
Emma-Gene Pichan

Dana Samalik
Paige Tuckerman

Tommy Wedge (Director)

Present, Excused, Unexcused, Late

Production Notes

General:

1. None at this time, thank you!

Director: Tommy Wedge AD: Lela Murray SM: Drea Brown ASM: Emma Koch

Costumes:

1. Fixing the hem to be slightly longer on the Sheik robe early next week.

Director:

1. None at this time, thank you!

Hair/Makeup:

1. None at this time, thank you!

Light

1. Working in the space 3 - 6 tomorrow.

Props

- 1. We would like to explore a longer and bigger cactus.
- 2. Spaces will be open at 10am tomorrow.

Sound:

1. None at this time, thank you!

Set:

- 1. Please sand all of the railings on the Act I & III set, as well as all of the posts.
- 2. There were quite a few stray screws and brad nails sticking out in a few places around the set, we were worried about people getting hurt. Tommy suggested taking a grinder to the nails sticking out of the double two by fours.
- 3. Working in the space in the morning tomorrow.
- 4. We would like a fake cord for the TV along with a "fake" place to plug it in above the proscenium.
- 5. For our Sunday rehearsal, Tommy would like the three wooden Cabaret chairs pulled so that we can use them.

Stage Management:

1. None at this time, thank you!

Publicity

1. None at this time, thank you!

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Tracking

Noises Off

			Run Sheet	t .	
Who:	Task:	What:	Where:	When:	Notes:
			Intermissio	on	
			1. Fly OUT Act I		
			2. STRIKE Wings b		
			3./4. STRIKE Nothing C	On Furniture	
			3./4. STRIKE P	rops	
			5. Rotate SE	T	
			6. SET Act II Fur	niture	
			7. SET Nothing On I	Furniture	
			8. SET Propo		
			9. SET Wing		
			10. FLY IN Act II		
Nash	Fly Out	Legs and Traveler	Fly rail	DQ 1 is called	
Elliott/Nash	Strike	LX Cable	BSL/BSR		
Elliott/Nash	Strike	Wing	SL		Move to backstage BEFORE rotation of set
Emma/Isaac	Strike	Wing	SR		Move to backstage BEFORE rotation of set
Nash/Isaac	Strike	Couch	SPIKE (blue)		Move BACK STAGE
Nash	Strike	Coffee table	SPIKE (color)		Move BACK STAGE
Emma	Strike	Chair	SPIKE (blue)		Move BACK STAGE
Elliott	Strike	Couch end table	SPIKE (color)		Move BACK STAGE
Elliott	Strike	Chair side table	SPIKE (color)		Move BACK STAGE
Isaac	Strike	TV and Stand			
Props	Strike	Shelf bric-a-brac	Shelf under stairs		Remove BEFORE rotation of set
	20.00.000	h	AFTER SET IS RO	DTATED	
Emma/Isaac	Set (BACKSTAGE)	Couch	SPIKE (blue)		
Nash	Set (BACKSTAGE)	Coffee table	SPIKE (Yelloe)		+
Emma	Set (BACKSTAGE)	Chair	SPIKE (blue)		
Emma	Set (BACKSTAGE)	Couch end table	SPIKE (Yellow)		
Isaac	Set (BACKSTAGE)	Chair side table	SPIKE (Yellow)		
Props	Set (BACKSTAGE)	Shelf bric-a-brac	Shelf under stairs		
Elliott	Set	Black Prop Table SL	SPIKE (Orange)		1
Nash	Set	Black Prop Table SR	SPIKE (Orange)		-
Elliot	Set	Coat Rack	SL Proscenium		-
Elliott/Nash	Set	Act II Chair	SL (Orange)		
Elliott/Nash	Set	Act II Chair	C (Orange)		
Elliott/Nash	Set	Act II Chair	SR (Orange)		THIS ONE WILL BE STOOD ON BY DOTTY
Emma/Isaac	Set	SM Desk	SPIKE (Orange)		I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I I
Isaac	Set	Axe	Prosceneium		
Elliott/Nash	Set	Wing	SL		Move to Act II Spike
Emma/Isaac	Set	Wing	SR		Move to Act II Spike
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.,	Add	Piece of door onto ax	SL	pg. 103 - 105	

