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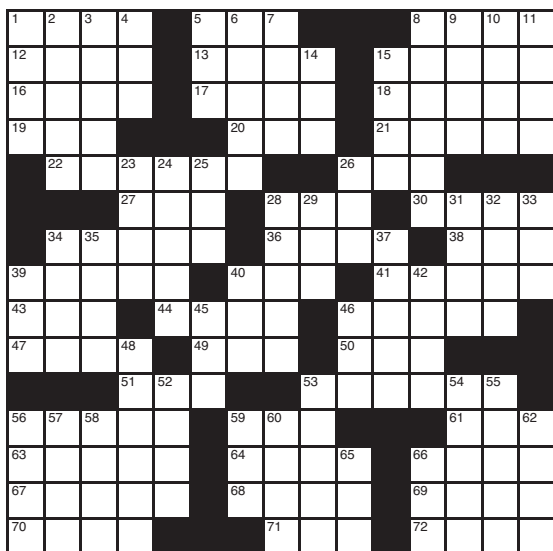
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# BROADWAY NIGHTS by Fred Piscop



## Across

**1** "Shucked" is a \_\_\_-to-fable" musical about corn

**5** Well-chosen, as words

**8** Interoffice note

**12** Sunblock ingredient

**13** Tara of "Sharknado"

**15** "Moulin Rouge" is set in various parts of \_\_\_

**16** Hatchling's home

**17** "Chicago" has won six \_\_\_ Awards®

**18** Menzel who voiced Elsa in "Frozen"

**19** \_\_\_ Lanka (Asian nation)

**20** Bill, TV's

"Science Guy"

**21** "The Cottage" was written by \_\_\_ Rustin

**22** Group doctrines

**26** \_\_\_ o'shanter (Scottish cap)

**27** "Days of \_\_\_ Lives" (classic soap)

**28** In "Hedestown," Hades is played by \_\_\_ Hewitt

**30** Airline of Israel

**34** "Toy \_\_\_" (1995 Pixar movie)

**36** The devil's doings

**38** In-flight stat, for short

**39** Prefix in low-budget brand names

**40** Alice in Wonderland" drink

**41** Be a nuisance to

**43** Some Like It Hot" is set in Chicago and \_\_\_ Diego

**44** In "Wicked," the witch Elphaba has emerald-green \_\_\_

**46** What powered old locomotives

**47** Guitarist Clapton

**49** Pro-\_\_\_ (some tours)

**50** Tuna at sushi bars

**51** "Pick a card, \_\_\_ card"

**53** Here Lies Love" is based on former Filipino First Lady \_\_\_ Marcos

**56** Instant replay format, for short

**59** Classic rockers Steely \_\_\_

**61** Under the weather

**63** In "Once Upon a One More Time," the book club members always discuss "Grimm's Fairy \_\_\_"

**64** White House office shape

**66** Rum-soaked cake

**67** Befuddle

**68** Volcano's shape

**69** Burden of proof

**70** Off weeks, in football

**71** Pickleball court divider

**72** Cartoonist Thomas who created the Democratic donkey and GOP elephant

## Down

**1** Rooters at ballparks

**2** On one's toes

**3** "A Beautiful Noise" features such Neil Diamond hits as "Cracklin' \_\_\_"

**4** Held a conference

**5** Sculptures, paintings, etc.

**6** Lowly laborers

**7** Itsy-bitsy

**8** Title for Marie Curie

**9** Leprechaun land, in verse

**10** Take umbrage at

**11** Anthem opener

**14** Food coloring, for example

**15** Home to a famous tower

**23** XII, on a sundial

**24** Money in Italy, now

**25** Take a shot at

**26** Texter's "I've heard enough!"

**28** Most high schoolers

**29** Eggs, in labs

**31** "Six" plays at the \_\_\_ Horne Theatre

**33** \_\_\_ an egg (flop)

**34** The evil

lion in "The Lion King"

