

### **Drama Level 2**

This exemplar supports assessment against:

### Achievement Standard 91216

Use complex performance skills associated with a drama or theatre form or period

An annotated exemplar is an extract of student evidence, with a commentary, to explain key aspects of the standard. It assists teachers to make assessment judgements at the grade boundaries.

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### Grade Boundary: Low Excellence 1. For Excellence, the student needs to effectively use complex performance skills associated with a drama or theatre form or period. This involves presenting work convincingly, capturing the essence of the dramatic context with impact, and refers to using complex performance skills of the theatre form to enhance the performance. This student has presented the form of Commedia Dell Arte. The exemplified student is in the role of Pulcinella (Punch). He is wearing a cerise jacket, carrying a stick. 00:00 The student uses voice to foreshadow the arrival of the mask. He uses complex performance skills to present his mask, followed by effective physicality that convincingly communicates the stock character Pulcinella. 00:06 The body is used to create impact by effectively pushing up of the shoulder to create a hump, and uses chin movement to show the mask. He establishes the obsession of the character with the line 'I need to buy me a woman'. 00:27 The voice becomes high pitched on meeting the higher status character of Pantalone. This supports the creation of a convincing status relationship between the characters. As he exits, the student maintains the connection between the mask and the audience, and this creates impact. 08:10 The student alters the use of voice to show his personality trait of viciousness when interacting with the lower status of Arlecchino. The student enhances the audience's understanding of the hierarchy of the masks, through his convincing shift of status when dealing with Arlecchino as opposed to Dottore. For a more secure Excellence, the student could further develop audience interaction to create impact.

### Supporting Evidence - Student 1 – Commedia Dell'arte

Statement of Intention:			
Role: Pulcinella (Punch)	Time:	Daytime	Place: : Non-specific – somewhere in the village

### **Situation (**underhand plot)

Pantalone and Dottore want a date with the same woman – Isabella. Punch is asked to duel Pantalone for Dottore but his sword is broken so is then required to get flowers and chocolates for the date. He has to do as he's told because he can't go against his Master but he makes it clear when they are not is earshot that he thinks they are idiots. I have taken the money given to me and instead of buying chocolate for the others; I ordered Allechino to give me his chocolate and kept all the money for myself. My character feels that he is the victim, and therefore the plot shows how my character always wants to get something out of a situation. It showed my personality as being stingy. Performances about money, greed and lust are traditional Commedia plotlines.

### Action:

Feature used:

- Summoned to Dottore; abused with own sword lazzi about hump becoming concave like a fruit bowl
- Sent to get flowers and chocolates
- Get Arlecchino to do the work for me

Complex performance skill

lower angry voice, so I can show the

Get to keep money for myself

reature used.	Complex performance skin	
Body appropriate to character:	At the time of Commedia, there are recognisable postures and movements for my character. I bent downwards and look down my nose when giving commands. When I get given commands, I flinched and acted scared to show I am very low status.  I moved slowly with my feet as it shows how old and lazy my character is when nobody is around.	
Voice appropriate to character:	This is to show my stock character's voice that went with my mean personality. My character changes mood quickly and the use of voice helps to show both sides of my personality. When he is off stage I had a	

behind his back I mock him. The audiences of the time of Commedia loved to see the servant/lower class 'get one over' the masters.		
I complimented Dottore even when he isn't right so then he thinks I like him. I am always trying to trick him and get something for nothing. This links to the intention of my character and the underhand plot. I am a caricature of a 'real life' servant.		
As I enter I give a croak to show my age and I introduced my mask and body slowly to show my character. When I am called I move out quickly to show I will only move if I think there is something in it for me to gain by doing so. This is to introduce my stock character and to get focus from the audience.		
I use my chin to mask to create effect for my mask so it highlights my eyes and long nose. This is used to emphasise my character as he would be recognisable to the audience. It also helps to get their attention while they are busy in the market place.		
I talked directly to the audience and begged them for money. This was to reinforce my poor status and my intention as Punch as he doesn't have money and needs to beg. This is to attract attention as the audience were usually moving in a marketplace at the time of Commedia.		
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### Grade Boundary: High Merit

2. For Merit, the student needs to skilfully use complex performance skills associated with a drama/theatre form or period.

