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This is the second time I helped in working on the performance; however, it is quite different from my first experience. Due to the languages, it is harder to help here, and sometimes I got confused because of the vocabulary or terms. Also, in my first experience in working on the performance, most of the item were made by newspaper and glue since our budget was limited. Therefore, I had learned a lot about how it started, and how to use some of the tools.

Cleaning up and organizing things were the first thing I did. At first, most people started cleaning up the workshop, and they started working on items a few days later.

When everything is organized and the place is clean, it is easier to the next thing I have learned is that how to measure thing with hands. The fist is about 4 inches, and the top knuckle to the thumb tip is about 1 inch. I think it is useful to measure things without using tools. The other thing I have learned is that stapler is not as simple as you see to use. It looks so easy to staple a screw into the lumber when other people were doing it. However, I realized it is easier said than done. Even though I tried hard to staple the screw, I still messed up some.

It is interesting to see what other students were making, and what it became in the end.

In my first performance experience, we did not use staple and screw often; therefore, this is the first time I had a chance to use one. The week before the performance, I was trying to help to adjust the light at the workshop. This is the first time I got so close to seeing the lights, and what were the other students doing with them. I was so confused when other students pointed out there was a shadow, and the light needs to be adjusted. To me, everything just looked bright and nice. Although I only helped in the workshop for 12 hours, and to be honest there were not much I could help with, it was interesting to see how the performance start from scratch. I felt so excited to see The Hollow.

The Hollow is talking about a murder in a big family, and the relationship between each other is complicated. I really like how each character has the very different characteristic, and make the plot more active and interesting. For example, audience laughs when Lucy talk. She is such an important character that make the performance not getting dull. Henrietta is my favorite character in the performance. When she found out Gerda was trying to poison her, she did not even get mad. She was strong and thoughtful.

Also, because of the different characteristic, when I was watching the performance, I kept thinking "Will this guy do this? Is he or she the murderer?" Moreover, due to the

complicated relationship, it is harder to tell who is the real murderer. At first, I thought Gerda definitely is not the murderer. Although she ran into the house so fast, then grabbed the gun. She looked so sad when John was dying. Then, I thought about Edward. He gave me a weird expression and looked much more like the murderer after he figured out the relationship between Henrietta and John. I almost believed that Veronica was the murderer when the police took out the gun from her purse.

Therefore, when it came to the last scene, I was surprised that Gerda was the murderer.

I really like the part when Lucy ran into the living room and found out that Gerda is dead. It is humorous.

However, it is a pity that I cannot understand everything Lucy said. During the performance, I noticed that there was not any music used during the scene. It was different from what I experienced in most of the graduation performances in our school. We used lots of music to create different atmospheres, and emphasize the emotion. Therefore, I felt a bit strange in the very beginning, but I got used to it after scene 2. Also, because there are so many lines that I had to catch up and understand, I felt a little tired without having music support.

This is one of the great experience that I had in BVU. It is interesting to help in the workshop and learned things that I did not know before. I also enjoyed the performance a lot.