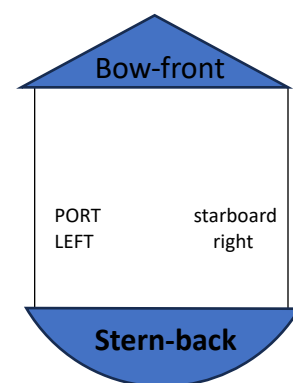


THE SECRET OF NUTHATCHER ISLAND  
 March 11,18,25;April 1,8,15,29;May 6,13  
 Perform May 13 @ 6:30pm

- 1) GEORGE the pirate: Avry
- 2) ECHO the pirate: Evie
- 3) CLARA The Pirate : Rae
- 4) Sashy the Islander & older sister: Riley  
Old man 'George': Riley
- 5) Rosie the islander & younger: Rose
- 6) Professor 'D' the Deaf Islander Aurelia
- 7) Barnabas the mostly Blind Fisherman: Serenity
- 8) Dizzy the Dog who likes chasing: Emey
- 9) Squeaky the Squirrel who likes tormenting everyone: Winter
- 10) Blackberry the cat: Violet



SCENE 1 STEERING THE SHIP?

SND Q 1 Fun music

Narration: Once upon a time in a land far far away, there was a very determined squirrel who loved tormenting.... Pirates, dogs, professors... well anyone actually. Now traditionally speaking a Pirate is supposed to be a fierce fighter and have an obsession with treasure. A professor is supposed to be smart, a fisherman sensible, and dogs well... they will chase anything...How are these all connected you ask? With chaotic determination.

**BLACKBERRY:** And a cat that's me, that is not only curious- but gets into everything.(*starts rubbing self on things throughout ship-and playing with string*)

GEORGE: We are supposed to be going North I tell you.

ECHO: Nope South.

GEORGE: No- North! See look at the map. (*while they argue the squirrel steals their food.*)

ECHO: Heh where's my banana?

GEORGE: You left it beside my pickle.

ECHO: It's not a pickle.

GEORGE: Is too.

ECHO: Is not

**BLACKBERRY:** Now cats usually take a dislike to water. Me I love it! Hence being a ships cat!

SND Q 2 Narration: As you can see the life of a pirate never runs smooth. It is about to get even less smooth as the pirates run into a group of really insistent wildlife.

CLARA: Land Ho

GEORGE: Is not.

CLARA: Is too. (*E grabs Georges head and points it towards the island.*)

GEORGE: Oh.

CLARA: All Hands prime the anchor.

ECHO: Mooring lines Port side at the ready.

GEORGE: You mean starboard side.

ECHO: Nope

GEORGE: Yup

CLARA: Just do it!

GEORGE: *Aye aye. (As he salutes, his hat falls down and covers his eyes.)*

#### SCENE 2 IT'S A BUG'S WORLD

BLACKBERRY: Of course as the ships cat I stay on the ship. Why would I go ashore. There might be animals there. And if I have the ship to myself... well I can.....what?

SND Q 3

Narration: The pirates go ashore searching the forest for clues to the treasure. The squirrel squeaky had always wanted to dance on a ship. Squeaky loves to dance. So she takes every opportunity to have a little fun. (**Music- choreograph dance**) (*Blackberry watches everything with interest*)

Of course dogs being what they are Dizzy goes exploring. Have you ever noticed that dogs sniff everything? Well Dizzy is no exception and ends up on the ship. There are so many wonderful smells. Once Dizzy has discovered Squeaky, well the chase is on. While chaos erupts on the ship, On the island Professor D sees the pirates get off the ship as he and Barnabas are fishing beside the dock. They hide and watch the pirates go towards the forest. They sneak back to town to warn the rest, and They all get ready for a fight.

BLACKBERRY: *Hmmm that was rather awkward. Maybe I need to follow that squirrel. The dog didn't seem that serious about actually getting the squirrel. This requires stealth. Something I'm quite good at by the way!*

Sashy: Get the swords Rosie. Barnabas, you and the professor get to the caves and hide the food and supplies in case we have to run.

Barnabas: *(Talking to a tree)* But Sashy why are they here of all places. *(The professor turns Barnabas towards Sashy)*

SASHY: They are probably looking for treasure.

Rosie: Well that's just silly. The only thing on our island is Nuts.

