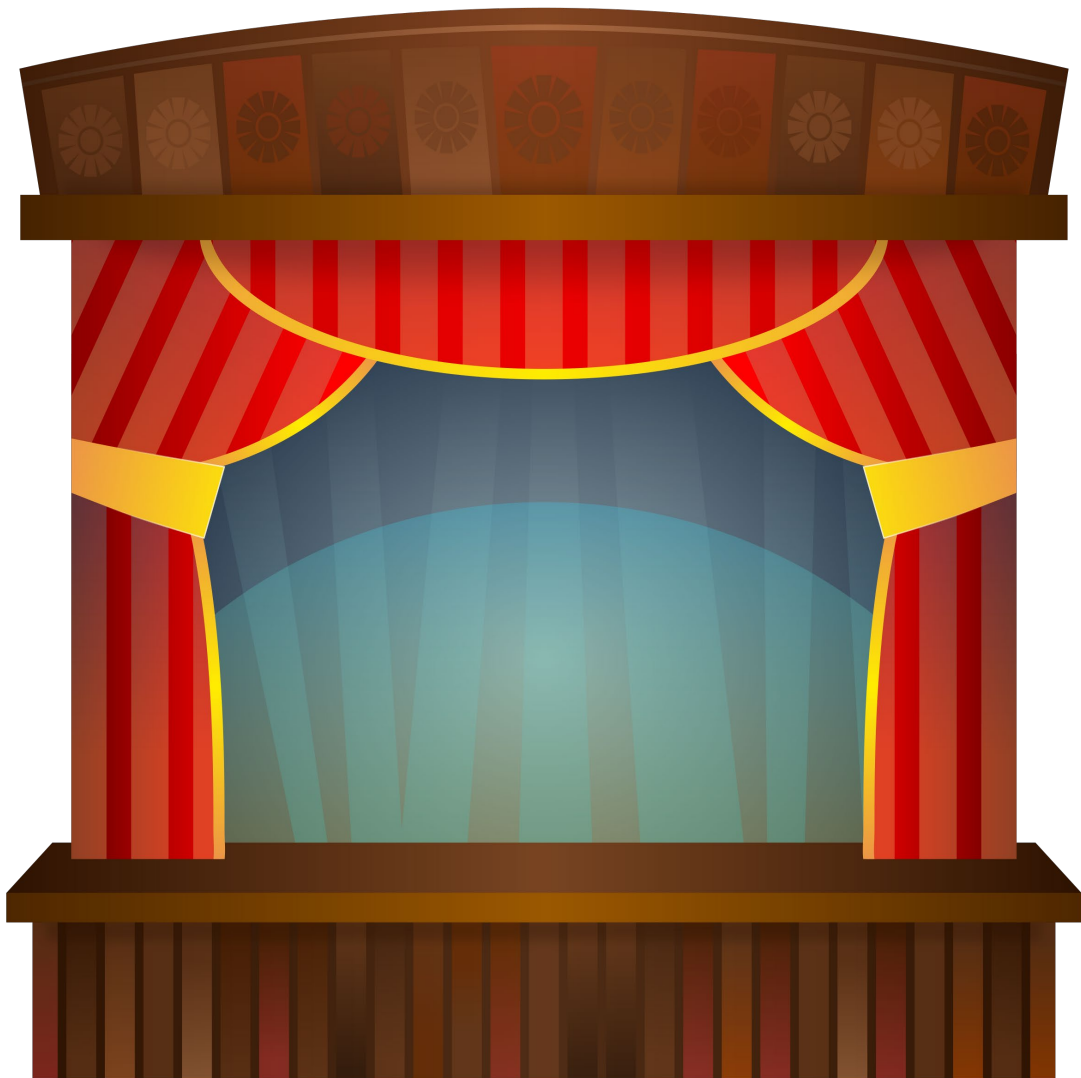
