

Mission Impossible Lingo

Terms to Know

Alcoves: the entrance landings to the auditorium.

Apron: the removable portion of the stage that hides the pit.

Main stage: the main part of the stage – behind the main act curtain.

Curtains:

 Main Act: the largest curtain that closes between the audience and the main stage.

 Travelers: the little curtains that move across the stage to hide the backstage area.

Cyclorama: the large white cloth that is hung upstage for lighting effects.

Lighting Instruments: the lights that can be focused and aimed to best light the stage.

Can: a simple lighting instrument. We use cans to light the wings.

Scrim: the semi-transparent curtain that is used to hide movement upstage.

Clouds/Baffles: the acoustic panels that hang down over the stage.

Wings: the backstage area to the sides.

Fly/rig: the metal rods that are used to hang lighting instruments, the wreath, etc.

Diving Board: the large wooden structure that is used to hang the backdrop & cyc.

Spike: to mark important spots with tape.

Work lights: the white lights from the ceiling of the stage area.

Orientation and Directions

Stage (facing the house) right, left, upstage (away from audience), downstage (towards audience).

House (facing the stage): front, back, right left