

## **voice and speech training crucial**

In my capacity as a voice and speech coach, I am often approached by actors who need assistance mastering a specific accent. Far too many actors make the mistake of thinking that their voice acting and accents are separate from their physical acting. Actors seem to think that each component of their acting talent can be trained separately one at a time. It's important to remember that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts; an actor is not a divisible individual, but should be a creative portal through which each character and role can come alive. There is so much more to a character's accent than just pronunciation; an accent should also tell the audience more about the character's personality, upbringing, opinions, and culture. Molding an accent to convey all of these aspects of the character is certainly not easy, but is definitely crucial to accurately portraying a character and all of the components that make that individual who they are.

For comprehensive and lasting results in acting class, you'll have to focus on more than just proper pronunciation of the lines. Proper pronunciation is important, but focusing solely on that aspect of the line will only help the audience to hear the words, but will not give each line the deeper meaning it should possess. You don't want your lines and words to seem too rehearsed; spontaneity is key to a great performance. When delivered correctly, an actor has the ability to change the audience with his or her words. Your words are your way to give the audience insight into the soul and spirit of the character you're portraying. When an actor puts too much effort on the pronunciation and the accuracy of the voice and accent, the audience will be focused solely on the accent, and not on the story and the journey of the character.

Any voice and speech teacher you choose should put an emphasis on building the connection between speech and accent as well as creativity and character creation. Speaking words is one thing, but being able to create a voice that is unique and special is quite another; placing your focus on voice creation will help you to become an actor that is able to breathe life into unique characters that the audience will love. When creating a character that will be beloved and remembered by audiences, it's important to make the personality of the role truly shine forth; in order for this to happen, you must give the character its own unique fingerprint by combining both your physical and voice acting talent. If you would like to be known as an actor who is able to bring any character to life and to do so in a way that makes both you and your role a memorable one, there's no denying the importance of detailed, comprehensive speech and voice training.