



Curtains THEATRICAL TERMS CROSSWORD

Across

2. Area on the stage farthest away from the audience
4. The last night of a show
7. A call to the actors to get ready as the curtain is about to go up
10. Orchestral beginning of a musical, opera, or play
13. The performer who plays the main role in a show
15. Another name for actor based on Thespis, the first Greek dramatist
16. Performer in the show who studies another role and is prepared to substitute in case of emergency
21. A type of soprano, generally, but also the description of singing which pertains to great feats of agility--fast singing, high singing, trills, embellishments and so forth
22. A flat piece of fabric, generally painted, that forms part of the scenery
24. The person who assists actors with their costumes before, during, and after a performance
25. A successful play or performer
27. The crew that works backstage during the show, shifting the scenery
28. 1) announcement to performers or crews that they are needed for a rehearsal or performance; 2) warning to performers to get ready for an entrance
32. Member of the artistic leadership of a theatre company who calls the show and accepts full responsibility for the integrity of a production once it is open to the public
37. Signal to an actor or stage technician that the next line or stage function is to occur
38. Bowing and receiving the audience's applause at the end of the show
39. Special performance aimed at helping the director to judge the response of the audience once the play is open to the public
40. Final rehearsal in which all visual elements of production, including costumes, are used
42. Role of a young girl

Down

1. Journalist who writes reviews for theatre productions
3. The process of arranging moves to be made by the actors during the play
5. A review following a first night performance
6. An afternoon performance
8. A lighting instrument that is used to light a single, isolated person or thing
9. Traditional name of the room in which actors gather to wait for entrances.
11. To disassemble a stage set or remove props from the stage
12. Practical visionary of a theater company whose primary responsibility is to secure rights to the script, establish the budget for the production, raise money, lease an appropriate theater space, and draw together the artistic leadership
14. The part of the stage closest to the audience as you face the audience
17. The horizontal wooden bar fastened to the walls of the ballet classroom or rehearsal hall which the dancer holds for support
18. Group of actors and technicians working on a show
19. Dance for two people
20. The final number, usually in a musical show
23. Area immediately below the stage which is usually lower than the auditorium level; used primarily by the stage orchestra
26. The meeting where costume personnel measure actors and test-fit their costumes
29. A fast darkening of the stage
30. Narrow platform suspended above the stage to permit ready access to the ropes, the lights, and the scenery hung from the grid
31. A program usually containing information about the play, cast, crew, supporters, and advertisers
33. Folding a piece of flying scenery as it goes out; generally done to save space
34. A weight used to balance anything flown above the stage
35. Space above the stage where scenery may be lifted out of sight of the audience
36. Rows of seats in which the audience sits to watch a performance
41. A powerful light used to light a certain area on the stage from the front of the house or from the balcony

CURTAINS - Theatrical Terms Crossword Answers

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- 2. upstage
- 4. closing
- 7. places
- 10. overture
- 13. lead
- 15. thespian
- 16. understudy
- 21. coloratura
- 22. drop
- 24. dresser
- 25. hit
- 27. stagehands
- 28. call
- 32. stage manager
- 37. cue
- 38. curtain call
- 39. preview
- 40. dress rehearsal
- 42. ingenue

Down

- 1. critic
- 3. blocking
- 5. notice
- 6. matinee
- 8. special
- 9. greenroom
- 11. strike
- 12. producer
- 14. downstage
- 17. barre
- 18. company
- 19. pas de deux
- 20. finale
- 23. pit
- 26. fitting
- 29. blackout
- 30. catwalk
- 31. playbill
- 33. tripping
- 34. sandbag
- 35. flies
- 36. house
- 41. spotlight