This involves working with competence, control and a sense of purpose. It requires the sustained use of appropriate features to support the dramatic context of the performance.

This student has presented the form of Commedia Dell Arte. The exemplified student is in the role of Punch/Pulcinella with Pantalone only. He wears a long cerise jacket and grey shorts.

00:27	The student enters purposefully as Punch/Pulcinella with the dialogue 'stupid Pantalone', to establish his role and gain attention from the audience.
00:40	The dialogue, directed to the audience skilfully, reflects his low status, and he foreshadows the underhand plot against Pantalone. This shows competence and understanding of traditional Commedia plotlines to then contribute to the improvised nature of this form.
01:18	While he is doing 'work' for Pantalone, his posture and use of mask is sustained.
06:42	Punch 'steals' Pantalone's money bag with skilful use of comic timing and this supports his role's intention to 'always get something for himself'. He develops the plot so that 'he has got one over the master'. This creates comedy and moves towards the Excellence grade by enhancing the performance.

To reach Excellence, the student could be more convincing with the use of status. During the time he is 'working' for Pantalone, his use of head undulations, further hunching of his back to exaggerate his crippled posture, and movement of the chin to create impact with his mask would enhance the performance.

# AS 91216 Resource B Supporting Evidence - Student 2 - Commedia Dell'arte Statement of Intention: Role: Punch/Pulcinella Time: Daytime Place: : Market place

### Situation (underhand plot)

My intention is that Punch wants revenge on Pantalone. In my scene Punch (the lower class character) was fed up with Pantalone (the higher status character) treating him like dirt, so Punch wanting revenge and money from Pantalone uses his 'lust' against him and tricked him into thinking Punch was a girl who then blindfolded him to take him to 'her house'. Whilst Punch was doing this to Pantalone he robbed him of all his money and left him in the cold. We did this plot because Punch is a very vengeful character, and Pantalone a very wealthy one who is always looking for more money and women. Because he fears losing his money, we used his lust for women to trick him and steal his money to hit him where it will hurt the most. This is an important feature in Commedia as commedia scenes do not have scripts so they have the underhand plot of the scene which is the basic plotline. It is normally when the lower class character tricks the higher status characters to get what they want.

Feature used:	Complex performance skill	
Body appropriate to	In my scene I used body appropriate to	
character:	Punch by hunching over and having one	
	arm hung low and the other tucked behind	
	my back as well as limping.	
	I used this because when researching his	
	historical character I found multiple pictures	
	of him hunching over with one	
Voice appropriate to	I used this appropriate to the role of Punch	
character:	by having a snarly squeaky bitter and hate	
	filled tone. I used this to show the hate and	
	vengefulness of Punch and that he is like a	
	whining complaining child. This relates to	
	my research as I found that Punch is	
	always complaining about things, I gave	
	him a whining voice to match it.	
Establishment of	In our scene we used the high status of	
status:	Pantalone and the low status of Punch to	
0 1: 1:1114 ( :	create contrast. We used this status to	
Commedia dell'Arte is	make Pantalone Punch's boss and	
almost entirely based	Pantalone bossing Punch around which	

on status. Who is bossing who around and who wants revenge.

Commedia was played to the lower classes of people, so taking the mickey out of the higher status characters is the easiest way to make the audience relate to it as they will have wanted revenge on their 'masters'.

makes Punch hate him. We establish status at the beginning of the scene when Pantalone tells Punch to do the dishes making Pantalone high status. Punch insults him behind his back which shows his hate for the high status characters but being nervous when he is nearby. This shows how much power Pantalone has over him.

# Comic business (Lazzi)

Lazzi is the comic business of a character, similar to a habit the character has. In Punch's case he is always complaining about work and always making fun and insulting people. In commedia Lazzi is used as part of the characters. It was something people could look forward to seeing the character do. In Punch's case the audience would often know that he whines about everything and insults people and they want to see that happen again and again because Lazzi is generally very funny.

I show my Lazzi of complaining when I first enter. I just went on and on about how much I hated Pantalone and then insulted him (when Pantalone was offstage) about being old, wrinkly, lazy and worthless. But as soon as he entered I would 'kiss' up to him so I wouldn't get in trouble.

