

ST. PETER'S SCHOOL, BLACK TICKLE

presents

"Behind the Scenes"

This play focuses on the joys, worries, concerns, and excitement of St. Peter's Drama Group as they prepare for the Labrador Arts Festival in Goose Bay. The performance tries to capture some of those "behind the scenes" moments and memories.

Cast

Paige.....	Wendy Keefe
Candice.....	Sharon Keefe
Jessica.....	Laura Keefe
Mark.....	Cheryl Elson
Jonathan.....	Serena Holwell
Monica.....	Trudy Morris
Jake.....	Corey Elson
Miss Clark.....	Linda Morris
Betty (Mark's Mother).....	Serena Holwell
Mary (Paige's Mother).....	Laura Keefe
Suez (Candice's Mother).....	Corey Elson
Roberta (Monica's Mother).....	Sharon Keefe
Costumes and Stagehand.....	Jeffrey Keefe
Teacher Advisor.....	Sister Margie Taylor



Setting: At the auditions, in the hall way. Standing there is Mark, Candice, Paige, Jake, and Monica. Jonathan is auditioning.

Jessica: Boy, I wish he'd hurry up, I'm gonna be late. If I'm not home by 4:00, I'll miss the story.

Candice: I don't see the point in auditioning, anyway, I've been in drama for four years now. They should know how good I am. This is an utter waste of time.

Monica: Well, Miss la-te-da. Pity we're not all as perfect as you. You and your big ways gets on me nerves.

Paige: Come on now Monica. She didn't mean it that way. Did you, Candice?

Candice: Oh no.

Everyone: (Rolling their eyes) Oh no.

(Jake is tapping on the desk and humming a song)

Mark: Jake, could you give it up, please? I'm already nervous enough as it is. I'm only here because my mother made me come. She'd have a conipation if I didn't get picked.

Jake: I haves to laugh at these fellers trying to please their mothers. Did ya just come out of the uterus or wa?

Mark: No! (He blushes)

Jessica: Yeah Mark, if you gets picked, don't you go trippin' over any wires out on stage like Jim did last year.

(Jonathan comes out)

Paige: Jonathan, how did you do, okay?

Jonathan: I can't really say. The questions they asks ya, I wonders where they gets them from.

Paige: But what did they make you do? Did you have to read a part?

Jonathan: I'm not allowed to say. Monica, it's your turn.

Jessica: Now I'm really gonna be late.

Jake: Oh Jessica, big deal. It's not like your gonna miss much. Who cares if you don't see " All My Children" for one day.

Candice: You'd think my turn would have been first, I have seniority in the drama club.

Paige: Now, Candice, Everybody has to wait their turn. Be a little more patient, will you?

Jessica: Well, while were waiting, we could be setting up for bingo. (Lights fade)

Bingo scene: Mark's mother, Betty, Paige's mother, Mary, Candice's mother, Suez, and Monica's mother Roberta.

Betty: My Mark came home today from the auditions and when I asked him about how it went, I couldn't get a word out of him. It was like he was tongue tied.

Suez: Not my Candice. That's all she talks about, going to Goose Bay. I don't mind her going as long as Paige goes with her. She can keep her out of trouble, hey Mary?

Mary: She'll certainly try me dear, she'll certainly try.

Roberta: Well, if my Monica don't get picked there'll be some uproar over at the school. After all she did for drama, and she'd be easier to manage than Candice. Did you hear what she did out there last year in the restaurant?

Suez: What do you mean what she did out there last year?

Mary: You didn't know? she came on to the waiter! She made such a show of herself she made the waiter spilled coffee all over her. I'low that was a laugh.

Suez: Come on to the waiter? He came on to her, chased her all over Goose Bay he did! He's still phoning her yet!

Roberta: Yes I dear say.

Betty: Well all I know's is my Marky is going out there. He'll be perfect on the stage and I got Bingo.
BINGO. (Lights fade)

Setting: In a classroom, the teachers is calling out the names of the students who were picked to go to Goose Bay for the Labrador Arts Festival.

Miss Clark: Well students, it has been a hard decision to make but we have come to conclusion about which students will be going to the Labrador Arts Festival. Paige Keller, Jessica McNeil (Jessica grabs hold of Paige and they jump up and down) Okay

girls calm down! (She has a slight smile on her face) Others chosen are Jonathan, Jake, Mark, and Candice. (Monica looks heart-broken because she didn't get picked).

Paige: Monica, I'm really sorry you didn't get picked to go. I know you must be upset.

Monica: That's okay, thanks anyway. It'll be blue murder when I gets home and tells Mom though. I suppose she'll call poor Miss Clark. (Starts to cry but hides it from Paige and starts to walk off stage. Paige looks at Monica).

