

The Children's Theatre
OF CINCINNATI

RAPUNZEL'S
Hairy Fairy Tale

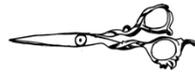
TCT MainStage

SHOW COMPANION
ACTIVITY PACKET

ABOUT THE SHOW

The classic fairy tale of "Rapunzel" comes to life in an exciting world-premiere musical adaptation adventure featuring everyone's favorite long-locked lady in a tower. But don't forget the array of other characters braided in this hairy fairy tale, comically played by only two actors! Yes, you read that correctly. ONLY TWO ACTORS! This fresh new adaptation will make your audiences throw their heads of hair back in laughter and delight as two incredibly talented and versatile actors untangle this hairy fairy tale like you've never seen it before!

A Live Virtual TCT Talkback is also available for schools and venues booking this production.



FAIRY TALES & FOLKLORE

A "Fairy Tale" is a type of folklore that usually takes the form of a short story, and feature dwarfs, dragons, elves, fairies, giants, gnomes, goblins, griffins, mermaids, talking animals, trolls, unicorns, and/or witches, and usually magic.

Fairy Tales and Folklore predate the written word, with stories passed down through generations in the oral tradition.

There are fairy tale elements in English language stories, like Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*, Edmund Spenser's *The Faerie Queene*, and in many of William Shakespeare plays.

The first collectors to attempt to preserve not only the plot and characters of the tale, but also the style in which they were told, were the Brothers Grimm, collecting German fairy tales for their first volume of 86 folk tales, initially published in 1812.

Among those 86 tales published in that first edition, the Brothers Grimm included "Rapunzel" an adaptation of the German fairy tale *Rapunzel* by Friedrich Schulz (1790).

OTHER VERSIONS OF THE STORY

The story of "Rapunzel" has been adapted numerous times for novels, films, animation, theater, and numerous other forms of media.

Some examples you might know:

"Into the Woods", a Broadway musical by Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine combines elements from several classic fairy tales, and features Rapunzel as one of the main characters; the stage production was also filmed for television in 1991 by *American Playhouse*. A film adaptation of "Into the Woods" was released in 2014 by Disney.

In the movie "*Shrek the Third*" (2007), Rapunzel (voiced by Maya Rudolph) was friends with Princess Fiona.

Tangled (2010), also from Disney, is a computer-animated musical feature film that loosely adapts the story. Princess Rapunzel (voiced by Mandy Moore) is more assertive in character, and her long blonde hair has magical healing and restoration powers. Rapunzel also features in Disney's "*Tangled*" short sequel, "*Tangled Ever After*".



VOCABULARY WORDS

FOLKLORE

the traditional beliefs, customs, and stories of a community, passed through the generations by word of mouth.

PREDATE

exist or occur at a date earlier than (something).

ORAL TRADITION

a form of human communication where knowledge, art, ideas and culture is received, preserved, and transmitted through the spoken word from one generation to another.

ADAPTATION

a movie, television drama, or stage play that is based on a previously written work, typically a novel.





READING QUESTIONS

Multiple Choice

1. Fairy Tales are a type of folklore that usually features:
 - A. Balloons
 - B. Food
 - C. Magic
 - D. Treasure

2. The version of the "Rapunzel" story published in the Grimm Brothers first edition was adapted from a 1790 German folk tale by:
 - A. The Brothers Grimm
 - B. William Shakespeare
 - C. Hans Christian Andersen
 - D. Friedrich Schulz

3. The Brothers Grimm published their first collection of Fairy Tales in the year:
 - A. 1815
 - B. 1812
 - C. 2012
 - D. 1790

4. The character Rapunzel has appeared as a supporting character in the movie "Shrek the Third", and as the star the Disney musical:
 - A. Tangled
 - B. Into the Woods
 - C. Frozen
 - D. Brave





ACTIVITIES

•ALL GRADES•

FAIRY TALE GENERATOR

Have Students create their own Fairy Tale "Playlets" to share/perform in class using a simple template.