SND Q 4

Narration: The pirates searched the forest, top to bottom and could find nothing but trees and mosquitos. (sound of bugs)

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CLARA: *(Smacks her arm)* Owe

ECHO: *(smacks all over herself)* I'm being eaten.

GEORGE: *(smacking Echo on the head trying to get a mosquito)* Yup

ECHO: Ouch. What are you doing?

GEORGE: Trying to keep you from being eaten.

CLARA: There is nothing out here.... Well except bugs...owe...*(slaps her neck as if being bitten)*

GEORGE: We need to find a village of some kind. The treasure must be there.

ECHO: Over by the dock maybe.

CLARA: I hope there's less bugs.

GEORGE: *(hat falls in his eyes while everyone else leaves.)* Heh! ! Wait for me.

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Sashy: Can you see anything?

Barnabas: How can I see anything, I'm blind?

Sashy: Professor D can help..

Professor: What's that? You need to yell...I'm deaf you know.

Sashy: Good grief!

Rosie: I'll go look Sashy.

Barnabas: *(talking to the pillar)* You know it really is not fair.

Sashy: What's not fair Barnabas?

Barnabas: *(turns towards Sashy's voice but Sashy has moved so he is talking to air.)*  
Our fishing was interrupted. I planned to catch a big fish today.

Sashy: You say that every day.

Professor: Yes there is a ship in the bay. We told you that already.

Sashy: Thank you Professor.

Professor: Eh?

Barnabas: I can hear running....Rosie's coming back. *(facing a tree- Sashy turns him around)*

Professor: *(see's Rosie)* Rosie's coming back.

Rosie: They found the trail.

Sashy: Barnabas go with the professor to the caves now. *(Everyone communicates to the professor by acting things out kind of like charades or drawing it on the ground)*

Professor: We'll guard our supplies.

SND Q 5 dramatic music to cover all of that *(B & P exit but get caught by the pirates –(Along wall by door) and are taken to the ship to be tied up.-The dog and the squirrel have moved off the ship towards the 'forest-AND Blackberry follows them stealthily ) as the pirates leave the forest)(Movement is Like a big circle-ship audience forest- wall forest- pillars-)*

Rosie: Where did they go?

Sashy: I don't know. I can't see them.

Rosie: At least Barnabas and the Professor are safe.

### SCENE 3 ALL TIED UP

Barnabas: I told you to turn left.

Professor D: Burn what?

Barnabas: This is not what we had planned.

Professor D: Yes of course there's lots of sand. It's a beach you know.

Barnabas: Oh bother!

Professor: Well of course we're brother's dear boy.

Barnabas: We need off this boat.

Professor: We are a bit tied up at the moment.

Barnabas: Oh I wish I had a knife.

Professor: If only they hadn't found your knife.

Barnabas: You really have terrible hearing.

Professor: what does it matter if any of the pirates wears an earring. You're blind how did you notice that?

Barnabas: *(shakes his head)* (Freeze)

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BLACKBERRY: I don't get it. Those two totally ignored me. Almost as if they didn't see me.  
(pinches self) Ouch. Well I'm real enough. That hurt.

SND Q 6

Narration: Meanwhile the squirrel and the dog had gotten kind of tired of chasing each other. And as animals occasionally do, they formed an agreement of sorts.

Dizzy: Woof Woof Woof *(tell audience)*: I'm hungry.

Squeaky: Chatter Chatter Chatter *(tell audience)*: Me too. Follow me

Dizzy: Woof woof *(Tell audience)*: I'm a dog. I'm supposed to chase squirrels.

Squeaky: Chatter *(Tell audience)*: So what! Food first, chase later.

Dizzy: Wooooof *(tell audience)*: Deal! *(They sneak into town to take some kind of food)*  
*(Blackberry motions for the audience to shhhh then follows Dizzy & Squeaky)*

Rosie: *(looking through a spyglass.)* Oh no!

Sashy: What's wrong?

Rosie: Look. (*hands Sashy the spyglass*)

Sashy: Oh dear. I can see the pirates.

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GEORGE: Well, at least there's a trail.

CLARA: No bugs is good.

ECHO: I like no bugs.

