

E.G. Lambert School Churchill Falls

Presents

First

Cast

Student	Adrianna Harris
Fairy	Courtney Stamp
William	William Flynn
Kelsey	Kelsey Burry
Shane, Father	Shane Collins
Amber, Daughter	Amber Whiteway
Kali, Vet	Kali Morgan
Robyn, Mother	Robyn Follett

Teacher Advisor

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The Pichitawno Players explore the joys and challenges of life's first experiences

ACT I

Scene 1

Student: Wow! My first time at the Creative Arts Festival! The first time in this theatre . . . Soooooo exciting . No matter how many times I come back it will never be as exciting as this first time being here - nothing beats the feeling. I wish every time I did something, it felt like the first time . . . Wouldn't that be amazing? Having that first time feeling over and over again.

Fairy: AAAAAAHHHH . . . You might want to rethink that.

Student: Who are you?

Fairy: I'm the 'Be Careful What You Wish For' Fairy. I deal with people like you all the time. You might want to really think about what you're asking for .

Student: Why? Feeling the excitement of a first experience all the time would suit me *fine*!

Fairy: O.K. O.K. . . . Just saying . . . But since you're so sure and there is no way I can change your mind, I think maybe, you might want to have a look at this first . . . AWKWARD!!

Lights up on stage right. Fairy and Student watch scene.

Kelsey: What was your favourite part?

William: When the dude looks up and the burgers are falling out of the sky.

Kelsey: Did you ever read the book? It was one of my favourites as a kid.

William: Nope. First time I heard the story. Do you have your geometry assignment done?

Kelsey: I have it started; I'll work on it tomorrow.

William: Yeah, I'm going to finish mine tomorrow too.

Kelsey: Well. Guess I better go in. Had a great time.

William: No problem. I'll walk you to the door.

Kelsey: Great!

The two walk to the door

William: So I guess I'll see you later.

Kelsey: Mmmm . . . tonight was nice.

William: Yeah, it was.

Kelsey: Well, I better go in now.

William: Wait!

They attempt to kiss each other - bump noses.

Kelsey: Oww!

William: Whoops.

Kelsey: Goodnight!

William: Goodbye!

Stage right lights off.

Student: O.K. . . I'll give you that but you picked an exception. There are far more first experiences that leave you with a positive feeling instead of being uncomfortable. What about the feeling of learning to do something for the first time? The feeling of success. That wonderful feeling of accomplishment.

Lights up on stage right. Fairy and Student watch scene. Amber enters wearing roller blades and a pillow tied around herself.

Shane: So are you ready or what?

Amber: Yeah, ready to kill myself.

Shane: You'll do fine. You're not going to need all that.

Amber: I don't know. I'm really clumsy.

Kelsey and William skate by.

Kelsey: There's nothing to it!

William: It's easy. Look at us!

Shane: It's just like skating. You're a good skater - one foot in front of the other. Nothing to it.

Amber: Yeah. Right. Well, let's get this over with.

Shane: Imagine you're on ice. Move the same way.

Amber: I'm doing it! I'm doing it! *(Amber takes a couple of steps and falls)* I'm not doing it!

Shane: This is going to be harder than I thought.

Amber: I heard that! Stop muttering and help me up.

Shane helps Amber get up

Shane: Just hold my hand until you get your balance.

Amber begins to get the motion

Shane: Steady . . . Steady.

Amber: I'm getting it! I'm getting it! It's easier than I thought. I think I've got it!

Amber skates offstage. Kelsey comes by and watches Amber skating off into the distance.

Kelsey: Wow! She's fast! Did you teach her about braking?

Shane: Whoops!

Stage right lights off.

Fairy: Oh yeah! . . . You think I picked an exception .I picked the only first experience that would be uncomfortable. . . I would have quite the struggle to think of another one. . .like.. what about first day at a new school . . . Awkward!!

Lights up on stage right. Fairy and Student watch scene. Girls in a hallway are whispering about a new girl who has just entered school.

Amber: Nice hat.

Kelsey: Looking for something?

Kali: Room 14. Is it around here somewhere?

Kelsey: Yeah. It's around here somewhere.

William: Helllooooo!

Shane: Room 14? Just down that way.

William: Anytime you need help finding your way around we're available.

Girl walk towards Room 14. Kelsey walks into her and knocks over her books.

Kelsey: Whoops! Your fault.

Student: WAIT! Yes, the first day can be a little intimidating but nothing beats the feeling of making the first friend on that day!

Robyn enters and helps pick up the books.

Robyn: Here let me help you. Oh you're taking Math 303. So am I . . . not that I'm any good at it.

Kali: Well, math is one of my favourite subjects. I can help you out sometime.

Robyn: Thanks. I see you're reading Stephen King.

Kali: Yeah. I've read them all. I love his work.

Robyn: Me too. I have the movie "The Fog." Have you seen it?

Kali: No, but I've been wanting to.

Robyn: Maybe you can come over sometime and watch it. I live on Elm Street.

Kali: I'm just a couple of streets away! That would be great! I could bring my math book and we could work on some math assignments together.

Robyn: Cool! I'm Robyn, by the way.

The girls walk offstage. Stage right lights off.

Fairy: Interrupt me, will you? How rude. Anyway, I'm just getting started.....What about the 'firsts' that should never be . . .

Lights up on stage right. Fairy and Student watch scene. Shane is smoking and standing beside a building when two girls walk by.

Kali: Come on! Stop here.

Amber: O.K. I'm not sure about this.

Kali: It's great! Once you try it, you'll love it! Here.

Kali hands Amber a cigarette.

Amber: *(tries to inhale)* Cough! Cough! Cough!

