

SLIPPING ON THE BANANA PEELS OF INTERPERSONAL RELATIONS.

Last month at the Howland Cultural Center,

Pinot & Augustine

(aka Mark Jaster and Sabrina Mandell) vividly demonstrated the pitfalls and pratfalls of personal relationships. They should know, they fell in love in clown class and have been mining the ying and yang between them for comedy gold ever since.

The interplay between Pinot, the portly maestro, and Augustine, the bumbling, wannabe assistant, is funny as heck. This cartoonist also found it instructional. Some outtakes:



Some days your role is to be the low-status clown. But at least the audience is rooting for you.



Inflate ego when necessary. If all else fails, use a bicycle pump.



Mes cheveux... ça va?

Your hair is perfect.

Always tell your partner his hair looks great even if he's bald and the few strands he has are clearly painted on with greasepaint.



Be aware when you've knocked your partner down a few pegs... or rendered him completely unconscious. Should this happen, proceed to #4.



Inspire each other to ever greater acts of derring-do.



Let your partner finish his solo before you bang your gong... no matter how incredibly long the solo may be.



...an outraged, Francophile "moue" of withering contempt. Don't dwell on it--say you're sorry and move on to the next bit...

...where you crumple his precious hat.

Sorry.



If you filch your partner's prized possession be prepared for...

10 Sharing the limelight can be rewarding. It's fun to be a fan.

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