	Grade Bounda	ry: Low Merit	
3.	For Merit, the student needs to skilfully use complex performance skills associated with a drama/theatre form or period.		
		working with competence, control and a sense of purpose. It istained use of appropriate features to support the dramatic context ance.	
	student plays F coat. Her scene	as presented the form of Commedia Dell Arte. The exemplified Pulcinella/Punch in a shared role. The student wears a dark pink es are the first Punch entrance and the fourth Punch entrance. She t-shirt with white writing.	
	00:30	The student presents the mask as she enters the space, supporting the audience's ability to identify with the role. This indicates some competence in the use of mask. Her voice is whiney and has an obsequious tone used to show her subservient nature to Pantalone.	
	01:13	The student uses the mask to relate to the audience in a manner that supports controlled execution of mask technique and the appearance of being 'crippled' with a hump is sustained.	
	01:49	The spitting lazzi is purposefully placed in this scene, and gave the audience time to realise what Punch was really like and added to the comedy. This supports the dramatic context of the performance.	
	convey the phy The body could	cure Merit, the student could use complex performance skills to ysicality of the stock character and its relationships more skilfully. It is used more purposefully to create variety and interest and to competence of the physical characteristics of this role.	

### Supporting Evidence - Student 3 - Commedia Dell'arte

Statement of Intention:			
Role: : Pulcinella/Punch	Time:	Daytime	Place: starts at Pantalone's house, Dottore's house, market, date somewhere non-specific in market

### Situation (underhand plot)

Pantalone wants a date with Isabella and Punch is used to organise the date. Dottore is, at the same time, getting a date with Isabella. Scenario ends with Pantalone dressed as Falvio to try to get Isabella's attention, and Columbina as Isabella so that masters think she would date them. so no one ends up getting the actual date. Punch uses underhand plotting when he find out that Dottore is going on a date with Falavio. So to get his way he tells Pantalone about the date and tells him that he can dress up as Falavio because Punch doesn't want to get beaten. This shows Punch wants everything for himself and that he is obsessed with women. This is a traditional commedia plotline about money, greed and lust.

- Action: Sent to get roses for date
- Meet Columbina and find out about Dottore wanting a date with Isabella
- Get called in to fight Dottore for the date after Pantalone calls a duel

Feature used:	Complex performance skill	
	Punch uses underhand plotting when he find out that Dottore is going on a date with Falavio. So to get his way he tells Pantalone about the date and tells him that he can dress up as Falavio because Punch doesn't want to get beaten.	
Body appropriate to character:	Punch has a hunch from all the beatings he gets from characters with higher status.  He uses his hump to get sympathy from people (the audience) when they don't give him money  I was hunched over with a large hump on my back. This is my stock character gesture.	
Voice appropriate to character:	I use a whiny high pitched voice as he is always complaining about doing things for people.	

Establishment of	When Pantalone asks me to get chocolate	
status:	for his date with Isabella I obey him saying	
Status.	'yes master'. This is appropriate as Punch	
When commedia	is a low status character or a servant.	
originated there were	is a low status character of a servant.	
three different		
statuses, low class,		
working class and		
high class. Punch		
would be of low class		
or working class so		
he would have to		
obey high class		
characters like		
Dottore and		
Pantalone.		
. antaiono.		
Distinctive	The character of Punch wants to 'suck up'	
personality/intention	to the master and make himself seem less	
of character:	worthless by getting people to do his work	
	for him, but taking the recognition for it.	
	Lahanga my paraanality from mad to and	
	I change my personality from mad to sad.	
	For example, when I was getting mad at the	
	audience for not caring that Pantalone	
	made me work for him, then I turned sad	
	without warning because they were	
	laughing at me as I wanted to get their	
	sympathy.	
Comic business	I did two lazzi in my four person scene. One	
	of them was when I was interacting with the	
	audience. I was getting very mad at them	
	so I spat at them. I got no reaction so I spat	
	again. This action creates a grotesque and	
	humourous mood. I did these lazzi to gain	
	attention and make the audience laugh. In	
	Commedia it was performed in a market	
	place where people are always moving, so	
	lazzis attract people's attention.	
Entrepose and Entre	On way first autropes Dantalana salla sala	
Entrances and Exits	On my first entrance Pantalone calls me on	
	and I came on wearily making a grunting	
	noise. I then show my mask to the audience	
	and move like I am checking to see why	
	Pantalone wants me. I then show my whole	
	body so they can see the physicality of my	
	character.	
	I enter like this as I am a skiving old man,	
	mumbling under my breath as I am grumpy	
	and not wanting to follow the master's	
	and hot maning to follow the fillactor o	

