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Welcome everyone to Kids' Night on Broadway®! Whether the show you're seeing tonight is your first Broadway production or your 20th, this night is all about you. You're playing the most important role on Broadway because without the audience, there would be no show!

We hope today's performance will inspire you to see as many plays and musicals as possible, whether on Broadway or Off Broadway, in New York, in your own city, in your school or in your community.

Enjoy the show!

A Message from our National Ambassador, two-time Tony Award® winner **JUDITH LIGHT**

Theatre is magic. Theatre is culture. When you see a play or musical, you are experiencing something unique and extraordinary. You are giving your kids—or your parents—the keys to a world that they may never otherwise know.

Broadway has always been and always will be an important part of my life. I love the magic that happens on the stage, the joy of bringing unique and creative stories to life, and the opportunity to participate in such a welcoming, friendly community that shares a deep passion for the art of theatre. Tonight, I am glad to be sharing Broadway with you and thousands of other young people and their families.

I'm also thrilled that Kids' Night on Broadway is honoring the Point Foundation. I am proud to support this organization's efforts to promote the continued education of LGBT students.



JUDITH LIGHT was awarded back-to-back Tony Awards® for Best Performance by a Featured Actress in a Play for *The Assembled Parties* in 2013 and *Other Desert Cities* in 2012. She is currently on the groundbreaking new Amazon Studio's series, "Transparent."



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WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE SHOW AND WHERE DID YOU SEE IT?

WHAT WAS THE MAIN STORY OR IDEA OF THE SHOW?

WHO WERE THE MAIN CHARACTERS?

WERE ANY OF THE ACTORS AMAZING? WHO AND WHY?

HOW ABOUT THE SETS AND COSTUMES?

WHO DO YOU THINK WOULD LIKE THIS SHOW?



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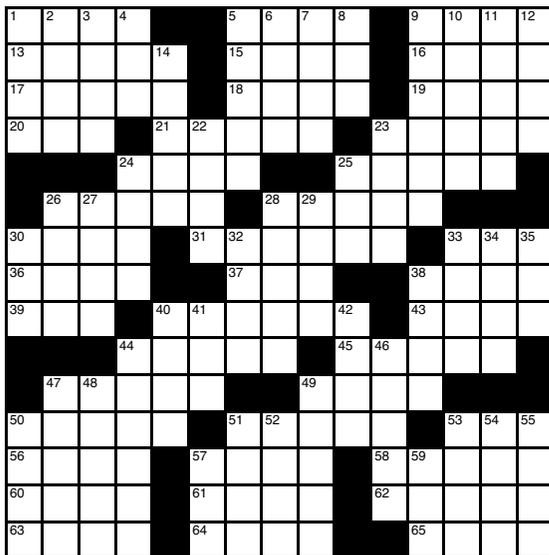
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BROADWAY'S BIGGEST FAN



BROADWAY NIGHTS by Fred Piscop



ACROSS

- 1** Tried to avoid a tag
5 Tea set items
9 "Ignorance ___ excuse!"
13 The score of "Kinky Boots" was written by ___ Lauper
15 1980s rock band whose music is featured in "Rock of Ages"
16 Crockpot concoction
17 American Idol star Clay, who recently lost a Congressional run
18 Landlord's income
19 Two thumbs-up review
20 Assistants of M.D.'s
21 Martin, who plays Peter Austin's best friend in "It's Only a Play"
23 In "The Phantom of the Opera," the phantom lurks beneath the stage of the ___ Opera
24 Circus horn-honker
25 Magnus Carlsen's game
26 Shoulder muscles, briefly
28 Herb in pesto sauce
30 Poet Angelou
31 Like some teas or holistic medicines
33 Physicians' org.
36 "Beg your pardon ... " sound
37 Queen ___ of "Romeo and Juliet"
38 Lose one's footing
39 "Kidnapped" monogram

