

SCRIPTING FROM SCRATCH

Working From Creative Abundance

Working and Lecturing



14 years in Children's Entertainment, Lectured at Kidabra & to Children's Educators at Conferences, Worked as a pre-school teacher, taught creative writing and drama in private schools, Work Backstage at Magic Live.

HOW MANY SHOWS?

Completed & Bookable

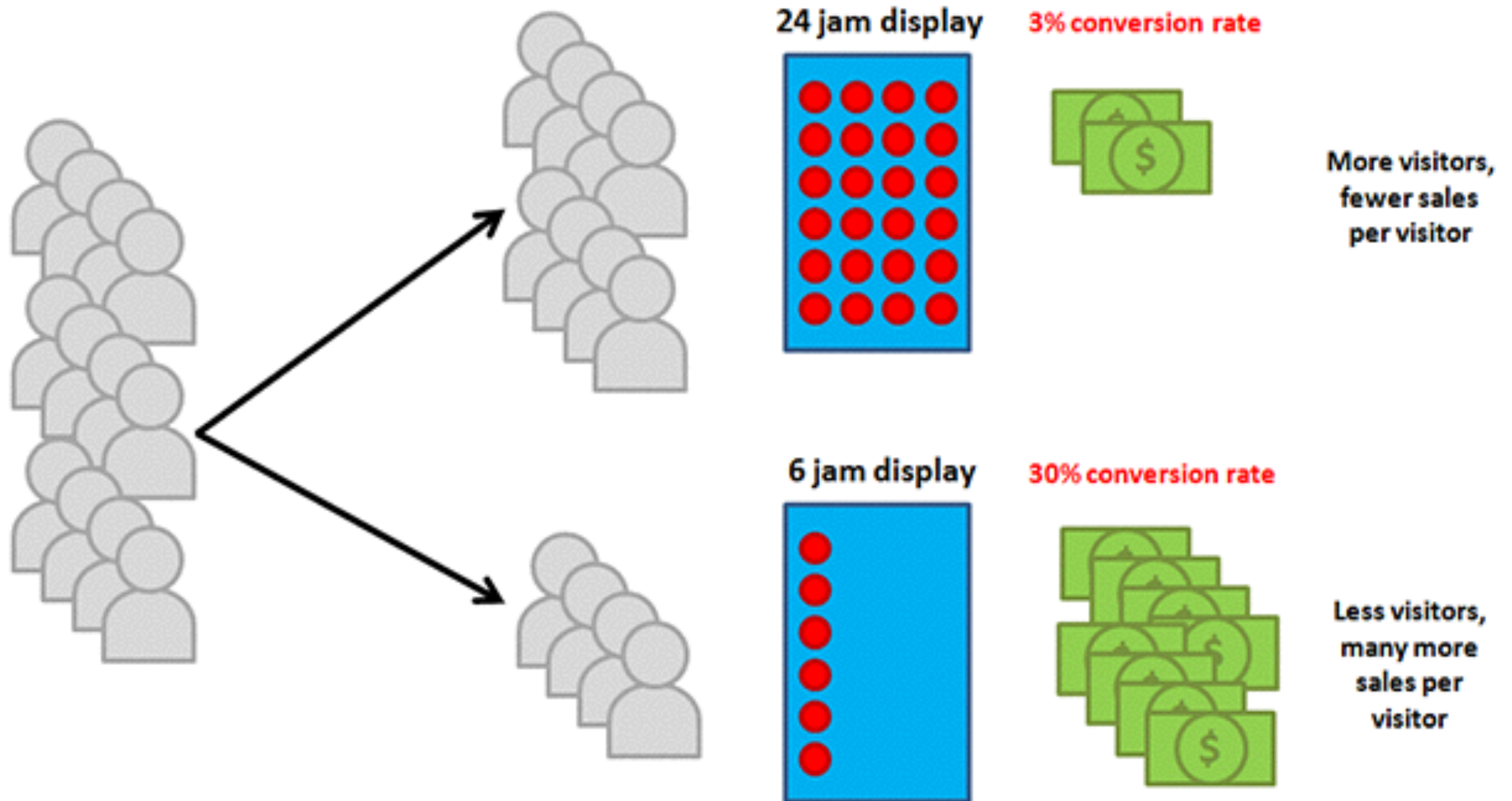


WHY HAVE MANY SHOWS?

