



Broadway and Legitimate Theatre

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“Broadway theatre”

- Theater with 500 or more seats
- In Theatre District of New York
- There are 40 Broadway theaters

“Legitimate theatre”

- Term dates back to 1700s England
- Used today to mean live theatre

Dramatis Personae

- Playwright
- Dramaturg
- Producer
- Director
- Stage manager
- Costume designers scenic designer, lighting designer, etc.
- Technical crew / running crew
- Actors, musicians

Unions

- Actors' Equity Association (AEA) (“Equity”)
- Dramatists Guild (playwrights)
- American Federation of Musicians (AFM)
- Stage Directors and Choreographers Society
- SEIU - Service Employees International Union (food service, custodial; theatre only a small part)
- IATSE - International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees

IATSE on Broadway

- Press Agents and Managers (Local 18032) Dramatists Guild
- Makeup Artists-Hair Stylists (Local 798)
- Stage Hands (Local 1)
- Wardrobe (Local 764)
- Ticket sellers (Local 751)
- Scenic Artists (Local 829)

The Broadway League



- Represents theater owners and producers in negotiations with unions
- Puts on the Tony Awards

Spectrum of theaters/productions

- New York:
 - Broadway (500+ seats)
 - Off-Broadway (100-499 seats)
 - Off-Off-Broadway (less than 100 seats, but under union contracts)
 - Showcase (max 99 seats, \$35K budget, ltd. run)
 - Equity actors can perform w/o Equity contract
- Los Angeles:
 - Equity-waiver theater (max 99 seats)
 - Token payments, free parking for actors