DOWN

- 1** The villain in "The Lion King"
2 "___ Eyes" (1975 Eagles hit)
3 Tattooists' fluids
4 1950s presidential monogram
5 The Main character of "Beautiful" was born ___ Klein
6 ___-friendly (easy to operate)
7 Pub measure
8 Watched Junior
9 "A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder" is based on the novel "___ Rank" by Roy Jefferson
10 Song featured in "Les MisÉrables"
11 Island neighbor of St. Kitts
12 Is in hock
14 Map within a map
22 Fare that's "slung"
23 Punxsutawney groundhog
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25 R.E. Lee's side
26 "Matilda the Musical" is based on a novel by Roald ___
27 "My ___ Adored You" is a tune from "Jersey Boys"
28 In "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time," fifteen-year-old Christopher has an extraordinary one
29 "Mamma Mia!" is based on the music of this pop group
30 Scratch up
32 Name in plus-size modeling
33 Alda of "M*A*S*H"
34 Sorvino of "Quiz Show"
35 Well-put
38 Leveling wedge
40 Sammy who hit at least 60 homers in three different seasons
41 Vegetation on college walls
42 Khartoum's river
44 Harry Potter, for one
46 Does a household chore
47 The ___ Lama
48 Sharpshooter Oakley
49 Starts the pot
50 Like dishwater, in a saying
51 Merry prank
52 Scandinavian capital
53 Iowa college city
54 Monocle, basically
55 Colon's meaning, in analogies
57 Part of a clown costume
59 Zamboni's milieu

one of two unlikely friends becomes the Wicked Witch of the ___

58 ___ Square is one of the stopping points in "On the Town"

60 Lion's den

61 ___ of Wight

62 Hound's clue

63 Told a whopper

64 Pontiac muscle cars of yore

65 "Happy Motoring" gas brand of old

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SHOW DIARY

What have you seen? What did you think?

Whether this is your first Broadway show or your 15th, we hope it won't be your last! As you continue to go to the theatre, it's fun to keep track of the plays and musicals you see. What was your favorite moment in each show? Which performers thrilled you the most?

Show:

Favorite Moment:

Most Exciting Performer:

Date:

Overall Rating (0 to 5 stars):



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Have you made plans to see your next show? For information about what's playing on Broadway, visit iLoveNYTheater.com. This site also contains information on student rush tickets. For shows on national tour, visit TouringBroadway.com.