### Grade Boundary: High Achieved 4. For Achieved, the student needs to use complex performance skills associated with drama/theatre form or period. This involves demonstrating physical and historical conventions, with layers of meaning or a level of abstraction to convey the intention of the dramatic context and support in performance. This student has presented the form of Commedia Dell Arte. The exemplified student is wearing black pants, a black cape and a black top with white on it. 00:06 The intention for the role is communicated through the plot line about the flowers and characteristics of babbling randomly are realised. This conveys the intention of the stock character and the dramatic context. The student uses complex performance skills appropriately on occasion, demonstrating upper body movement to show the personality of her character. 00:50-01:44 She speaks at an appropriate pace and her interaction playing to the low status character of Arlecchino conveys the intention of her role to support the dramatic context with layers of meaning. To reach Merit, the student could apply more confidence and competence with body and voice. The lower body needs to be slightly stronger, and the voice more consistently in a pompous tone. Her entrances and exits need to be slower to demonstrate control. With greater connection between the body and mask, the impact of mask could also be skilful.

### Supporting Evidence - Student 4 - Commedia Dell'arte

Supporting Evider	ice - Student -	<del>-</del> - Collin	iledia Dell'alte		
Statement of Intention	1:				
Role: Il Dottore		Time:	Daytime		Place: somewhere in the village, field
Situation (underhand p	olot)				
his flowers and Arlecch	ino ends up bringi	ng flour ho	me to Dottore who	beats	d Punch confuse Arlecchino, steal him. My stock character of II ng Arlechinno's flowers which I
Action:					
• Lazzi – Diagno	se Punch as preg	nant			
<ul> <li>Make daughter</li> </ul>	a perfume				
Send Arlecchin	o to get flowers				
Interrogate Arle	ecchino				
Beat Arlecchine	0				
Feature used:	Complex perfor	rmance ski	ill		
Body appropriate to character:	I use my body by out. I put the well on my heels and movements. I do man and a pomparound. I use the my arms as I this I want attention the physical character.	ight of the b I use big bo o this to sho bous charac e big open r nk I am ver drawn to m	pack of my feet old arm ow I am an old oter. I 'strut' movement with y intelligent and e. This relates to		
Voice appropriate to character:	I use voice in a d		· · ·		
Ciiai actei .	pace is rapid and gibberish. I babb though it is not re personality of my	ole on to Arl elevant. Th	echinno even nis links with the		
Establishment of	I used status wh	en I talk to	Arlechinno and		

call him a 'stupid idiot'. I beat him and

status:	abuse him and make him feel worthless. This links my intention to my status and the underhand plot. I am a caricature of a real life 'master/upper class'.	Student 4 Page 2: High Achieved  NZQA Intended for teacher use only
Distinctive	I babble on and on as really my stock	
personality/intention	character is a pedantic bore. My intention	
of character:	is to try and get the servants to do things for me and to show off my knowledge to the audience.	
Entrances and Exits	For my entrance I first made a distinctive noise and mine was 'yes,yes,yes'. I then would put the mask out from behind the wing and then step out to reveal my body stance. My exit is the same in reverse. As this was performed in a market place in the 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> century, the entrance had to grab the audience's attention. The exit created a last comical look at my character.	
Relating Mask to	My stock character is a 'know it all'.	
audience	I lifted my chin to relate the mask to the audience, as I look down my nose at people as I think I am better than anyone else	
Audience	I used this at the beginning when I ask the	
Interaction	audience if they had 'seen my flowers?'	
	This is to capture the audience's attention,	
	as originally Commedia was performed at market places where people are moving	
	and you need to get their attention	

### Grade Boundary: Low Achieved

5. For Achieved, the student needs to use complex performance skills associated with drama/theatre form or period.

This involves demonstrating physical and historical conventions with layers of meaning or a level of abstraction to convey the intention of the dramatic context and support in performance.

