

# SHARPE

LAMDA ACTING PROGRAMME 2020

GRADE FIVE – COMPULSORY

## Blithe Spirit by Noel Coward

*MADAME ARCATI:* Is there anyone there? .....Is there anyone there? ....  
One rap for yes.....two raps for no.

Now then ... is there anyone there? Oh Sshhh! Is that you, Daphne? Is your cold better, dear? Oh, I'm so sorry. Are you doing anything for it? I'm afraid she's rather fretful.

Is there anyone there who wishes to speak to anyone here? Ah! Now we're getting somewhere... No, Daphne, don't do that, dear, you're hurting me... Daphne, dear, please... Oh, oh, oh!...Be good, there's a dear child... You say there is someone there who wishes to speak to someone here?

Is it me? Is it Dr Bradman? Is it Mrs Bradman? Is it Mrs Condomine?

Stop it! Behave yourself! Is it Mr Condomine?  
There's someone who wishes to speak to you, Mr Condomine.

I really must ask you not to be flippant, Mr Condomine. Do you know anybody who has passed over recently? Are you Mr Condomine's cousin in the Civil Service?

I'm afraid we've drawn a blank. Can't you think of anyone else? Rack your brains.

Are you old Mrs Plummett? Are you old Mrs Plummett? There's nobody there at all.

Well, I'm afraid there's nothing for it but for me to go into a trance. I had hoped to avoid it because it's so exhausting - however, what must be must be. Excuse me a moment while I start the gramophone again.