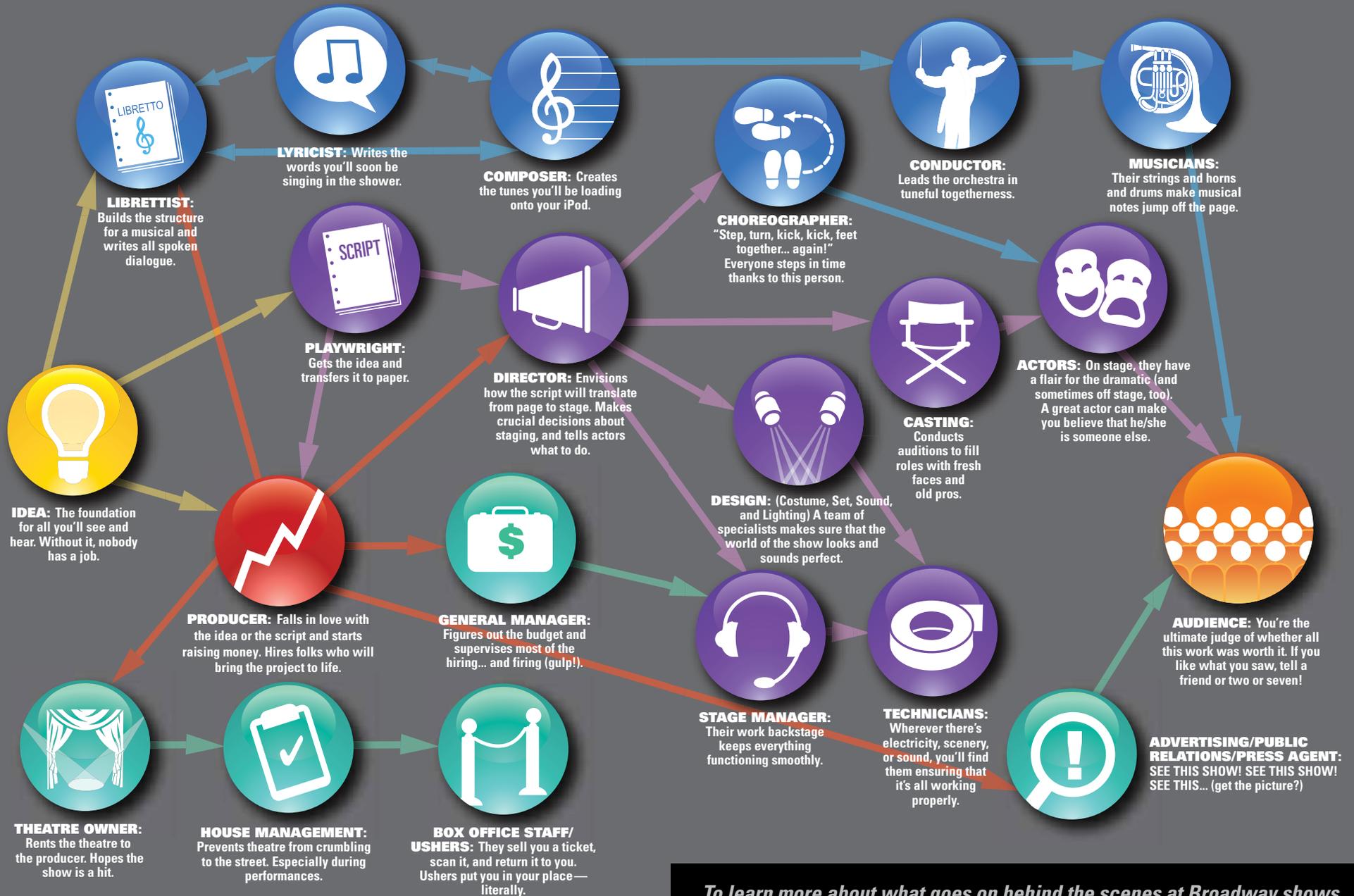
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Here's how shows like this one you're attending made the transition from original idea to opening night. Can you believe how many talented players it takes to bring a play or musical to the stage?

HOW BROADWAY PUTS ON A SHOW



To learn more about what goes on behind the scenes at Broadway shows, check out the resources listed at KidsNightonBroadway.com!

BINGO

DIRECTIONS: Play this Bingo game to get to know The Times Arts section, in print or online, and find information and reviews that interest you. To play, just find something anywhere in the Arts section that fits the criteria in each box below. When you have completed a row vertically, horizontally or diagonally, you have a BINGO.

A fact you learned that you didn't know before:	Something reviewed today that you'd like to see, read, hear, or experience, and why:	A book, play, movie, tv show, album, work of art, video game or style of dance you love, and your guess as to whether or not The Times has covered it*:
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WARMUP
WINGS

Theatre Tips for Kids

It's fun to see a Broadway show! But first, a few things you should know:

- ★ **Shhh!** – No noises in the audience – leave all of the talking and sound effects to the actors on stage!
- ★ **Please stay in your seat during the show, and keep your feet on floor in front of you – not on chair in front of you!**
- ★ **Remember to turn off all cell phones and noisy gadgets and do not text, take photos, or videotape during the show!**
- ★ **Clap!** When the curtain comes down at the end of the show, it's fun to applaud to thank the actors for a great performance. If you'd like, stand up while you clap – that's called a standing ovation.

Live theatre is a super special experience ... have fun!

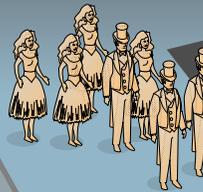


BEHIND THE SCENES ON BROADWAY

Have you ever wondered what's behind all of the magic you see on stage?

Here's a diagram that explains some of the show-stopping effects currently seen in the long-running musical *The Phantom of the Opera*.

Travelator
This gigantic platform is used as a bridge, a cemetery and a backstage elevator. It moves upstage and downstage via tracks built into the *Phantom* stage.



Backstage

Counterweight/fly system
Holds major set pieces high above the stage floor. When a piece is needed, it "flies" in on cables.

Dimmer racks
Contain rows of switches and dimmers that control all of the lighting for the show.