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- If your show's theme matches the Corporate / Party theme, that show is a **MUST HAVE ELEMENT** for the client.
- Custom Shows built around a requested give-away item, theme or message = \$\$\$\$
- Tap into the lifetime value of a client by offering a different show for next year's event
- Cause of the Paradox of Choice (You want some options, not too many)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VO6XEQIsCoM>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lmI7NnMqwLQ>

The Jam Experiment





THE SCRATCH SYSTEM

Just get to the point already!!!



PLEASE TAKE OUT A
BLANK SHEET OF PAPER
AND FOLLOW ALONG

*Those found to not be following along
but instead using their paper to draw silly
pictures will be scolded then high-fived,
but really sarcastically.*



S = SOMETHING

*Write down all of the somethings about your something
theme, item, effect, setting...ect*

PICNIC THEME

- Checkered Blankets
- Picnic baskets
- Teddybear's Picnic
- Sandwiches
- Tupperware
- Sporks
- People on a date
- Dirt in your food
- Watching the clouds
- Grass, Trees, Twigs
- Picnic Table
- Doing something just to take a selfie of you doing it
- Watermelon
- Ants, bees, mosquitoes
- Eating food off the ground like a filthy animal
- Getting rained on
- Germs!!
- So many Germs!!
- Why does anyone picnic?



C = COMEDY

*What's so funny about your something?
gags, jokes, puns, funny sounds and other bits of business*

CANDY CANE

- Unstriped candy cane is naked, ask someone to give it their shirt
- Candy cane gives a cavity, chips tooth, gets stuck in mouth
- Candy cane has hair on it, is dirty, was up someone's nose
- Candy cane is too big, small, floppy, smelly, heavy, numerous or weird
- The hook of the candy cane keeps something out of reach, knocks off hat off, hooks on underwear and gives a wedgie
- Candy cane tastes like something silly / gross / spicy
- Candy cane is forbidden
- Candy does not wish to be eaten



R = RELATE

*Plots, concepts and relationships that would be relatable your audience
Your something feels something about something*

RELATABLE PLOTS FOR CHILDREN

- Shared desires we keep hidden
- Wanting to be Special
- Not allowed
- Are afraid
- Don't know
- Feeling Shy
- Sugar High
- Sick or Unwell
- Felling lost
- Are full of yourself
- To excited
- To distracted
- Jealous
- Super brave
- Embarrassed
- Wanting to be / do more
- Trying to get away with something
- Can't Reach
- Can't Find
- Can't figure out
- Can't remember
- Want to show off to your friends
- Want to tell a secret

RELATABLE PLOTS FOR ADULTS

- An Origin Story
- Lost or Unrequited Love
- A Love Won
- A Dream or Goal Achieved
- Having Been Bullied
- Overcoming Bad Health
- Fear of losing one's self
- Lose of Control
- A Painful Break-Up
- A Life Transition
- Overwhelming Work
- Making a big choice
- Can't Find Something
- Can't Understand Something
- Overcoming Boardroom
- Catching Someone in a Lie
- Risking one's Safety

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A = AMAZE

*What amazing fun can be had with this something?
How is it unexpected? unusual? magical? impressive ? special?*

AMAZING THINGS THAT MIGHT RELATE TO YOUR SOMETHING

- Magic Tricks
- Circus Skills
- Demonstrate the unusual Properties of your something
- Provide unintuitive information about your something
- Stunts
- Gags
- Songs / Music / Poems
- Puppets
- Live Animals
- Puzzles
- Games
- Stories
- Unusual / Fun prop related to your something
- Optical Illusions



T = TENSION

*What elements of tension, conflict or drama
can be created around your something?*



**DON'T
KEEP CALM**

create

TENSION & SUSPENSE

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- The Rubber Band
- Mirror Neurones - The Audience is experiencing the story physically
- Like Holding your Breath
- Let kids put ideas together
- Tension leads to discovery
(bubble show = what shape is a bubble)
- Honest Conflict

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Drama is anticipation mingled with
uncertainty

-William Archer



C = CHARACTER

*How does your character relate to this something?
afraid of, sick of, in need of, unsure of, unaware of, suspicious of...*



