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TEN MINUTE PLAY SERIES – GIRLS & GUYS

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Ten Minute Play Series – Girls & Guys

The plays in *Girls & Guys* look at gender relationships, gender stereotypes and there's a couple of gender-neutral scenes thrown in for good measure. Our aim with this series is to offer a vivid experience for teen performers. Whether it's vivid characters, a vivid conflict, or vivid moments, these plays leap off the page from the very first moment. Use them in class, use them in competition, combine them for a great one act. Focus on bringing your vivid experience to life.

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Characters

DAVE (twenties) A little insecure. But genuine and sincere. And has a secret.

POLLY (twenties) A little insecure. But sweet and open. And has a secret.

Setting

A quiet street.

DAVE and POLLY enter. They are on a first date and are having a good time.

POLLY: I'm so glad we got to do this.

DAVE: Me too.

POLLY: I can't believe I, I mean – *(she shakes her head and laughs)*

DAVE: What?

POLLY: It's just – don't take this the wrong way, but I can't believe this worked out. *(she makes a face)* That came out wrong.

DAVE: Oh no. I totally know what you mean.

POLLY: Oh yeah?

DAVE: I don't think, I didn't think internet dating was for me.

POLLY: Me either. I never thought I'd do it at all.

DAVE: Me either.

POLLY: It's just so, you know? I always thought... I don't want to be mean.

DAVE: Go ahead, be mean.

POLLY: You know, those kind of people, the ones who need the internet to find a date.

DAVE: Those desperate people...

POLLY: And it gets you thinking, am I one of those people? Am I?

DAVE: And then, you meet them.

POLLY: Exactly.

DAVE: I met a girl, my first match, I mean, we had a great time. But she wouldn't date me, couldn't date me because she was a Gemini and I was a Scorpio.

POLLY: Ok, so why would a guy say he was slim and athletic in his profile, and then turn out to be an overweight smoker?

DAVE: No!

POLLY: He said he didn't smoke but he reeked of it. Reeked! You know that everywhere smell? (*she shakes her head*) So! What movie do you want to see?

During the following POLLY gets really fidgety and agitated.

DAVE: There's *Association of Evil* and *Beat Cop*, which could be funny and *Wound* which is definitely not funny. So it depends what you're up for, funny or not so funny and I think I want funny but I hear *Wound* is really good. But maybe it's better if we keep it –

POLLY: Hold on a sec will you?

POLLY turns away from DAVE and proceeds to make the most obnoxious, loud, vomit-sounding noise. She hacks and dry heaves with her whole entire body while DAVE stares at her. When she's finished, she turns right back toward DAVE and is right back in the moment. DAVE is in shock.

POLLY: Let's see *Beat Cop*. I love action flicks. (*DAVE says nothing*) Dave? What's the matter?

DAVE: (*in shock*) Are you... are you all right?

POLLY: Oh yes.

DAVE: But you just –

POLLY: (*totally relaxed*) I'm fine. I can't believe you volunteer for the MS run! I've been doing it for five years now, and I can't believe we've never crossed paths. Do you do any other volunteering?

DAVE: Uh... (*shaking it off and getting back into the swing of things*) Yeah. I'm a big brother.

POLLY: You are not.

DAVE: I'm not?

POLLY: (*pointing at herself*) Big sister.

DAVE: You are not!

POLLY: Were you at the picnic this summer? At Sumner Park?

DAVE: I totally was.

POLLY: (*same time as DAVE*) That's so weird.

DAVE: (*same time as POLLY*) That's so weird.

They both laugh.

DAVE: Jinx!

POLLY: (*she speaks easily without thinking about what she's saying*) Must mean we were destined to meet – (*she claps a hand over her mouth*) Sorry! That just came out. Sorry.

DAVE: (*not bothered*) It's ok.

POLLY: It's too soon. Way too soon. Holy cow, I can't believe –

DAVE: It's ok. Really.

POLLY: You think?

DAVE: Absolutely.

POLLY: You know it's a – internet dating is a –

DAVE: A tightrope.

POLLY: A crap shoot.

