

The director's theatre

 10 minutes

 8+

 Distanced

 Inclusive mobility

The game is a physical warm-up which requires listening and quick responses. As this game requires quick movement around the space, health and safety measures may need to be considered.

• One person is nominated as the director of the theatre (often the teacher) and will call out orders which must be obeyed as quickly as possible by the cast and crew (the remainder of the group). The cast and crew mime actions to obey the order. The basic orders are: 'Upstage!', 'Downstage!', 'Stage right!', 'Stage left!'. Once an order is issued, cast and crew must run to the correct location. Other orders are:

- 'Bring in the flies!' — cast and crew mime rope pulling.
- 'Tableau!' — cast and crew get into pairs and freeze in a dramatic position.
- 'Tragedy' — cast and crew enact a tragic death both physically and vocally.
- 'Comedy' — cast and crew enact a comic fall/trip.
- 'Wings!' — cast and crew run and hug the walls either stage right or stage left.
- The last person to respond is 'out' and must sit out of the game (in the wings) until there is one person left who is declared the winner. They then perform a theatrical bow and receive applause from the rest of the group.