This student has addressed the form of Greek Drama. The exemplified student plays *Antigone*. She is the first on stage and wears a burgundy sash.

00:08-00:12	Complex performance skills of vocal quality and gesture are heightened. There is a gestural reference to the Gods that supports the intention of the text/dialogue.
00:26	The student uses presentational mode and gesture, embodying layers of meaning when she addresses the audience as the city. This supports the didactic nature of Greek theatre.
00:34 - 00:48	The student maintains pose and position, thus supporting the notion of ritual, and also supporting the focus on Ismene in a manner that is appropriate to the use of complex skills to exemplify performance in a Greek amphitheatre.
01:10	The student uses heightened gesture to refer to all of the parties in this conflict, thereby creating the location of the Chorus, and Creon on the 'skene'. This supports the historical conventions of the form.

For a more secure Achieved, the student could use complex performance skills with more abstraction within the mask, keeping her head up and more fully utilising presentational mode to connect with the audience in a manner that is more suited to the historical conventions of the Greek Ampitheatre. Her interactions with Ismene could also be less naturalistic.

# AS 91216 Resource B Supporting Evidence - Student 5 – Greek Drama

Statement of Intention:		
Role: I am playing the role of Antigone. By playing this role I intend to show the audience the true love and loyalty Antigone has for her brother Polynices. Also, I want to show the audience the inner strength of Antigone as she fights to bury her brother even though it is against the state.	<b>Time:</b> This play is set about 2,500 years ago.	Place: City of Thebes Greece.

### Situation:

Antogone's two brothers, Polynices and Eteocles have both been killed in a war. Eteocles fought for the city of Thebes but Polynices did not. Creon who is king says that because Polynices fought against Thebes, he will not be buried or have a funeral. Antigone, being loyal to her brother wants to get the body of Polynices and bury him even though it is against the state law. Antigone asks for help from her older sister Ismene, but Ismene isn't as strong as Antigone and cannot act against the state.

**Action**: The action of our scene is the beginning of the play when I try to convince Ismene to help me bury the body of our brother Polynices.

Feature Used:	Complex performance skill	
Heightened Movement and gesture  Greek drama was performed as part of a religious festival and Gods were highly respected. This is a gesture to mark their importance when they are referred to in the play.	Sometimes I would extend my arm out to the right every time I talked about the Chorus because that is where they would have been on stage during our scene. At times I would extend both my arms up and also my head slightly every time I talked about the gods or heaven.	
Heightened Voice	My voice is powerful and strong. This is to show my anger and defiance, but also to project my voice loudly to the audience. The Greek theatres were very large and as the actors wore masks they had to be heard from a large distance.	

Student 5 Page 2: Low Achieved Mask The shape of the eyebrows on my mask is a triangular. It is a Z@A Intended for teacher use only tragic mask and she is angry all the time. All Greek actors wore mask, and it portrayed an emotion. This play is a tragedy so the expression is a negative emotion.

# Grade Boundary: High Not Achieved For Achieved, the student needs to use complex performance skills associated with drama/theatre form or period. This involves demonstrating physical and historical conventions with layers of meaning or a level of abstraction to convey the intention of the dramatic context and support in performance. The student would have presented the form of Commedia Dell Arte as II Dottore. The underhand plotting is created and the dialogue begins to support the dramatic context. For Achieved, the student could observe the protocol of mask and the historical conventions of the form at an appropriate level. The mask needs to be enhanced by body and movement adequately, and comedy of role needs to be more evident. Complex performance skills to show an awareness of physical impact and interaction with the audience needs to be developed.

Statement of Intention:

**Situation (**underhand plot)

## Supporting Evidence - Student 6 - Commedia Dell'arte

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Time: Daytime

Place: : Dottore's place

Role: Il Dottore

sausages and gives Capitano fake potion and blames Arlecchino

Action:

Making for a potion for Brighella

Asking audience for ingredients

Complex performance skill

Capitano asks Brighella for an extra strong potion so Brighella plays sick avoiding work, plays sick for

Feature used: Body appropriate to

character

I have a stuffed belly as I am obese.