It's Vaudeville! by Mike Swift

The Docs

ALEX: How are you, Bobby?
BOBBY: I’m just getting back from the doctor.
ALEX: You’re just getting back from the doctor? Why is that?
BOBBY: You see, I went on a diet, swore off candy and heavy eating, and in 14 days I had lost exactly two weeks. It’s got me down in the dumps.
ALEX: You know, you have a ready wit.
BOBBY: I do? Alright, tell me when it’s ready.
ALEX: So you’re down in the dumps. Have you tried exercise?
BOBBY: I went to play tennis and it just depressed me. No matter how good I get, I’ll never be as good as a wall.
ALEX: So you’re depressed. What did the doctor say?
BOBBY: Well, I didn’t have an appointment, so I hung around in in the waiting room until somebody came in with my same symptoms, so I could get a 2 for 1.
ALEX: You’re so cheap, you can’t even pay attention! So, you were in the waiting room until somebody came in with your symptoms.
BOBBY: First, there was a man who broke his leg in two places. You know what the doctor told the man who broke his leg in two places?
ALEX: “Stop going to those places.”
BOBBY: I thought it would help if I cheered up all the other patients in the waiting room. There was one little boy there, so I took him around and made everybody shake hands with him. It made him so happy he almost forgot he had the measles.
ALEX: Bobby, your friendliness is really contagious.
BOBBY: For the last guy, the doctor gave the man six months to live. But the man couldn’t pay his bill, so he gave him another six months.
ALEX: So, what did the doctor say when he got to you?
BOBBY: I told him I thought if I was rich it would cure the blues.
ALEX: You know, money can’t make you happy.
BOBBY: All I am asking for is the chance to prove it.
ALEX: Good point.
ALEX: So now what?
BOBBY: I’ve decided to be a comedian.
ALEX: I definitely think laughter is the best medicine.
BOBBY: Me too. And I intend to live forever.
ALEX: So far, so good.

   End of Scene.

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Length: 30–35  minutes
Cast Size: 6–17 actors (suggested casting: 2F, 2M, 13 any)
Genre: Comedy

Synopsis: In this revue-style show in the spirit of American Vaudeville, the laughs keep rolling. Everyone gets a turn in the spotlight when the host Kurt loses his scene partner Rose mid-show. Kurt talks to comics, clowns, doctors, coppers, gangsters, and jokesters of all kinds while looking for Rose. A bawdy, fun play for groups big and small, it’s Vaudeville! brings back the silly wordplay and charm of an artform of yesteryear!