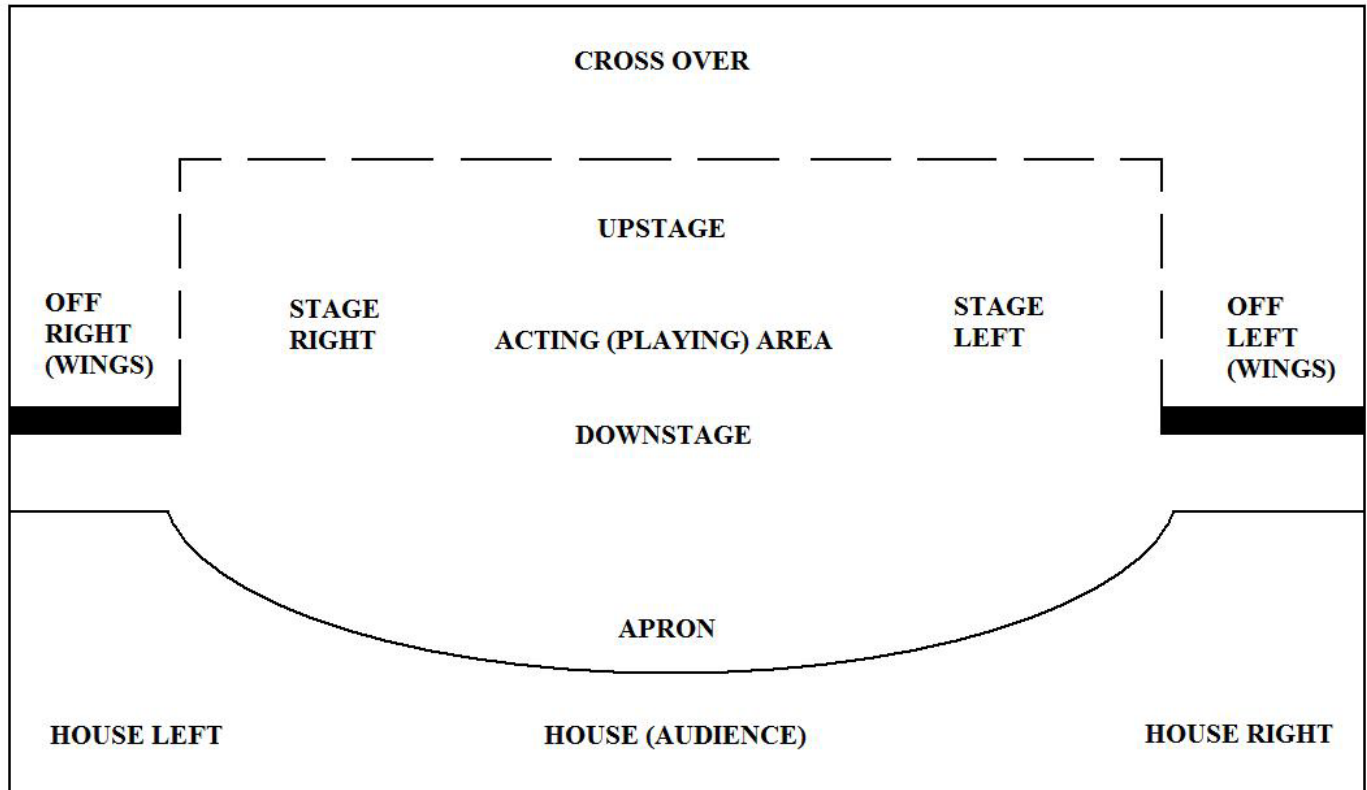