GEORGE: Get your swords ready. (*pirates rush towards the townspeople*)

#### SCENE 4 THE FIGHT

##### **SND Q 6**

Pirates of Caribbean music (**Fight 1**)

1,2,3,4, 1,2,3,4, 1,2,3,4 (*Clara pokes Sashy in butt, then Rosie.*) (*as poked freeze*)

##### **Music freezes**

##### **SND Q 7**

Narration: Now as you can imagine, this could go on for quite some time. Until someone gets tired. Enter our resident squirrel- who just loves to create a little chaos. Add Dizzy the dog and well look at what happens! **ADD SND OF Squirrel, dog bark, cat yowl**

(*Dizzy and Squeaky kind of run into everything causing a bit of chaos.*)

Dizzy: Wooooooof (to audience) Where is the food?

Sneaky: Chatter (to audience) over here. (*go back stage as if entering a house -get food- come back out to watch fighting*)

**BLACKBERRY: They agreed to give me some food and let me watch. They're not all bad... for a squirrel and a dog.**

##### **SND Q 8 Music again**

1,2,3,4, 1,2,3,4, 1,2,3,4 (*when someone talks do not use sword-move in a circle so person talking faces audience*)

Dizzy: Woof woof woof howl (*starts hopping around people.*)

Sashy: What dizzy said. We don't want you here. Just go back to your ship.  
(EVERYONE FREEZES EXCEPT DIZZY)

Dizzy: That's not what I said! I kinda think a pirates life would be great! But I don't mind playing along with Sashy. I'm a dog after all! (Blackberry shakes her head as if Dizzy is stating the obvious)

(EVERYONE UNFREEZE)

GEORGE: We're just looking.

Sashy: Look all you want but do it from the deck of the ship.

GEORGE: Well that's superfluous.

ECHO: We want treasure.

CLARA: We NEED treasure.

Sashy: We don't have any treasure.

GEORGE: It's an island, there has to be treasure.

*(The squirrel goes to her nut pile and starts throwing nuts as if searching for something- hits just about everyone with something)* (Blackberry sneaks slowly back to the ship-Dizzy goes to back to help Riley)

Rosie: Owe. *(the pirates use this distraction to knock swords out of Rosie and Sashy's hands)*

ECHO: Let's tie them up.

GEORGE: What is it with you and tying people up? *(The pirates face away from Sashy and Rosie who sneak away)*

CLARA: We're pirates. *(GEORGES HAT FALLS in his eyes)*

GEORGE: Right. Uh... Where did they go? *(Echo lifts his hat up)*

ECHO: They were right here.

GEORGE: Search the surrounding area!

CLARA: Over there.

#### SCENE 5 THE CHASE

#### **SND Q 9 music for chase**

*A Chase choreographed with 1 min of music to give 'Sashy' time to change into old man George Dog chases squirrel once then goes to where Sashy is changing On way to ship Blackberry chases squirrel briefly then continues onto ship.* Who chases CLARA-who chases Rosie who runs after

GEORGE...who chases ECHO. (Once *Sashy is changed into old man George- who then goes onto ship and unties Professor and Barnabas.*)  
*(The Squirrel goes back and forth from place to place storing all his nuts-Dizzy follows George and is sniffing everything.(not GEORGE the pirate)(Blackberry is still in forest while the professor and Barnabas are being rescued- once they are off the ship Blackberry goes onto ship)*

Professor D: Thank you! This was rather painful. (*rubs arms as if they hurt*)

George: You were supposed to go to the caves!

Barnabas: We tried. How did you find us?

George: Rosie saw you were tied up on the ship .

Professor D: Who died?

George: No one (yells). We have to get off this ship. Sashy went to protect our supplies. Rosie is leading the pirates a merry chase in the opposite direction.

Barnabas: Before the pirates catch on. (*Barnabas is facing away from George*)

George: Professor D Meet Rosie on the ridge and lead the pirates in a circle back to the beach. (*Draws it in the dirt with a stick*) Barnabas- you go to the caves to help Sashy disguise the entrance. Dizzy will help you get there.

Barnabas: Come on Dizzy. (*Dizzy whines*)

George: Never mind about the squirrel ya silly dog. This is Nuthatch Island for a reason.

Professor D: What are you going to do George?

George: I'm going to set a trap for these fool pirates.

Professor: What good is a map?

George: Are you kidding?

Professor: Yes I'll be careful. Skidding on the trail could mean trouble.