Make me Care with a clear Character

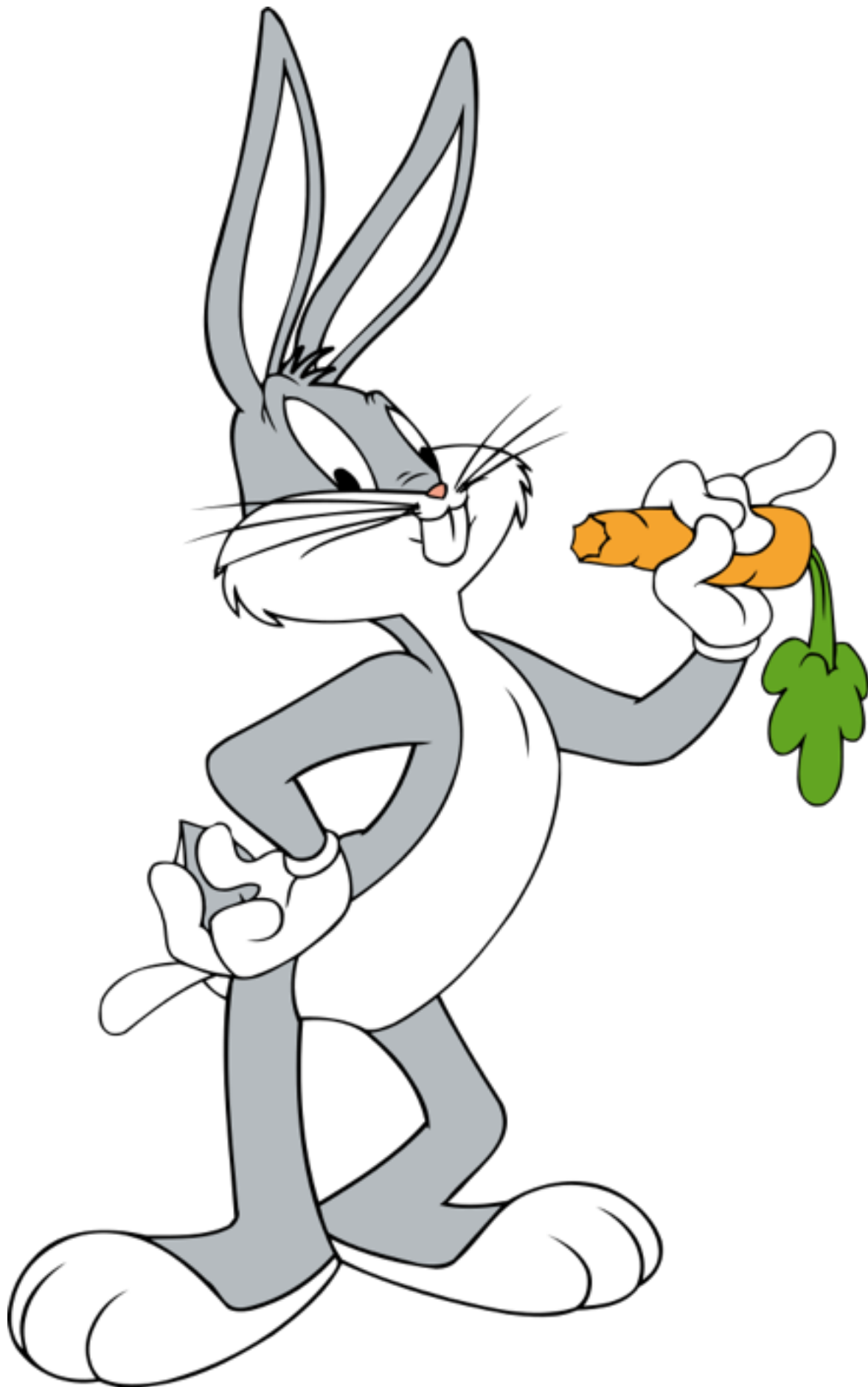
EX: Take the Looney Tunes, well defined characters driven by clear wants

Chuck Jones - The Evolution of an Artist / <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kHpXle4NqWI>



DAFFY DUCK

- The butt of the joke
- A Bit Crazy
- He want glory
- Quick to Frustration
- Who is doing this Sort of Character?
- Silly Billy



BUGS BUNNY

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- Confident and Calm
- Works for a solution to problems
- Wants Order
- Who is doing this Sort of Character?
- Christopher Barnes




WILE E COYOTE

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- Clever and Confident about it
- Has a whole bag a trick
- Subverts the expected outcome of his props
- Who is doing this Sort of Character?
- The Great Zucchini

**LIKEABLE, RELATABLE
& CLEARLY FOCUSED**



H = HIT HOME

*What is your punctum?
a little something special*



TELL A VALUABLE TRUTH
DEEPEN OUR UNDERSTANDING
STOKE AMBITION
EXTINGUISH FEAR

Question Assumptions . Love for Science

Failure is part of Learning. Failure is Ok

Self Awareness is key. Be Humble

THE SCRATCH SYSTEM

Something - All The Things

Comedy - All The Funny Things

Relate - All The Heart

Amaze - All The Sparkle

Tension - All The Drama

Character - All The Personality

Hit Home - The Punctum

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