DAVE: You never know if you're going to get a fat Gemini who smokes.

POLLY: (*laughing*) Exactly. I'm starved! Where do you want to eat?

During the following POLLY gets really agitated.

DAVE: I don't know. We could do Chinese, or there's this great seafood place down town, or maybe Thai. Do you feel like Thai? I could go either way, Chinese, Thai, Chinese, Thai –

POLLY: Hold on a sec will you?

POLLY turns away from DAVE and proceeds to make the most obnoxious, loud, vomit sounding noise. She hacks and dry heaves with her whole entire body while DAVE stares at her. When she's finished, she turns back and is right back in the moment.

POLLY: Let's do Thai.

DAVE: What are you doing!

POLLY: What?

DAVE: You vomit when I mention movies, you vomit when I mention restaurants.

POLLY: It's nothing.

DAVE: That is not nothing.

POLLY: I don't like to talk about it.

DAVE: That is very much something.

POLLY: It's complicated.

DAVE: That is not Scorpius and Gemini.

POLLY: All right!

DAVE: I mean is that going to happen every –

POLLY: All right, I said all right. I'll tell you. *(she exhales noisily)* I'm... you see I'm... you know?

DAVE: No.

POLLY: Right. Ok. *(she laughs nervously)* I'm... allergic to indecision.

DAVE: Excuse me?

POLLY: I'm allergic to indecision.

DAVE: How?

POLLY: When I hear someone being indecisive, I – you know... *(she cutely fake vomits)*

DAVE: You're kidding.

POLLY: I wish.

DAVE: Ok.

POLLY: As long as I'm not around indecision – perfectly normal.

DAVE: Ok.

POLLY: In every way.

DAVE: And you're not kidding.

POLLY: I wish. (*stepping forward*) Go ahead.

DAVE: (*stepping back*) What?

POLLY: Try it.

DAVE: On purpose?

POLLY: Sure. It doesn't hurt. It sounds a lot worse than it actually is.

DAVE: Ok... So if I can't decide between the red wire and the blue wire... you're sure?

POLLY: Keep going.

DAVE: Ok. The red wire and the blue wire, (*he looks at POLLY who waves*) I don't know which to cut and if I choose the wrong one it will mean the end of all mankind as we know it. But I can't decide. Oh boy how indecisive am I! Red wire, blue wire, I can't make a decision! Red wire, blue wire, red, blue, red, blue, red –

During the above, POLLY becomes agitated, runs around in a circle, flapping her arms and finally turns away to make the most obnoxious, loud, vomit sounding noise. She hacks and dry heaves with her whole entire body. When she's finished, she daintily turns back as if nothing has happened and dabs at her mouth with a tissue.

DAVE: Holy cow.

POLLY: You ok?

DAVE: Sure...

POLLY: It's weird. It's too weird, isn't it?

DAVE: No...

POLLY: It is.

DAVE: (*more decisive*) No, it's not.

POLLY: It's too weird for the first date.

DAVE: Hey, everybody's got, you know. Everybody's weird in some way.

POLLY: I couldn't exactly put that in my profile. By the way, I vomit.

DAVE: It's more of a dry heave.

POLLY: I'd never get a date.

DAVE: There's not one person on this earth who's perfect. Not one.

POLLY: Not even you?

DAVE: Of course not! Far from it.

POLLY: Good. People are more interesting when they're flawed.

DAVE: I'm glad you said that. And think that. And since we seem to,
um...

POLLY: What?

DAVE: Nothing. Well, we've sort of arrived at this juncture, this kind of conversation...

POLLY: What?

DAVE: It's not something I wanted to reveal on the first date either, but maybe...

POLLY: (*now really curious*) What is it?

DAVE: It's not something I go around sharing... You'll laugh.

POLLY: How could I? I've almost vomited on you three times.

DAVE: You won't laugh?

POLLY: I promise.

DAVE: Ok. (*really fast*) I really like *Star Trek*. (*he closes his eyes and cringes*)

POLLY: And?

DAVE: (*opening his eyes*) You didn't laugh.

POLLY: Why would I? Everybody's got a favourite TV show.



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