**35** \_\_\_ Collette of "Emma"

**37** Wood-shaping tool

**39** Suffix with legal or computer

**40** The lyrics for "Aladdin" were co-written by \_\_\_ Rice

**42** "MJ" plays at the \_\_\_ Simon Theatre

**45** Michael Corleone's wife

**46** "I Am \_\_\_" (Sean Penn movie)

**48** Caravan beasts

**52** Pinocchio's protuberance

**53** Totally ridiculous

**54** Royal bride of 1981

**55** Harry's son in "Harry Potter and the Cursed Child"

**56** Wild guess

**57** In "Kimberly Akimbo," the teenaged Kim looks like a 72-year-old \_\_\_

**58** Word after "ye" on shoppe signs

**59** In "Back to the Future," \_\_\_ Brown builds a time machine

**60** Doorbell-ringing cosmetics firm

**62** Go the distance

**65** The Beatles' "\_\_\_ It Be"

**66** Rock singer Jon \_\_\_ Jovi

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# 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 seen in the 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.

## 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.

## Dimmer racks

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

## 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 Carotta, actually weighs 35 pounds.

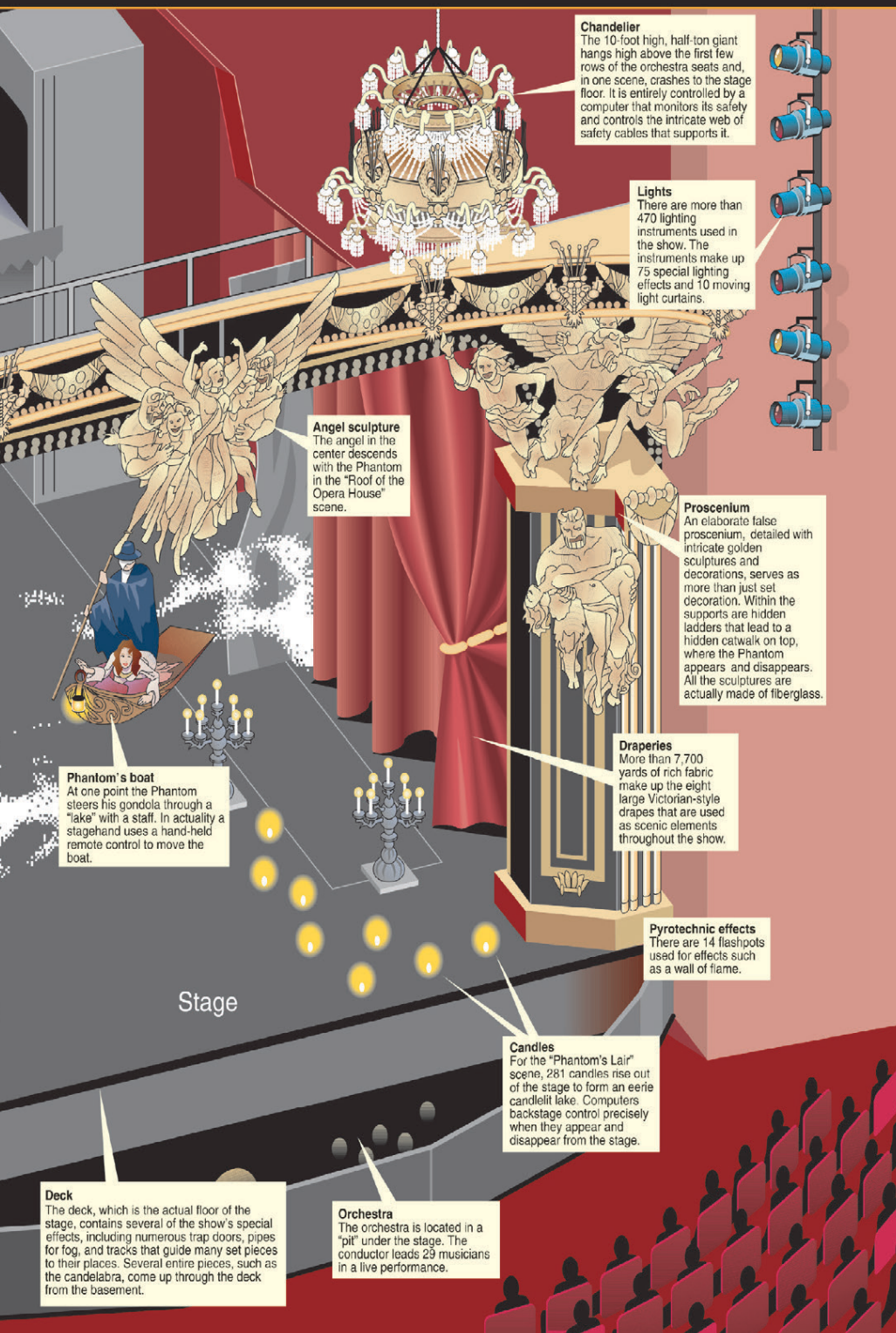
**Fog**  
10 fog and smoke machines are used to create special effects. The fog is made of dry ice and is piped in through vents in the deck.

