

## **Cinderella Line Readings**

*Memorize ONE of the lines from Stage Left Players' Original "Cinderella" to perform at auditions. Have fun with interpreting your character. Feel free to add movement and gestures. This is your chance to show our directors what you can do!*

### **CINDERELLA**

*(She's got a heart of gold, but a dysfunctional step-family who she can never satisfy no matter how hard she tries. She can't imagine a different future. She confides in her mouse friends.)*

Get ready for the ball? I don't think so, my friends. I've got nothing to wear. I'll be laughed out of the palace. The prince would take one look at me and run. Look at my shoes, look at my dress. Look at me.

### **STEP-MOTHER**

*(She's got a heart of coal. All she wants is to get her foot into the castle and she's got twin daughters so that gives her two chances to marry into the royal family. She has no affection for Cinderella, and had very little for Cinderella's father whom she married for his money.)*

Honestly, Cinderella, do I ask for too much? My breakfast on a tray, the house clean, the garden and stock tended to in the morning, the clothes washed, mended and ironed in the afternoon, and a nutritious meal served at dinner. Is this too much to ask?!?!

### **CLUDIA or GERTRUDE**

*(These sisters are identical in their mean and rotten dispositions, but look nothing like each other. They are grumpy, complaining, spoiled brats who fight with each other constantly.)*

I don't care what kind of gown you're wearing. You couldn't capture the prince if he was blind, gagged, and tied to a post. Give it up! You don't have what it takes to attract a royal husband. But look out! I certainly do!

### **PRINCE ROBERT**

*(He's more interested in going on hunting and fishing expeditions with his buddies than finding a princess. When his father, the King, announces it's time for the ball, he freaks out.)*

Good morning, Father. Good morning, Mother. The Squires and I are going for a fox hunt. (His father shakes his head and gives him THE look.) No? Why not? We've had this planned for months. Why are you looking at me like that? (He realizes.) Oh, no! Not the ball! Not THE ball! Father, I'm not ready. Mother! I'm begging you! Tell him!

### **KING HERBERT**

*(He's a good, strong king and father. He has high expectations for his son to rule after him. He thinks it's time for Prince Robert to find his Princess at the traditional ball.)*

I tell you, Zelda, my Queen, that boy is dragging his feet just to aggravate me. It's time for the boy to become a man. It's time for ... the ball! My father gave me a ball, as did his father before him. It's the way it has always been done. Blast it! Where is that boy?!?

### **QUEEN ZELDA**

*(She's a kind and patient queen and mother. She sees that the times are changing and tries to help her husband consider new ways of parenting.)*

I tell you, that boy is dragging his feet because he's just that. A boy! Herbert, times have changed. Young people don't rush into marriage anymore. They take their time. Get an education. Get to know each other. Get to know themselves. Herbert, you are old fashioned.

### **FAIRY GODMOTHER**

*(She's a modern woman who gives Cinderella lots to think about and do- by midnight. And it's a good thing she has help from the FGIT's. She needs it!)*

I'm Mornabelle, your fairy godmother. And these are the FGITs. Fairy Godmothers in Training. They follow me around, I show 'em the ropes. They grant a wish or two, under MY direction, of course. And baby girl, you showed up as a red alert tonight meanin' you are in the most pathetic situation of anyone on this side of the planet. Let's get kickin'!

### **SCOOTER the MOUSE**

*(Scooter is the leader of the mice and Cinderella's best friend. Scooter is supersmart and becomes a BIG help to her when the clock strikes midnight at the ball.)*

Cinderella! That's the tower clock. You gotta get outta here! Say adios to Prince Goo-Goo-Eyes and let's beat it! Wait! Take off your shoes! You'll run faster. (Scooter tosses a shoe to the Prince and keeps one. To the audience.) Don't worry. He'll figure it out! Later, dude!

### **DUCHESS KATE**

*(She's the wise woman who narrates quite a bit of our twisted fairy tale. )*

Enter our world of "Once upon a time," where girls and boys ruled by bossy parents, live humdrum lives and wish for the impossible. Come to think of it, this world isn't that much different than yours, now is it? Oh well, let's see if these characters can find "Happy Ever After" any better than you do.