Updated: 2/20/24

Noises Off Combat List

Act I

- Brooke, Poppy, Garry pg 41–Brooke clumsy (Emma-Gene, Paige, Alex K)
- Freddie and Belinda pg 56 Tea service? (Noah and Dana)
- ALL pg 61 Sheikh fights
- Freddie and Belinda pg 62 Slap (Noah and Dana)
- Freddie and Belinda pg 64 Slap (Noah and Dana)

Act II

- Brooke and Poppy pg 79-Jostle (Emma-Gene, Paige)
- Garry, Freddie, Belinda, Brooke pg 85/86 Garry chases Freddie (Alex K, Noah, Dana, Emma-Gene)
- Garry and Freddie pg 87 Foot stomp (Alex K and Noah)
- Garry and Belinda pg 87 Redirect to stage? (Alex K and Dana)
- Belinda and Brooke pg 88 Pushing bathroom door open? (Dana and Emma-Gene)
- Dotty, Garry, Freddie, Belinda pg 101 Axe lift and take away (Scout, Alex K, Noah, Dana)
- Garry, Freddie, Dotty, Belinda pg 108 Protect Freddie (Alex K, Noah, Scout, Dana)
- Garry pg 114 Entering fall, seen through door (Alex K)
- Garry pg 116 ONstage fall, not seen by audience? (Alex K)
- ??Freddie, Belinda, Dotty pg 116 Faint and catch? (Noah, Dana, Scout)
- Brooke pg 117 Fall over couch (Emma-Gene)
- Pg 130 –Sheikh moment

Act III

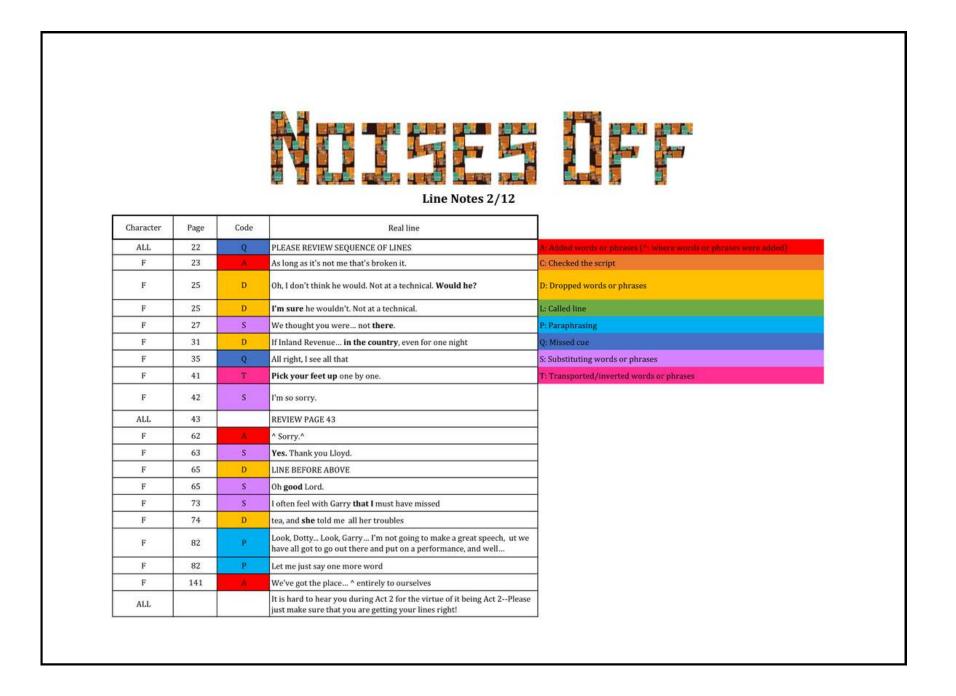
- OFFSTAGE slap, pg 133-Scout and Dana technically, but completely unseen
- Garry pg 145 Fall over bag and box upstairs (Alex K)
- Freddie pg 147 Philip fake fall (Noah)
- Garry pg 155 Fall down lower stairs (Alex K)

