

The World of Theatre



Task 1. Match the words to their meanings.

an opera the audience a ticket booth the chorus curtains
an interval a stage footlights a dress circle an usher

- 1 A person who meets the viewers at the entrance of the theatre. _____
- 2 A group of people singing during the performance. _____
- 3 People who come to the theatre to see a performance. _____
- 4 A place in the theatre where the audience sit and watch a performance. _____
- 5 A place in the theatre where you can buy tickets for the performance. _____
- 6 A break between the parts of a performance. _____
- 7 A performance in which the actors sing instead of speaking. _____
- 8 A row of lights at the bottom of the stage. _____
- 9 A place in the theatre where actors perform. _____
- 10 Large pieces of heavy fabric separating stage and audience. _____

Task 2. Read the information from the theatre leaflets. Then, complete the table with the information about these musicals.

Show	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory	Matilda
Opening year		
Main character		
Who directed the play		
Who wrote the songs for the show		

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory The Musical

Our critic's rating ★★★★★

Average press rating ★★★★★



Production Details

Venue: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane

Genre: Musical

Previews from 22 May 2013

Opened 25 June 2013

Written: Based on Roald Dahl's classic story. Book by David Greig and new songs from Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman

Director: Sam Mendes

The mysterious Willy Wonka is opening his Chocolate Factory for just one day, and for Charlie Bucket it promises to be a mouth-watering chance to feast his eyes on sweets beyond his wildest imagination.

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Matilda The Musical

Our critic's rating ★★★★★

Average press rating ★★★★★



Production Details

Venue: Cambridge Theatre

Genre: Musical

Previewed from 25 Oct 2011

Opens 24 Nov 2011

Written: by Roald Dahl. Book by Dennis Kelly, music and lyrics by Tim Minchin

Directed: by Matthew Warchus

The Wormwoods dislike their daughter Matilda intensely. They do not understand her interest in books and encourage her to be like her older brother. Mr Wormwood even refers to Matilda as 'boy' even though she repeatedly corrects him.

A story about a girl with extraordinary powers.

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Task 3. Read and order the sentences (1-6) to make a story about Helen's visit to the theatre.

- _____ As it was a special occasion, we had some of the best seats in the stalls, and there was a great feeling of excitement while we were waiting for the curtain to go up.
- _____ On my birthday I went to the theatre with my family.
- _____ It's about one man's struggle to survive in the most terrible circumstances.
- _____ We went to see the musical 'Les Miserables'.
- _____ The acting, music and singing were fantastic, and there were some really memorable moments.
- _____ 'Les Miserables' is based on the novel by the French author Victor Hugo and is set in early 19th century France.

