

THE MAD DIRECTOR THEATER GAME



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Name of the Game:

The Mad Director Theater Game

Number of players:

2-10

(or more if you have the space!)

Space:

We played this game on an actual stage, but you probably don't have a stage in your living room! The more room the better, so it's best to play it outside or in a large empty room.

Rules of the Game:

1. Go over what to do for each direction. Make sure everyone playing knows what to do for the directions and where the imaginary audience is.
2. Choose the actors (people playing the game) and the director (the person who shouts out the directions).
3. Set parameters: Pick a specific spot for stage left, right, downstage, and upstage. This can be a tree, a chair, or just a general area that everyone agrees on.
4. The Director then shouts out the directions and everyone does what he or she says. They don't have to go in the order listed below. In fact, it's more fun if they don't!
5. It's also fun if the director starts off slowly then gets faster and faster.

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There are no winners or losers in this game, although you could make the last person to accomplish the task sit out the rest of the game until there is only one actor left standing.

Note on Stage Directions:

When you are on stage facing the audience, your right is stage right; your left is stage left. The front of the stage closest to the audience is downstage. The back of the stage farthest from the audience is upstage. Decide where the "audience" is before you start the game.

Command Meanings of Directions and Movements:

Stage Left (Run to the Left)

Stage Right (Run to the Right)

Down Stage (Run Forward)

Upstage (Run Backward)

Ghost Light (Stand Still and Shiver)

Curtain Up (Pull Ropes Like You're Raising a Curtain)

Trap Door (Drop Down in Crouch)

Break a Leg (Hop Up and Down on One Leg)

Dramatic Pause (Freeze)

Over Acting (Hand to Head)

Take a Bow (Bend Forward)

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