Shane: Ha, Ha! I remember my first one. You'll get used to it.

Kali: Like this. Try again!

Amber: Yuck! Tastes awful!

Robyn enters and knocks the cigarette out of Amber's hand and stomps on it.

Robyn: What do you think you're doing?!

Kali: What do you think you're doing?!? That belonged to me!

Robyn: This is all your idea?! What are you trying to do? Kill her?!?

Kali: Stay out of it. She's a big girl. She can make her own decisions.

Robyn: By the looks of it, it wasn't her decision. It was your decision!

Shane: Children. Children.

Amber: Stop! Don't be mad at her. I wanted to try. Maybe I'll only have one or two.

Shane: Yeah. That's how I started. Now it is one or two thousand later.

Robyn: You've seen those gross posters at school! You know what this can do to you! (*Looks at Kali*) What about you?!? You're such a great hockey player, such a fast skater. Are you willing to give that all up?

Kali: Alright. Alright. Leave me alone. I've only had a couple.

Amber: Come on. Let's argue about this inside. It's freezing out here.

Shane: This used to be such a quiet place to have a smoke.

Stage right lights off.

Student: O.K. O.K. . . I wasn't suggesting that there should be a first for every possible experience! You're not playing fair!

Fairy: FAIR! FAIR! that happens to be a part of my name!!! You just didn't think this out. Most people don't when they're wishing. Thus, the need for me! No wonder I'm exhausted....PEOPLE! Tell me, would you want to have this first time experience over and over?

A family in a veterinarian's waiting room

Daughter: Do you think Bud will be O.K.?

Mother: I think the vet will do the best she can.

Daughter: I already miss him jumping around.

Father: Just like every day since you were two.

(Mother sighs)

Father: I was thinking of the time when you fell through the ice.

Mother: I don't even want to think about that. If Bud hadn't been there to jump in . I don't know what would have happened.

Daughter: I just remember being so scared, and then there he was. He's a strong dog, he'll make it through this.

Mother: Don't build your hopes up. You know Bud is quite old and he hasn't been feeling himself for quite a while.

Daughter: Mommmmm

Father: Your mother is right. You have to consider all the possibilities.

The vet walks in and looks at the family.

Daughter: Is he going to be alright?

Veterinarian: I wish I had better news. There are procedures; but at this point I don't think it would make any difference. I think it is time to let him go.

Daughter: Can I be with him?

Father: Do you really think that is a good idea?

Daughter: Bud would be there for me. Now I have to be there for him.

Daughter is with dog.

Daughter: Oh Bud. I never thought I would have to say goodbye to you. I can't imagine you not being a part of our family. I can't imagine coming home and not having you waiting by the door for me. It won't be the same. I know you haven't been feeling yourself lately. At least now you won't be in pain. I hope where you are going there is going to be a lot of squirrels to chase. I miss you already. You'll always be my best friend.

Stage right lights off.

Student: O.K. O.K. Loss is never easy. First or thirty-first time. But it is a part of growing up. And speaking of growing up, there are lots of fabulous firsts. What about when you are finally old enough to do something for the first time. Like babysit or drive or stay home alone! Nothing beats that feeling.

Lights up on stage right. Fairy and Student watch scene. There is a knock at the door.

Kelsey: Oh, hey!

Kali: Hi. Am I the first one here?

Kelsey: Yeah. Do you know where the others are?

Kali: They should be here soon. What are we going to do tonight?

Kelsey: Maybe a movie? Pillow fight? *(Laughs)*

Kali: Awesome. What movie?

Kelsey: I was thinking about 'The Ugly Truth.' *(there is a knock at the door)*

Kali: They're here!

Kelsey answers the door

Amber: Sorry we're a bit late.

Kelsey: No matter, we've got all night. Just the four of us.

Robyn: Yeaahhhh. About that . . . There's a party tonight and a few of them are talking about crashing here a little later.

Kali: Really?

Kelsey: Oh no. I can't have a lot of people over. I just had permission for a small sleepover.

Kali: Well, I doubt if it will be a lot.

Robyn: They probably won't even come over. They're already at a party. Why would they bother?

Stage right lights off.

Fairy: Alright, Alright! I've been holding back, but I can see you're a stubborn one. How about a first that becomes the last!

Lights up on stage right. Fairy and Student watch scene.

Kelsey: Well, I think just about everyone is gone.

Kali: Nothing was damaged anyway.

Amber: Well, one glass, but nothing major.

Kelsey: Help me clean up. So much for our plans tonight.

Robyn: It's not that big of a mess. It won't take that long with all of us helping.

William: I'm heading out man. Wanna lift?

Shane: Dude. You've had waaay too much.

William: I've only had a few. *(He trips)*

Shane: Here, I'm going to take your keys. Man, you're loaded.

William: Come on!

Shane: No, you're loaded and I'm halfway there. We'll get a cab later.

Shane hides keys. William finds them and leaves without being noticed.

Robyn: Hey, where's Will? He's gone!

Shane: Doesn't matter, he's not gone far. I've hid his keys.

Kali: Where did you hide them?

Shane: Under the chip bowl.

Kelsey: This chip bowl? They're not under here.

Shane: They must be there somewhere.

Sound of vehicle starting up.

Amber: Oh no! *(Everyone rushes towards the door.)*

Sound of car crashing.

Stage right lights off.

Student: All right . . . all right . . .you win! I hadn't thought of every situation.
Now get out of here. It is almost time for my first scene. I'm not going to
let you ruin this for me. This is a first. I'm really going to enjoy . . . GO!

Student enters scene and experiences stage fright. Fairy can be heard giggling.