Dressing rooms/offices

Stage manager
The stage manager is responsible for more than 350 cues delivered to the performers, stagehands and conductor. Three television cameras hidden on and around the stage and six monitors backstage relay the information.

Computers
Two people run the computers backstage that control the 52 automated scenery effects, including the travelator, candle lights, the six telescoping candelabra, and the chandelier.

The Phantom of the Opera opened on Broadway on January 26, 1988, at the Majestic Theatre.

SOURCES: *The Complete Phantom of the Opera* by George Perry; Andrew Lloyd Webber by Michael Walsh; Evan Ensign, Phantom Touring Company; Wayne McWorter; Ed Kiley, Alan Wasser Associates; The Publicity Office

Research and graphic by PAUL HORN

Did you know...?
▼ It takes the Phantom approximately one hour to get into his makeup.
▼ The main actors and actresses have microphones hidden in their wigs.
▼ Look for some cleverly disguised mannequins here and there to make crowd scenes look bigger.
▼ Trap doors allow actors to appear and disappear into thin air.
▼ One costume, worn by the character Carlotta, actually weighs 35 pounds.

Fog
10 fog and smoke machines are used to create special effects. The fog is made of dry ice and is piped in through vents in the deck.

Deck
The deck, which is the actual floor of the stage, contains several of the show's special effects, including numerous trap doors, pipes for fog, and tracks that guide many set pieces to their places. Several entire pieces, such as the candelabra, come up through the deck from the basement.

Orchestra
The orchestra is located in a "pit" under the stage. The conductor leads 29 musicians in a live performance.

Angel sculpture
The angel in the center descends with the Phantom in the "Roof of the Opera House" scene.

Phantom's boat
At one point the Phantom steers his gondola through a "lake" with a staff. In actuality a stagehand uses a hand-held remote control to move the boat.

Chandelier
The 10-foot high, half-ton giant hangs high above the first few rows of the orchestra seats and, in one scene, crashes to the stage floor. It is entirely controlled by a computer that monitors its safety and controls the intricate web of safety cables that supports it.

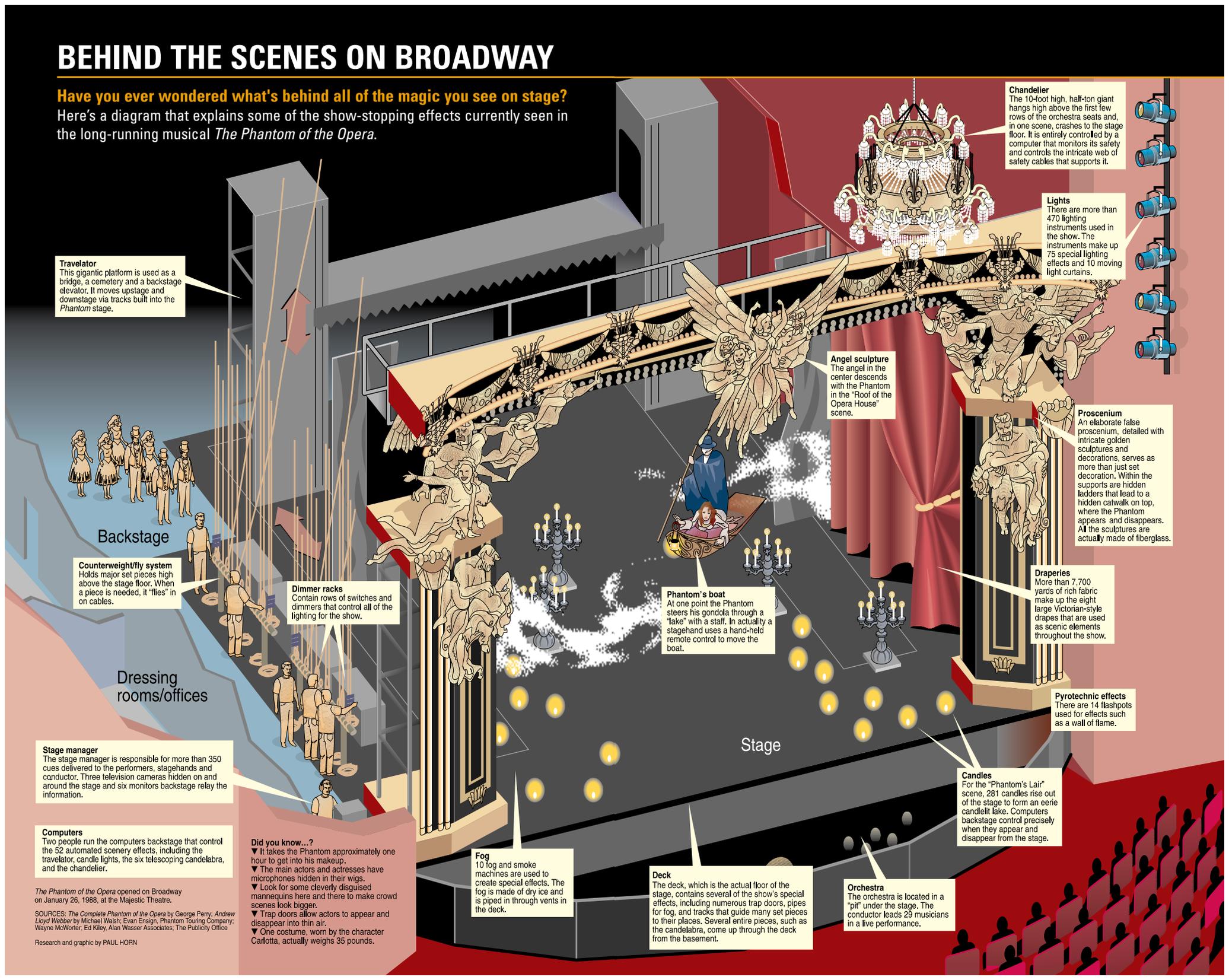
Lights
There are more than 470 lighting instruments used in the show. The instruments make up 75 special lighting effects and 10 moving light curtains.