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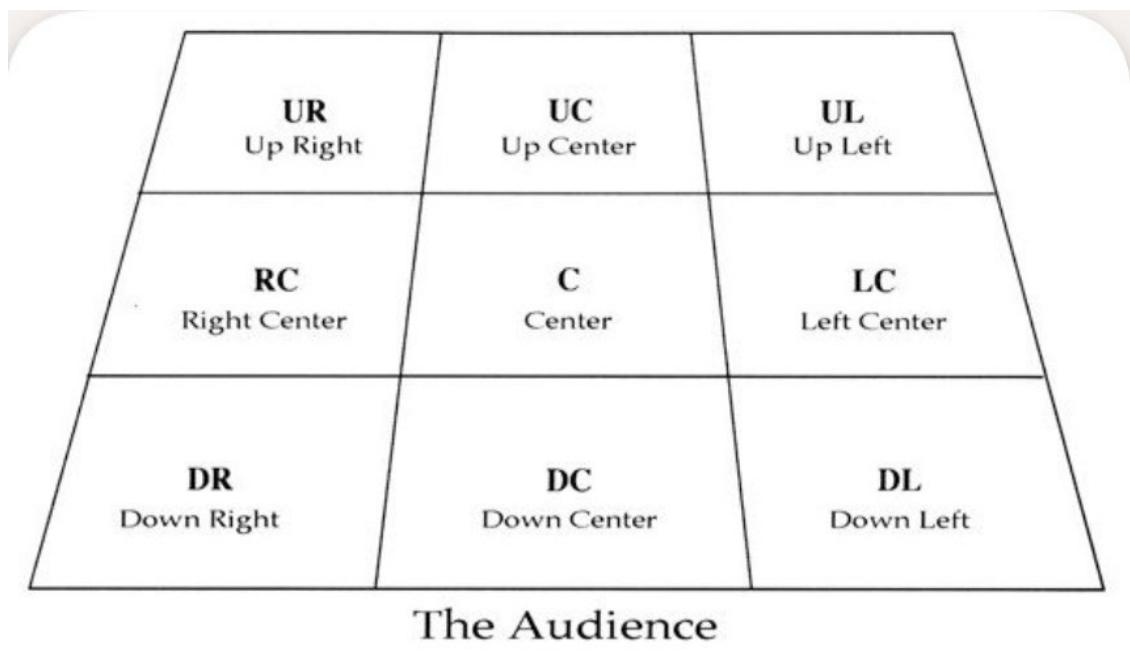
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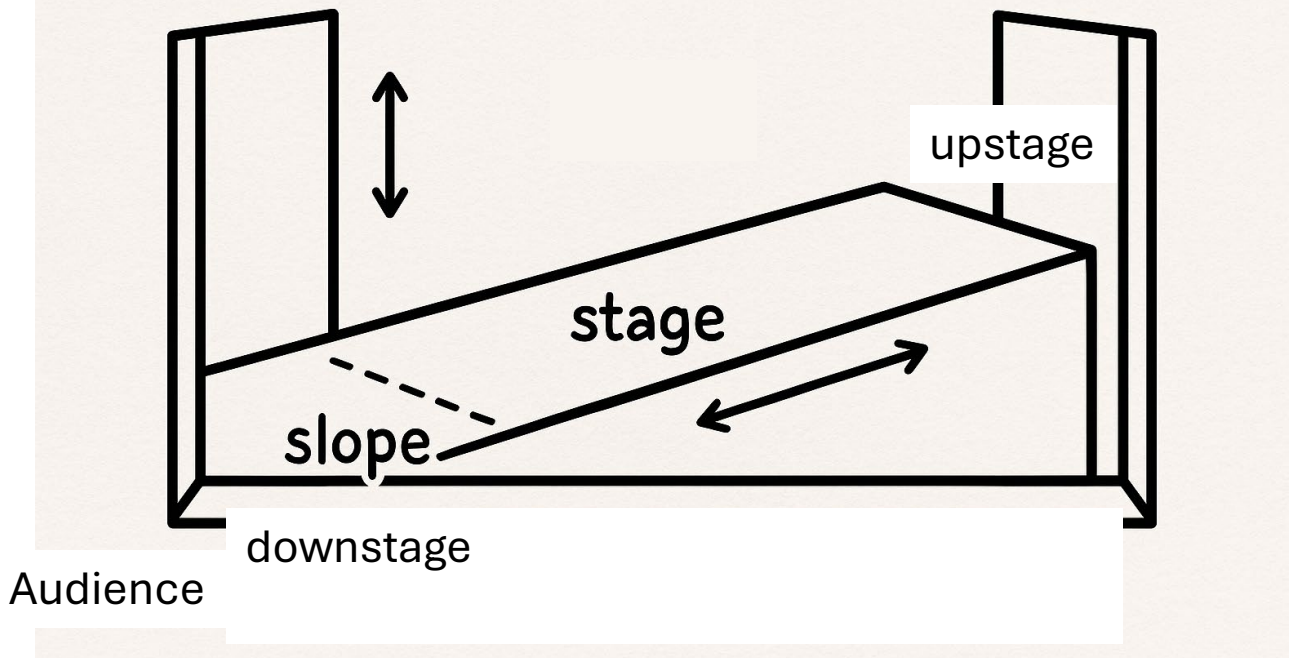


Theater Stage Labeled Layout

The 9 parts of the acting area.



Raked Stage



What a Raked Stage Is

A raked stage is a theatre stage built on a slight incline, rising as it moves away from the audience.

- The front edge (closest to the audience) is the lowest point.
- The back of the stage (furthest from the audience) is the highest point.

This incline is what originally gave us the terms upstage (literally “up the slope”) and downstage (“down the slope”).



Why Raked Stages Existed

Before modern seating design, raked stages helped audiences see actors’ feet, props, and floor patterns more clearly. Today, the rake is more often in the audience seating rather than the stage itself.