



Stage Notes



- *Types of Stages

- *Parts of the Stage (Stage directions)

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Types of Stages – Proscenium

▶ Proscenium Stage –

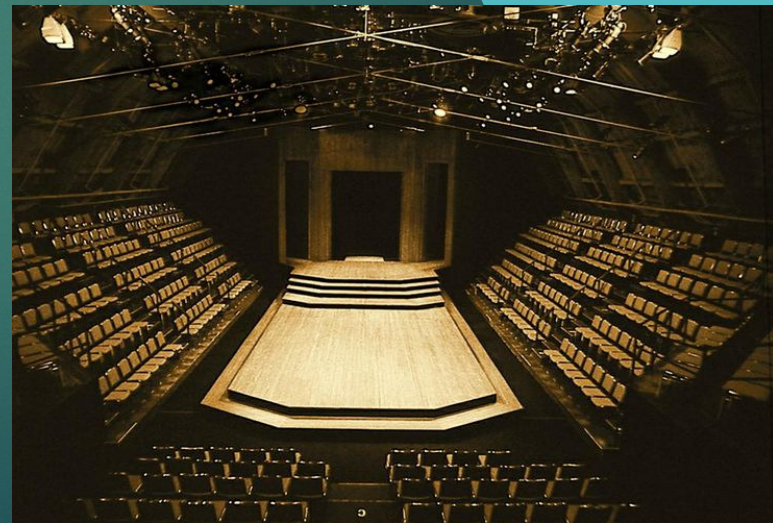
- ▶ what we usually think of as a "theatre".
- ▶ a "picture frame" placed around the front of the playing area of an end stage.
- ▶ Audience views from the "front" like looking through a window/picture frame



Types of Stages – Thrust

▶ Thrust Stage

- ▶ A Stage surrounded by audience on three sides.
- ▶ The Fourth side serves as the background



Types of Stages – Arena

▶ Arena Stage/Theatre

- ▶ A central stage surrounded by audience on all sides.
- ▶ The stage area is often raised to improve sightlines.



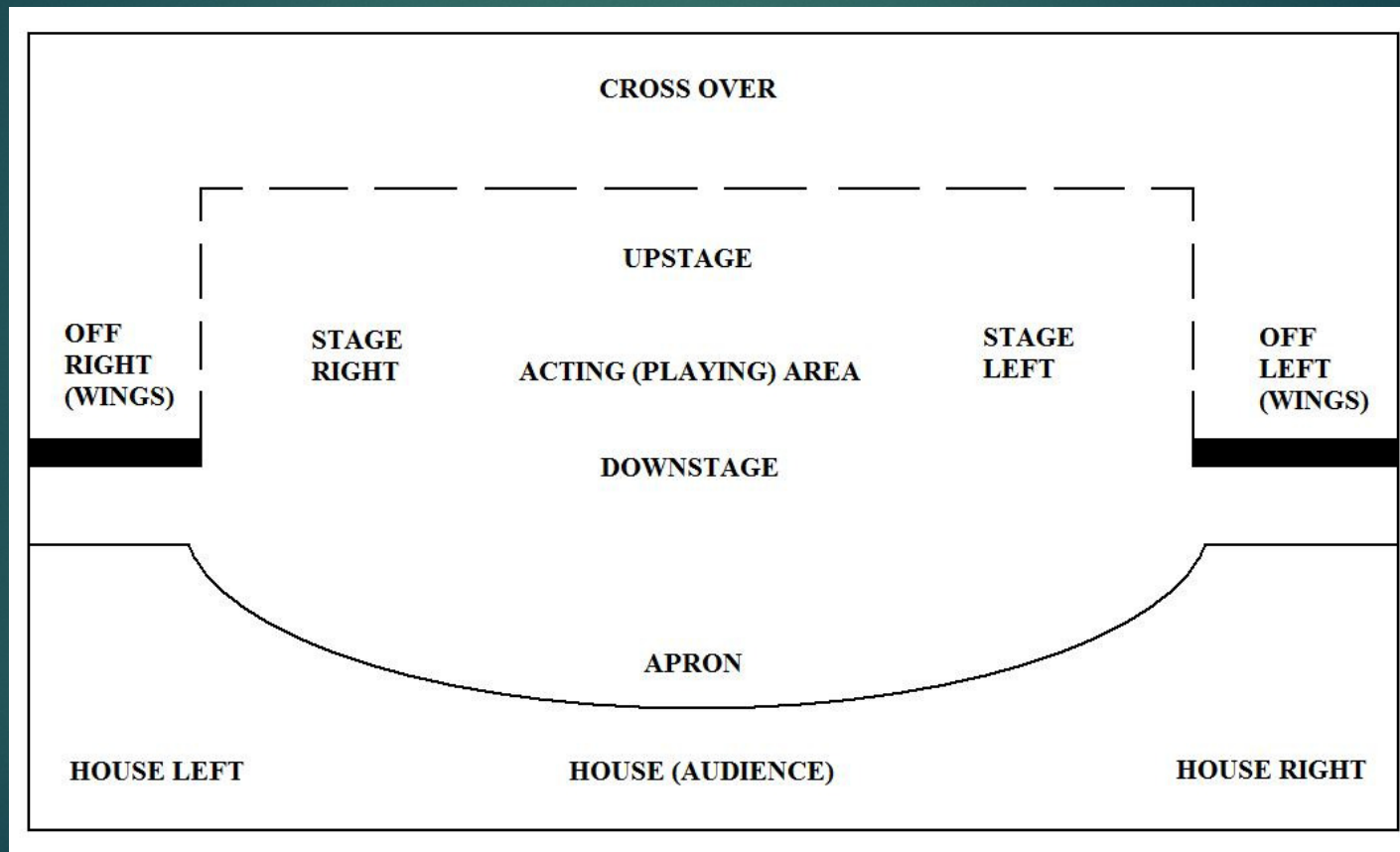
Types of Stages - Black Box Theatre

Advantages -

Disadvantages -



Parts of the Stage – Proscenium w/Apron



Parts of the Stage – Stage Directions

wings	USR up stage right	USC up stage center	USL up stage left	wings
off stage right	CSR center stage right	CS center stage	CSL center stage left	off stage left
wings	DSR down stage right	DSC down stage center	DSL down stage left	wings

(curtain) *(curtain)*

audience (front of house)

Parts of the Stage-Stage Directions