Proscenium
An elaborate false proscenium, detailed with intricate golden sculptures and decorations, serves as more than just set decoration. Within the supports are hidden ladders that lead to a hidden catwalk on top, where the Phantom appears and disappears. All the sculptures are actually made of fiberglass.

Draperies
More than 7,700 yards of rich fabric make up the eight large Victorian-style drapes that are used as scenic elements throughout the show.

Pyrotechnic effects
There are 14 flashpots used for effects such as a wall of flame.

Candles
For the "Phantom's Lair" scene, 281 candles rise out of the stage to form an eerie candlelit lake. Computers backstage control precisely when they appear and disappear from the stage.



MATCHING GAME

Times reviews always feature a descriptive or witty headline along with the basic information about what is being reviewed. For instance, a review of a 2012 revival of a long-running classic was headlined "A Frisky Musical With Many Lives: A Review of 'Cats,' at the Gateway Playhouse." Below you'll find ten plays currently popular on Broadway, and ten headlines from Times reviews about them. *Can you match them all?*

Headlines

Shows

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|---------------|--|--|
| <u> D </u> | 1. A Hit That Has Outlasted 10,000 Chandeliers | a. A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder |
| <u> </u> | 2. Cub Comes of Age: A Twice-Told Cosmic Tale | b. Aladdin |
| <u> </u> | 3. Missionary Men With Confidence in Sunshine | c. Avenue Q |
| <u> </u> | 4. Sly Alchemy From That Lamp | d. The Phantom of the Opera |
| <u> </u> | 5. Children of the World, Unite! | e. The Book of Mormon |
| <u> </u> | 6. A Songwriter Who Found Her Voice | f. The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time |
| <u> </u> | 7. High Spirits, Higher Heels | g. Kinky Boots |
| <u> </u> | 8. A Feeling You're Not On Sesame Street | h. The Lion King |
| <u> </u> | 9. Bumping Off Kin, a Song in Your Heart | i. Matilda |
| <u> </u> | 10. Plotting the Grid of Sensory Overload | j. Beautiful: The Carole King Musical |

ANSWERS: 1-d, 2-h, 3-e, 4-b, 5-i, 6-f, 7-g, 8-c, 9-a, 10-f



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