



## RIP YOUR SHOWER CURTAIN OPEN!

1. Go for it...take the longest route and use *all* your parts!
2. Soft dynamics...your body language should feel smaller, lower, and closer.
3. Loud dynamics...your body language should feel bigger, taller, and wider.
4. Pick-ups, ooo's, bum bums, etc...stay physically and emotionally involved whether you are singing the lyrics or not.
5. Live the music. We don't want a series of meaningless hand motions. If you find it difficult to relate, call upon your acting skills.
6. Use all your space, and a little bit of your neighbor's! Use the space next to you, above, below, and behind you.
7. Stay focused and in the moment...ride the music.
8. Be sure you have clarity in the emotion, character, and style. At the very least, know who you are, where you are, and what you are doing.
9. Sustained notes and restatements...use them to drive and build the music with continual movement.
10. Character or emotional changes...take advantage of every one including vocal textures, questions, and words that *feel* such as love, never, or thrill!
11. Where's the passion and drama? Steal and keep the spotlight.
12. Taking the pitch...use it to set the tone for the performance, build excitement, and add energy.
13. Know the plan. Only then will you have the confidence to transcend the music.
14. It's not over 'til it's over! Become the character and live her until the curtain falls.
15. Where is your window? Get over it! You might not always have one, so don't let it affect your focus.
16. Breath spaces...use them to forward the motion and to forward the *e*-motion.
17. Build your stamina. Get in shape and you'll be better prepared to perform and have more fun!
18. Improve your posture. Make it more confident, stand tall and you'll look and sing better.
19. Rip your shower curtain open! You must be willing to take a risk and share "all of you" with an audience.
20. **ENERGY! ENERGY! ENERGY!** Are you contributing to the ensemble's energy, or are you taking it away? Start to develop your energy level to enhance both your physical expression and vocal skills by simply adding confidence to your posture, and finally by applying all nineteen techniques listed above. Oh...the magical performances you'll create!