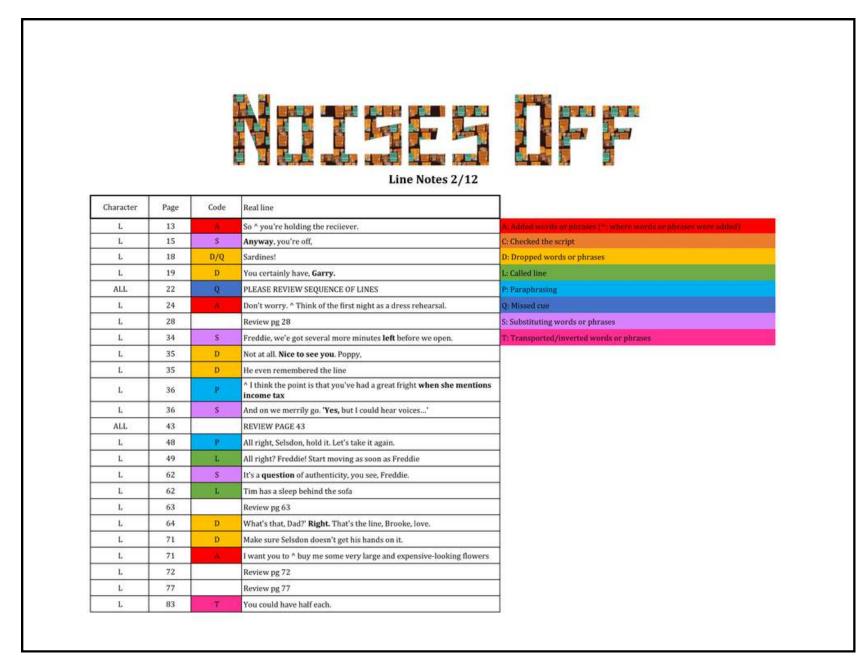
I'm putting things in here that I'm not sure are really combat or not, but we've also been sort of setting choreo so I'm not sure

In the promptbook, I
was intentional about
using sticky notes to
denote pages with
combat or intimacy
moments--I used these
as the basis for our
more formal lists, but
kept the sticky notes in
my book for easy
reference.

