

GUIDELINES FOR WRITING A GOOD SHOWCASE COMEDY SCENE

- Running time of the scene should be 5 minutes. On the page it should not be longer than 5-6 pages of short dialogue.
- Showcase scene should be written for two people ONLY.
- Showcase scene should be comedic.
- It must have a beginning, middle, and end. Also try to write in a 'button' or 'punchline' for the end of the scene. Each scene should wrap up nicely so that you can quickly transfer the attention to the next scene.
- Write about something familiar. If you're too wacky, too extreme, too far out of your knowledge base, your scene won't fit into the flow of the show. Remember, each scene is only 3 minutes, you and the actors will be showcased best if you write roles that are similar to ones they could play on TV.
- Foul language and content is just offensive and stops people from connecting to your piece. All they will be thinking of is "I can't believe she said that!" Next thing you know, your scene is over and they will just remember it as "the inappropriate scene."