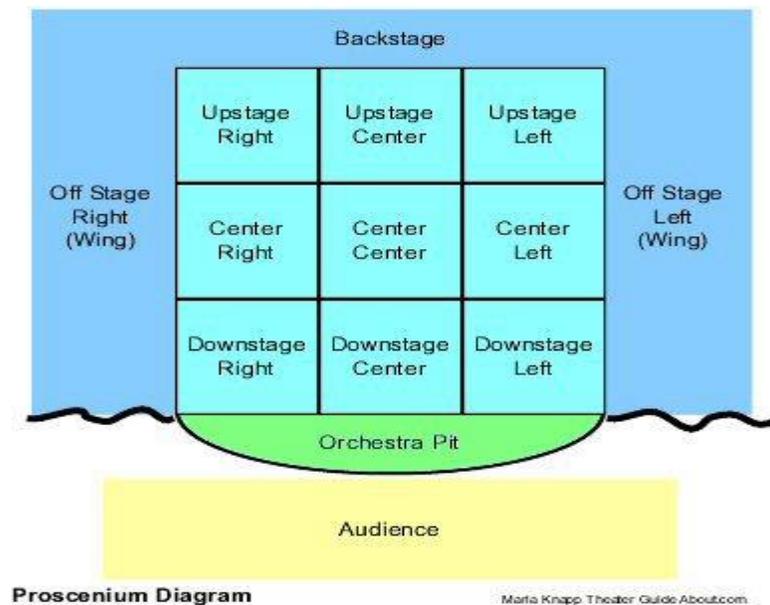


On Broadway Study Guide

- Broadway is the street in New York that has come to symbolize live theater entertainment throughout the world.
- Broadway theatre is usually a play or musical presented in one of thirty-nine large professional theatres in the Theatre District located in Manhattan in New York City.
- The shows are intended to make a profit and therefore, are open-ended meaning the length of the show is based on ticket sales.
- The longest running musical on Broadway is *Phantom of the Opera*.
- If a show has a long run on Broadway, producers often decide to recast the show and crew for a national tour in major cities across the country.
- Broadway shows typically have evening performances Tuesday through Saturday with a 7pm or 8pm “curtain.” This refers to the start of the show.
- Matinee performances occur during the afternoon.
- Named for Antoinette Perry, the Tony Awards recognize excellence on Broadway.
- The first awards show occurred in June in 1947.

Stage diagram

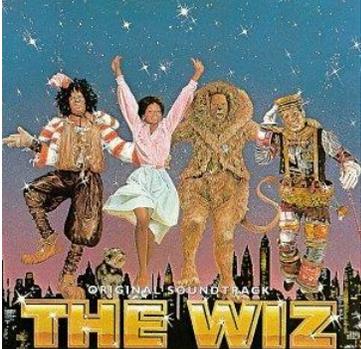


Note:

- Stage Right is the dancer's right as the dancer stands on the stage facing the audience.
- Stage Left is the dancer's left as the dancer stands on the stage facing the audience.
- Was called downstage because stages were once slanted down for the front row to see better.

** Musicals taught: Fame, The Wiz, Hairspray, High School Musical 2

Musicals

Musical	Premiered	General Information
	1988	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Fame the Musical</i> is based on the award-winning 1980 film <i>Fame</i>. - <i>Fame the Musical</i> is set in the 1980's and follows a group of young performers who were just accepted into New York City's High School for Performing Arts. - The dancers, musicians, and actors have another thing in common besides their love for performing arts: the desire to be famous. At the end of the musical, there is a farewell party where the students discuss their plans for the future all hoping to leave a famous mark on the world but ultimately wondering about their own future.
	1974	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dorothy is seen with her Aunt Em, Uncle Henry, and dog, Toto, on their farm in Kansas. - She expresses her desire to get away from the farm life and see distant lands. - Aunt Em and Uncle Henry urge her to stay, telling her that she has everything that she could ever want here at home.
	2007 Musical Film	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Hairspray</i> is a musical based on the 1988 film <i>Hairspray</i>. - The setting is Baltimore, Maryland in 1962. - Tracy Turnblad, a plump girl with big hair and an even bigger heart, has a passion to dance. She dreams of being on the <i>Corny Collins Show</i>. - Dance characteristics included the Pony, Mashed Potato, Hand Jive, and the Madison (a complicated line dance.)
	2007 on Television	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The plot begins with the East High Wildcats discussing plans for summer break. - Troy is stressed out about paying for college and decides to get a summer job with all of his friends at Lava Springs, which is Ryan and Sharpay's family country club. - While everyone else is working, Sharpay is working to break up Troy and Gabriella.