Paige: I am really sorry, Monica. I really wanted you to go. (Monica nods and walks away slowly crying softly).

Jake: Miss Clark, when you gets home you had better take the phone off the hook. (He laughs)

Miss Clark: Pardon, Jake.

Jake: I told you, you should take your phone off the hook when you gets home, unless you wants Hurricane Roberta after ya.

Miss Clark: I'm sure we won't have anything to worry about.

Jake: You wouldn't say that if you had been at bingo last Saturday, by she's wicked.

Miss Clark: Mrs. White can call me whenever she chooses. We are always available to the parents of our students. (Miss Clark raises her voice a little) We now need to look into some house keeping details.

Do you all have your copy of the play? Remember to have your \$20.00 registration fee in by Wednesday, please, and this year don't come to me five minutes before the plane arrives looking for suit cases, girls.....

Candice: I get your message, Miss. I learned my lesson last year. I am going to order a set tonight.

Jake: Yes, and if you goes and buys 24 suits again you'll need them suitcases maybe even extra.

Candice: I not worried about a luggage set, what I need is a perm. My hair is becoming sooo unmanageable. (She flicks at her hair)

Jake: (Leans over and speaks kind of low) It's not her hair that's getting unmanageable.

Jessica: What do they do with you at the hair dressers anyway Candice? When you go can I go with ya?

Jake: Boy I know when I gets out there I'm going swimming, bowling, skating, to the movie theatre, and to the Hong Kong Restaurant to get some Chinese food. I've been saving up over the summer and I have \$300.00.

Jonathan: You got what, \$300.00, as in three zero zero dollars? Where in God's name did you get all that spone? Aren't your parents on the moratorium? I wish I was in your shoes. I can't even come up with the \$20.00 registration fee. We don't have enough money to make stone soup.

Mark: Start babysitting! You should be able to get \$20.00 by the weekend and that will cover your registration fee, and if you keep it up you'll have a \$100.00 by the time you go to Goose Bay. My brother got a fortune made babysitting already.

Jonathan: Yes, I didn't think I could do it before, but now I can at least give it a try. Where am I going to get some babies to look after?

Jake: I'll get me brud to ask you this weekend, he pays good money and he's got really sweet children. They won't give you too hard a time. They'll be in bed by 11:00 o'clock and the parents will be guaranteed to be home by two or three in the morning. I don't know what condition they'll be in though.

(Lights fade).

Setting: Students are at home packing suitcases and deciding about what to clothes to take to wear on the trip to Goose Bay.

Candice is modelling clothes to decide what she'll wear. She picks up different outfits and models them She talks to herself. The first outfit is rather old fashioned.

Candice: Mom really needs a course on fashion tips. My gosh she must think I wants to be dateless for the rest of my life. (She picks up a trendy outfit) I'm sure Goose Bay boys would kill to see me in this.

(Scene fades from Candice to Jake)

Jake: Boy, I hope I don't get picked up by the cops this year like I did last year trying to find my billets house. (He tries an earring) Boy, what a babe magnet you are! (Lights fade).

Setting: The students are in the terminal getting luggage weighed and tagged. Miss Clark walks in from outside.

Miss Clark: Ok everybody the plane is circling overhead, get ready, lets go. (They pick up their things and head out. Miss Clark takes attendance).

Paige?

Paige: Here!

Miss Clark: Candice?

Candice: Here!

Miss Clark: Mark?

Mark: Here!

Miss Clark: Jonathan?

Jonathan: Here!

Miss Clark: Jake?

Jake: Here!

Miss Clark: Jessica? (Waits for a response) Jessica? Has anyone seen Jessica? (Everyone says no. Miss Clark looks around. Suddenly Miss Clark hears a banging and screaming coming from the terminal, she goes to who is making all the commotion).

Jessica: Help! somebody get me out of this stink bomb.

Miss Clark: Jessica, is that you?

Jessica: Miss! Oh Miss! Help me please. The door stuck and I can't get out! (Miss Clark plucks on the door and Jessica tumbles out on the floor, as she falls she smears lipstick all over her face. Outside the plane lands and Miss Clark and Jessica rush out to meet it).

Jake: A little late for Halloween this year isn't it Jessica? (Jessica is wiping her face with tissue trying to get the lipstick off).

Mark: Ya Jessica isn't it time to take off your mask?

Jessica: Ha ha very funny.

Jake: Parents are funny when your going away. I told Mom and Dad I'd see them in about a week and not to miss me 'cause I wouldn't miss them.

Mark: Well, I'd want my Mom to come with me.

(They board the plane).

Candice: Well were off!! (They taxi down the airstrip).

All: Goose Bay here we come!!!!

(They sing a song as they become airborne)

We are from Black Tickle,

We're going to Goose Bay,

We will do our best,

When we put off our play.