

Stage Directions Fine Arts Studio

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- **Apex** – The part of a stage is a theater extending in front of the curtain.
- **Stage Right** – The toward the stage to the right of center stage when facing the audience (includes upstage and downstage right and left).
- **Stage Left** – The area of the stage to the left of center stage when facing the audience (includes upstage and downstage right and left).
- **Upstage** – The rear part of a stage, away from the audience.
- **Downstage** – The front half of a stage.
- **Centerstage** – The center of a theater stage.
- **Wings** – The area on either side of the stage, where the audience cannot see actors.
- **Plt** – The portion directly in front of and below the stage of a theater, in which the musicians sit.

Label the 16 areas of a typical theatre stage in the diagram below. Be sure to include the following: apex, upstage right, upstage left, downstage right, downstage left, upstage centre, downstage centre, centre stage, stage stage right, stage stage left, backstage, pit and audience.