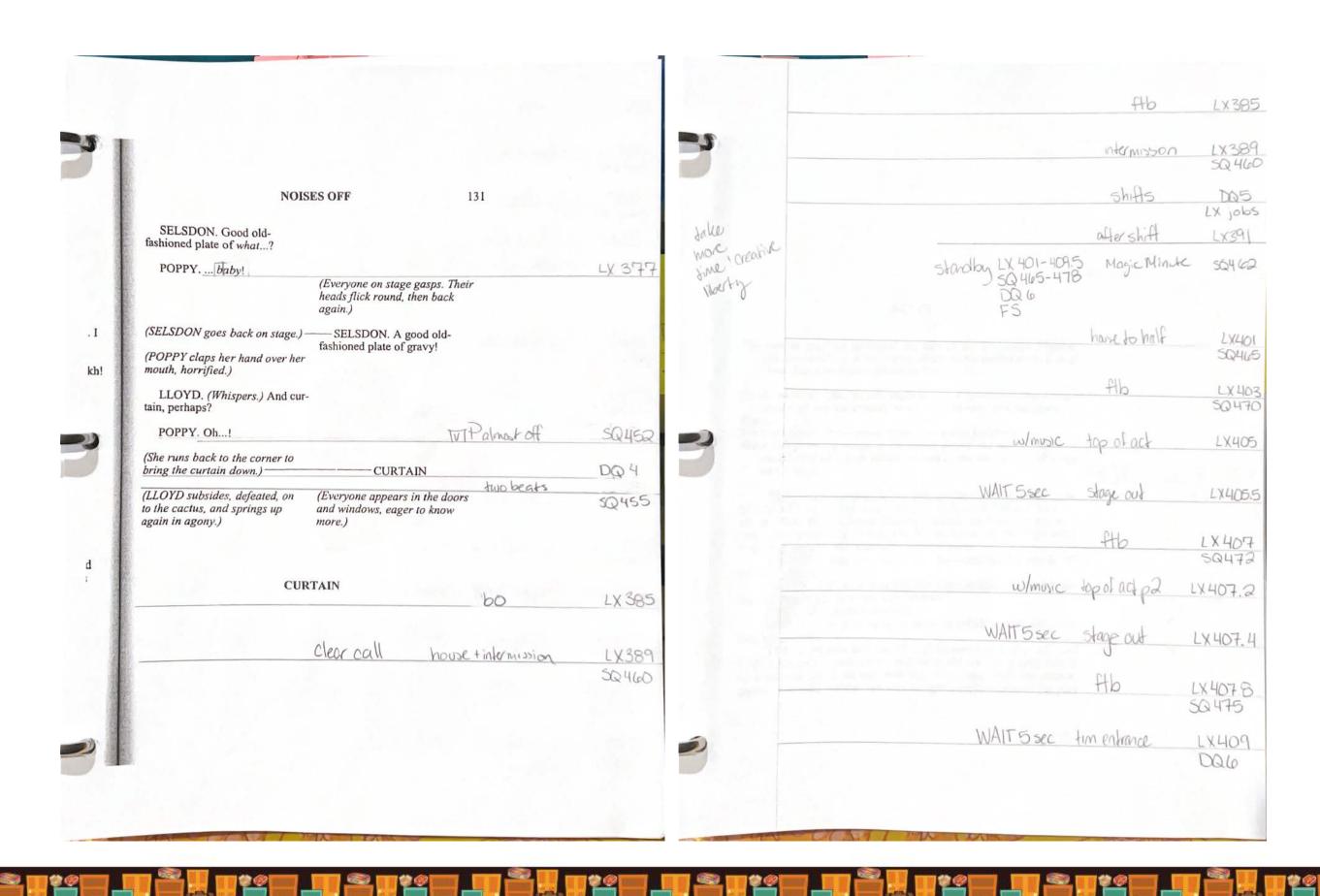
The different colors and formatting indicated how much we had worked with certain moments.

Line Notes





Calling



Calling

NOISES OFF 134 our long and highly successful tour... POPPY. (Over Tannoy.) Ladies and gentlemen. We apologize for the delay in starting tonight, which is due to circumstances which stadley LX412-413 BELINDA. (Over Tannoy.) Don't you dare! Don't you dare! POPPY. (Over Tannoy) ... which have now been brought under TIM. ... our long and highly successful tour is on its very last legs. Its very last leg. Thank you for your... POPPY. Thank you for your... TIM and POPPY. (Together.) ... co-operation and understanding. TIM. I sincerely trust... (He pauses for an instant to see if he will be interrupted again.) I sincerely trust there will be no other... (He becomes aware of the whisky bottle.) ... no other hiccups. No other holdups. So, ladies and gentlemen, will you please sit back and enjoy the remains of the evening. (Exit TIM. A slight pause, then his arm comes out from under the tabs WITEXIL and retrieves the bottle. The introductory music for Nothing On, and this time the tabs rise. The act is being seen from the front again, exactly as it was the first time, at the rehearsal in Weston-super-Mare. Enter slowly and with dignity from the service quarters, limping painfully, MRS, CLACKETT. She is holding a plate in her left hand and a handful of loose sardines in her right.) LX 413 call w/mysic. MRS. CLACKETT. (Bravely.) It's no good you going on... (She stops and looks at the phone. It hurriedly starts to ring.) I can't pick sardines off the floor and answer the phone. (She dumps the handful of sardines on the plate.) I've only got one leg. (She shifts the plate to her right hand and picks up the phone with the left. Into the phone, bravely.) Hello... Yes, but there's no one here... No, Mr. 5Q 490 M Dpick up phone Brent's not here... (She puts the plate of sardines newspaper down next to the newspaper on the sofa as she speaks and picks up the newspaper. She shakes the outer sheet free and wipes her oily hand on it as best she can. The rest of the newspaper disintegrates and falls back on top of the sardines.) He lives here, yes, but he don't live here

