

Spotlight 8, Module 4C – 1

Passive Voice

1 Put the verbs in brackets into the correct passive tense.

The Phantom of the Opera is the longest running Broadway show in history, breaking the record which 1) _____ (hold) by Cats. It 2) _____ (base) on the novel by the French novelist Gaston Leroux. It 3) _____ (compose) by Andrew Lloyd Webber in 1486.

The story is about a beautiful singer, Christine Daae. Christine becomes the obsession of a brilliant but terribly disfigured composer, known as the 'Phantom of the Opera', who terrorises the Paris Opera House.

The Phantom of the Opera 4) _____ (translate) into several languages. It 5) _____ (show) in more than twenty countries and 6) _____ (see) by more than 53 million people around the world!

The show has won seven Tony Awards including one for best costume design.

The costumes 7) _____ (design) by Maria Bjornson.

A film version of The Phantom of the Opera 8) _____ (release) by Warner Bros in December 2004.

The show 9) _____ (always remember) for its beautiful songs, great orchestrations, nice mixture of drama and light comedy, as well as for its stunning sets. The Phantom of the Opera is a musical that 10) must _____ (see) by everyone.

2 Fill in the blanks with *by* or *with*.

- 1 The film was directed _____ Steven Spielberg.
- 2 The box was opened _____ a knife.
- 3 Her boots are covered _____ mud.
- 4 The book was translated _____ a famous author.
- 5 May Wilson's new novel will be published _____ Blackwood Publishing next week.
- 6 Soup is eaten _____ a spoon.
- 7 Trained dogs are used _____ the police.
- 8 University laboratories are equipped _____ up-to-date devices.
- 9 Molly's bedroom wall is covered _____ posters.
- 10 This story is written _____ Agatha Christie.
- 11 Extra training is provided _____ the company.