George: Go! (Yells it) ... (*says the rest almost to himself but so audience can hear*) Ya darn fool. How can someone with so much education be so brainless.

Professor: Right. On my way.



SCENE 6 IT'S A PIRATE'S LIFE FOR ME

ECHO: Heh GEORGE. Are we there yet?

GEORGE: Does it look like we caught them?

CLARA: I saw a squirrel.

GEORGE: We want a person -not a squirrel.

ECHO: Yeah! Heh look. *(they see Rosie and George on one side and the Professor and Barnabas on the other side.)*

CLARA: Who do we get?

GEORGE: You two take the left and I'll take the right. Someone has to know where the treasure is.

ECHO: Your right or my right? *(GEORGE'S hat falls in eyes)*

CLARA: It doesn't matter. Come on Echo.... *(they go after Professor & Barnabas)*

GEORGE *FOLLOWS George and Rosie- they are frozen during this fight.*

**BLACKBERRY WATHES FIGHTS FROM THE SHIP**

**BLACKBERRY: This could be interesting.**

**SND Q 10 Fight 2** music to fight by 15 sec 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4

GEORGE and George fight GEORGE with his sword. George with his cane.  
Rosie runs into squeaks who fights with her small sword. (Dizzy thinks it's funny.)

Rosie: Not me you silly squirrel. Dizzy stop barking! George.... *(both Georges' stop)*

GEORGE & George: What?

GEORGE & George: Your name's George?

GEORGE & George: Yes.

Rosie: Squeaks it's me! *(the squirrel shrugs her shoulders & runs away)* Now Rosie takes her sword and points it towards pirate GEORGE)

GEORGE: Rats!

George: All right back to your ship!. March! *(They escort GEORGE back to the ship with Dizzy- Knock GEORGE OUT)*

George: Rosie go help Barnabas before he injures himself. I'll go check on Sashy. Dizzy come with me. *(give's George time to change back into Sashy)*

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**BLACKBERRY: What is it with swords? They might get hurt! Violence is not the answer.**

### **SND Q 11 fight 3 music**

*(ECHO & CLARA are fighting Professor and Barnabas.)*

ECHO VS Professor 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4

CLARA VS Barnabas who keeps missing CLARA but hits a lot of other things.  
(Rosie helps Barnabas 1,2,3,4,1,2,3,4 and the professor knocks ECHO's sword away from her.)

Rosie: March back to your ship. *(With swords pointed at there backs Rosie and the professor march CLARA & ECHO back to the ship)*

Professor: Now what do we do?

Sashy: (enters with Dizzy) (YELLS) we make sure they weigh anchor and leave our island.

GEORGE: We are looking for treasure. Our captain buried it here long ago.

Barnabas: Not here.

Professor: We've only had one visitor many years ago. They only thing he left was his dog.

Sashy: This island is mostly rock and nut trees. There are hundreds of islands is these waters.

Dizzy: whine whine whine. (To audience) I dislike rocks and trees. I want open air and the sea.

Sashy: Oh and Dizzy wants to come with you.

Dizzy: Woof Woof: (to audience) She got it right for a change. *(jumps on ship)*

GEORGE: Weigh anchor.

ECHO: Drop the mooring line.

GEORGE: Well we didn't get the treasure.

CLARA: But we have something better....

DIZZY: Woof woof woooooof: (To audience) It's a pirates life for me!

**BLACKBERRY: Rats! Now I have to share!**

ECHO: Where to?

GEORGE: Where the wind will take us.

CLARA: What?

GEORGE: THAT WAY! ( *Points towards audience.*)

ALL PIRATES: Yo ho yo ho a pirates life for me! (We see sneaky in her boat.)

BLACKBERRY: If that dog thinks he's gonna have it easy... Well I'm a cat... need I say more?

### **SND Q 12 (Add cat and dog fighting)**

Narration: Well Dizzy was obviously a ship dog. Was it the pirate's captain who left him here? What actually is the secret of Nuthatcher Island? Maybe squeaky might know, but she's busy following the ship, and of course then sneaks on board and.....(as blackout starts)

GEORGE: Heh where's my pickle

ECHO: It's not a pickle.

GEORGE: Yes it is

Dizzy: Howl! (*to audience*) THE END

### **SND Q 13 Curtain Call**