

Bushey and South West Herts Youth Drama Festival

Rules - Mime

- The mime must have a title and is of the group's choosing
- The title of the mime must be announced
- Music is permitted
- Lyrics in the music are allowed as long as they are not mimed to or used to depict the scene being played within the mime
- Music with lyrics must be approved by the organising team at the technical rehearsal. Their decision is final
- Sound effects are allowed
- Written word by the cast or other means is not permitted
- Levels, drama blocks and chairs are permitted, however no other furniture or properties are allowed
- All scenery to be fire proofed.
- Costumes are permitted, but should not be hired

Age Group

Performers must be under the age of 25 on 1st September of the previous year

Cast

- There must be 3 performers or more in any one mime
- A performer may be in more than one production

Time Limits

The mime must be between 4 minutes and 10 minutes. These limits are reinforced by penalties as follows:

Less than 4 minutes	Disqualification!
Over 10 minutes by	
1 minute	1 point deducted
2 minutes	3 points deducted
3 minutes	6 points deducted
4 minutes	10 points deducted
5 minutes	15 points deducted
Over 5 minutes	Disqualification!

Disqualification does not affect any other entries made.

The timing of a mime will start as the curtains open, once the lights are up or as the music starts, whichever is relevant, and end when the curtains are closed or on blackout.

Stage and Set

Set Time - 5 minutes from a blank stage to being ready to perform

Strike Time - 5 minutes

The timings will be monitored by the Stage Manager who will inform the adjudicator if time limits are exceeded