

SHARPE

LAMDA ACTING PROGRAMME 2020

GRADE ONE, TWO or THREE – OPTIONAL CHOICE 3

The Examination

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ALEX or ALEXANDRA: I'll be alright Mother. Really, don't worry- it'll be easy. Mr Jones will be here very soon. Hello. Good morning I'm Alexandra Townsend. *Alexandra Townsend*, yes. I'm here for my clarinet examination... No I don't want the toilet! Grade four... Clarinet... Yes. *Four*. No! - not which door. But my accompanist hasn't arrived yet... My accomp... It doesn't matter... I'll be alright.

I'll be fine. Out you come. One - two - three - four. No! Where 's my reed? I bet I've forgotten it... Here it is. Remember to lick it, Alexandra. Remember reeds are 50p each ...

Now... Where's my music? I bet I've forgotten it Oh. There it is. Now, Alex - you are a very good clarinettist. *You are brilliant. You are brilliant. You are brilliant!*

No! Where is Mr Jones? My examination is in five minutes. Excuse me. *Alexandra Townsend*. Yes... I know my examination is in five minutes but my accompanist hasn't arrived yet my accomp. . Ohoo!

Look... the man who is playing the *peeano* for me! Yes! Piano. *No!* I'm not playing the piano- I'm doing a clarinet exam! I've lost my *pianist*. I'm not playing the piano, *he is!* Look. I cannot do my examination without Mr Jones... Because he plays the *piano* for me...

What? He's where? He's in there waiting for me? I'm sorry. I'm so sorry. I am really sorry...

Hello Mr Jones.