

HB Studio - Spring 2021 Performance Lab
AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE by Henrik Ibsen
Directed by Pablo Andrade

Audition Monologue
AN ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE, Act 2

For your audition, please:

- 1) Prepare the following monologue in English (as written)
- 2) If you have a native language other than English, please also prepare it in your native language

Dr Stockmann:

Let me finish! I thought to myself--the majority, I have the majority! And let me tell you, friends, it was a grand feeling. Because the reason I came back to this place of my birth was that I wanted to give my education to this town, I loved it, so I spent months without pay or encouragement and dreamed up the whole project of the Springs. And why? Not as my brother says, so that fine carriages could crowd our streets, but so that we might cure the sick, so that we might meet people from all over the world and learn from them, and become broader and more civilized--in other words, more like Men, more like A People.

(...)

I proclaim it now! I am in revolt against the age-old lie that the majority is always right!

(...)

The majority is always wrong! Was the majority right when they stood by while Jesus was crucified? Was the majority right when they refused to believe that the earth moved round the sun, and let Galileo be driven to his knees like a dog? It takes fifty years for the majority to be right. The majority is never right until it does right.