*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 Ensigh, Phantom Touring Company; Wayne McWorter; Ed Kiley; Alan Wasser Associates; The Publicity Office

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#### 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.

#### Angel sculpture

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

#### 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.

#### Deck

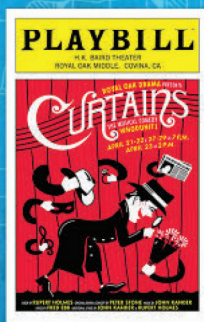
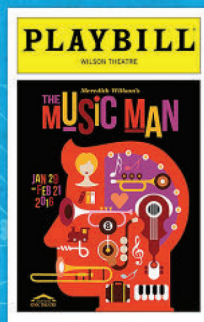
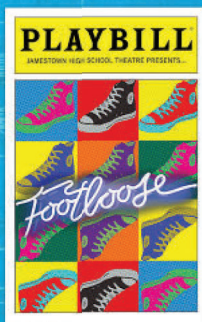
The deck, which is the actual floor of the stage, contains several of the show's special effects, including numerous trap doors, pipes for fog, and tracks that guide many set pieces to their places. Several entire pieces, such as the candelabra, come up through the deck from the basement.

#### Orchestra

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

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Times reviews always feature a descriptive or witty headline along with the basic information about what is being reviewed. For instance, a 2017 review of a hit Broadway musical was headlined “‘Come From Away,’ a Canadian Embrace on a Grim Day.

**Below** you'll find ten plays currently popular on Broadway, and **ten headlines** from Times reviews about them. Can you match them all?

## Headlines

- \_\_\_ 1 Young Rebels Changing History and Theater
- \_\_\_ 2 Famous Dead Girl Becomes Pop Diva!
- \_\_\_ 3 His Majesty of Magic
- \_\_\_ 4 Exhilarating Freedom Unfurls in New Times
- \_\_\_ 5 Sly Alchemy From That Lamp
- \_\_\_ 6 Cub Comes of Age: A Twice-Told Cosmic Tale
- \_\_\_ 7 Amid All the Sorrow, Lots of Fun
- \_\_\_ 8 Nonstop Party, Passion Playlist
- \_\_\_ 9 Tinkering Saves a Trip to the Underworld
- \_\_\_ 10 These Queens Insist You Have Fun

## Shows

- A** Moulin Rouge
- B** The Lion King
- C** Six
- D** Hadestown
- E** Kimberly Akimbo
- F** Aladdin
- G** & Juliet
- H** Some Like it Hot
- I** Hamilton
- J** Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Answers:  
1-I, 2-G, 3-F, 4-H, 5-F, 6-B, 7-E, 8-A, 9-D, 10-C

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