1. Separate Students into Groups of 4.
2. Create slips of paper for Groups to randomly select from a hat, using these four categories:

A. ROLES

1. Narrator
2. Hero
3. Friend
4. Villain

Have each student in the group pull a slip of paper from the hat. The slip of paper chosen determines the Student's **ROLE** in their group's story.

The Student who draws the **NARRATOR** role will be in charge of describing the action to the audience. The other three Students need to draw another slip of paper from the **CHARACTER** group.

B. CHARACTERS

1. Prince/Princess
2. King/Queen
3. Wizard/Witch
4. Unicorn
5. Giant
6. Dragon

(etc. Use your imagination to come up with suggestions that will spark creativity and fun)

The slip of paper chosen determines the Student's **CHARACTER** in their group's story.

(Example: If the Student who pulled the "Hero" slip from the **ROLE** grouping, and subsequently draws the "Prince/Princess" slip from the **CHARACTER** grouping, in their story the "Prince/Princess" will be the "Hero" of the story, and so on...)

Once all the **ROLES** and **CHARACTERS** have been assigned, have students create a short (2 minutes or less) "Playlet" to perform in class as their assigned characters. Feel free to select or create costumes and/or props to help tell the story. Help students to create their scripts and rehearse their "Playlets" together before presenting.

(Use the space below to plan your playlet with your group)

WORD SEARCH

(Find and circle the words and phrases listed in the grid below)

Rapunzel - Prince - Hairy - Fairy Tale - Tower - Folklore - Story - Witch - Magic - Untangle

F	S	J	W	G	Q	H	O	G	H	Q	E	R	G	E
E	P	Z	M	I	J	H	U	B	A	I	Z	F	N	W
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Y	U	R	W	Y	V	I	A	O	Y	T	Y	K	K	B
P	O	K	H	P	Z	R	N	M	W	K	N	L	P	T
S	B	X	R	M	U	Y	G	A	T	E	Z	O	I	D
T	P	L	A	A	X	T	L	G	O	U	R	R	H	I
O	B	E	P	M	X	A	E	I	H	Z	V	E	W	X
R	X	D	U	P	L	L	I	C	U	X	W	K	I	L
Y	B	L	N	R	F	E	G	N	D	F	E	A	T	Y
S	B	L	Z	I	V	O	G	N	X	R	T	J	C	Z
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K	I	K	T	E	N	S	F	G	L	H	Y	E	F	I

BONUS QUESTION:

Rapunzel was one of 86 German fairy tales published in an 1812 collection by the Brothers _____.

WORD JUMBLE

Unscramble the letters to find the hidden words in each line

1. ODAPATINTA _ _ _ _ _
2. DARBEDI _ _ _ _ _
3. NORTIDITA _ _ _ _ _
4. GINCHRAM _ _ _ _ _

ANSWER KEY

READING QUESTIONS

1. C
2. D
3. B
4. A

WORD SEARCH

F S J W G Q H O G H Q E R G E
E P Z M I J H U B A I Z F N W
D G B B L Q F N X I W J O Q L
J O E I N B A T M R J R L P X
Y U R W Y V I A O Y T Y K K B
P O K H P Z R N M W K N L P T
S B X R M U Y G A T E Z O I D
T P L A A X T L G O U R R H I
O B E P M X A E I H Z V E W X
R X D U P L L I C U X W K I L
Y B L N R F E G N D F E A T Y
S B L Z I V O G N X R T J C Z
Y K Q E N G S K R C P G N H A
W Z T L C G N B Y D E I A K Z
K I K T E N S F G L H Y E F I

BONUS QUESTION: Grimm

WORD JUMBLE:

1. Adaptation
2. Braided
3. Tradition
4. Charming

STANDARDS

Standards below are either explicitly in the above content or can be integrated with the above content.

RL.1.1 Ask and answer questions about key details in a text.

RL.2.2 Analyze literary text development. a. Determine the lesson or moral.
b. Retell stories, including fables and folktales from diverse cultures.

RL.3.3 Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.

RL.5.3 Compare and contrast two or more characters, settings, or events in a story or drama, drawing on specific details in the text (e.g., how characters interact).

RL.K. 9 With prompting and support, compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories.