Elements of Theater

Top Ten Movies by US Box Office Totals



10 – Avengers: Age of Ultron (2015)

\$458,991,599



9 – Star Wars (1977) \$460,935,665

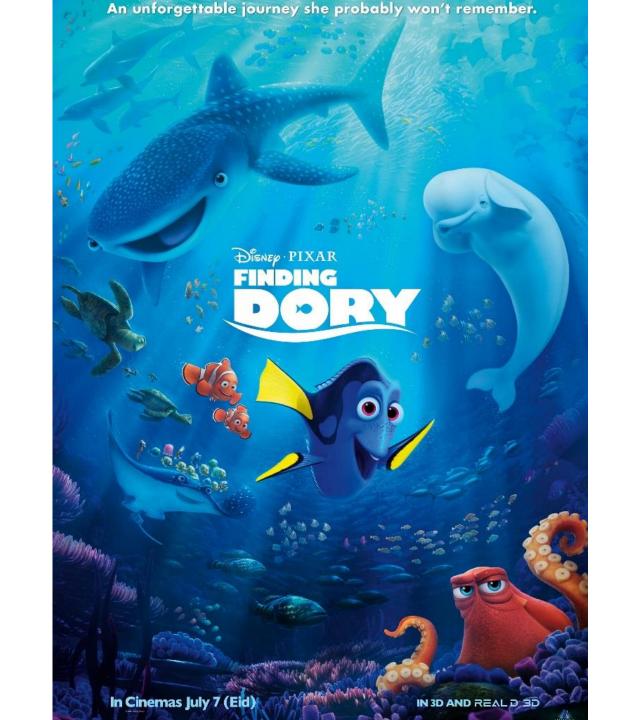


8 – Star Wars Episode 1 The Phantom Menace (1999)

\$474,544,677



7 – Finding Dory(2016) \$484,405,113



6 – The Dark Knight (2008)

\$533,316,061



5 – The Avengers (2012)

\$623,279,547



4 – Jurassic World(2015)

\$651,128,986



3 – Titanic (1997) \$658,672,302



2 – Avatar (2009)

\$760,505,847



1 – Star Wars: The Force

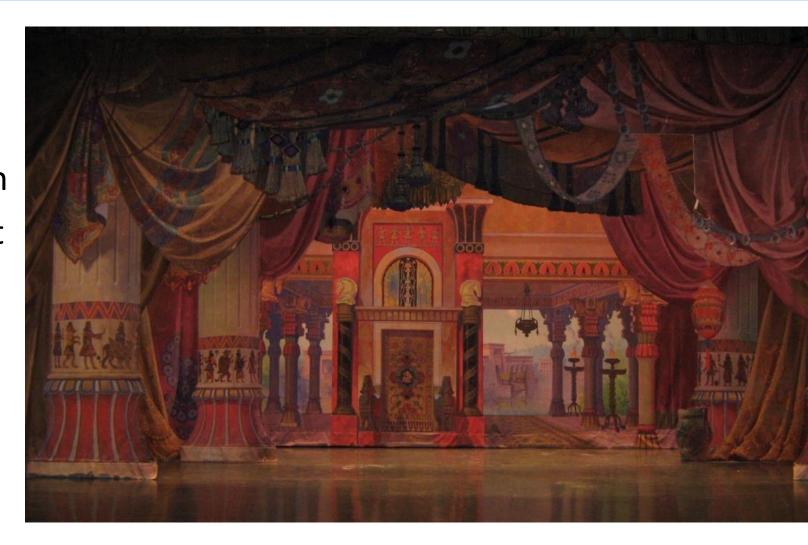
Awakens(2015) \$936,662,225



Technical Elements

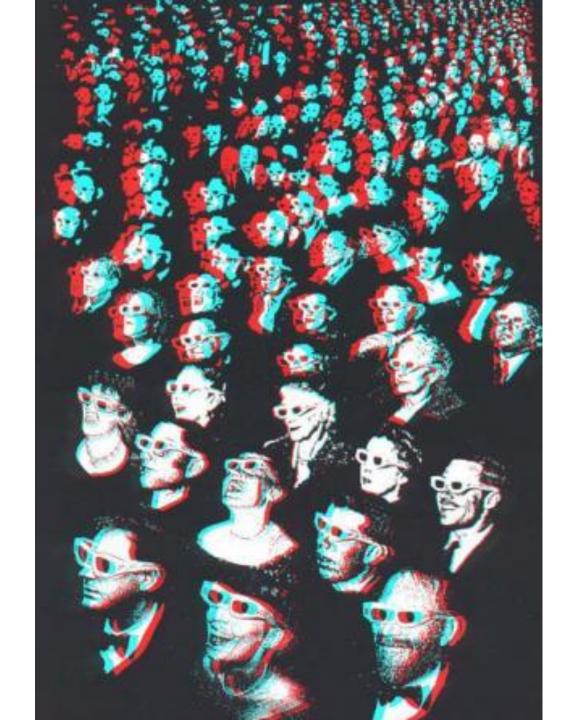
Scenery:

The theatrical equipment used in a dramatic production to communicate environment (curtains, flats, backdrops, platforms, etc.)



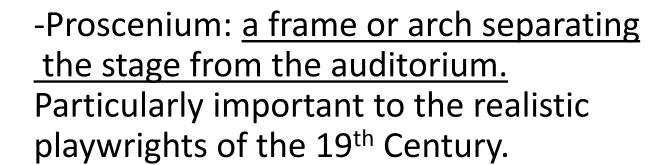
• Audience: The people tha

The people that watch the performance.

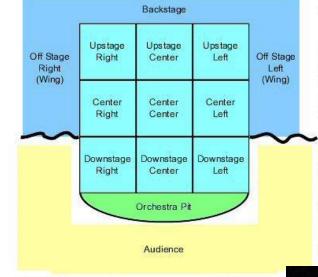


Stage Design:

-Thrust: Thrust-a stage that extends into the audience area, with seats on three sides of a peninsula-shaped acting space



-Arena: stage without a frame or arch separating the stage from the auditorium, in which the audience surrounds the stage area.

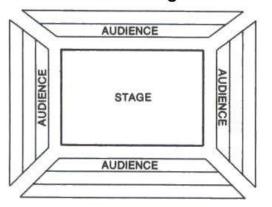


Thrust Stage Diagram

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Arena Stage



• Sound: The effects an audience hears during a performance to communicate character, context, or environment.

• Lights: the placement, color and intensity of the lights help to

communicate environment, mood or feeling



• Make up: Costumes, wigs, and body paint used to transform an actor into a character. Video



• Props: <u>Any article, except costume or scenery, used as part of a dramatic production; from a telephone to a crown</u> (short for

properties)





Literary Elements

• Setting: Where the action of the play takes place.





Time: Includes setting cues for effects and lighting and establishing the

pace at which lines will be delivered

• Theme: The basic idea of the play or movie.

 Suspense: A feeling of uncertainty as to the outcome, used to build interest and excitement on the part of the audience



Plot

Structures

- a. Rising Action-a series of events following the initial incident and leading up to the dramatic climax
- b. <u>Turning Point-the climax of a story</u>, when events can go either way
- c. Falling Action-the series of events following the climax

• Language: The particular manner of verbal expression... the speech or phrasing that suggests a class or profession or type of character.

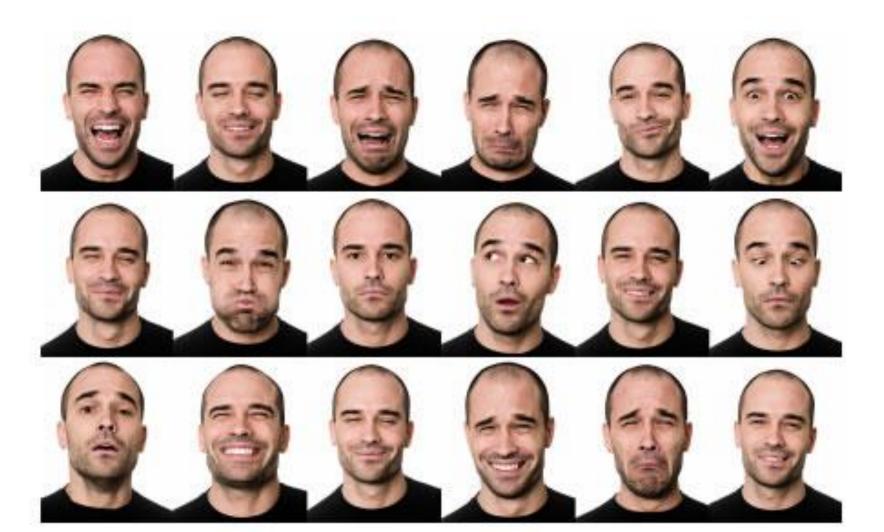
 Style: The shaping of dramatic material in a deliberately nonrealistic manner

Monologue: A long speech made by one actor

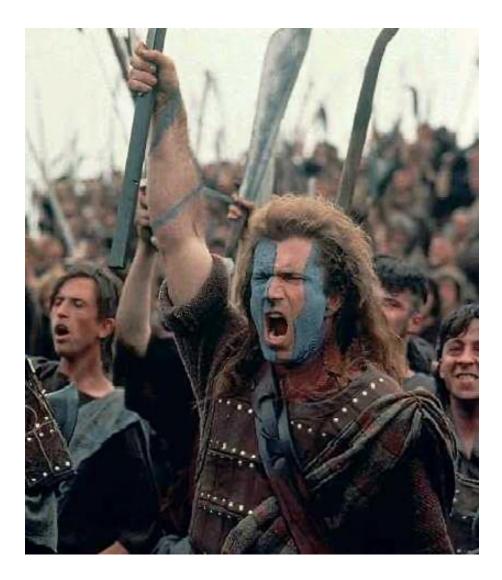
Dialogue: Spoken conversation used by two or more characters

Performance Elements

• Acting: Use of face, body, and voice to portray character.



Speaking (Style):

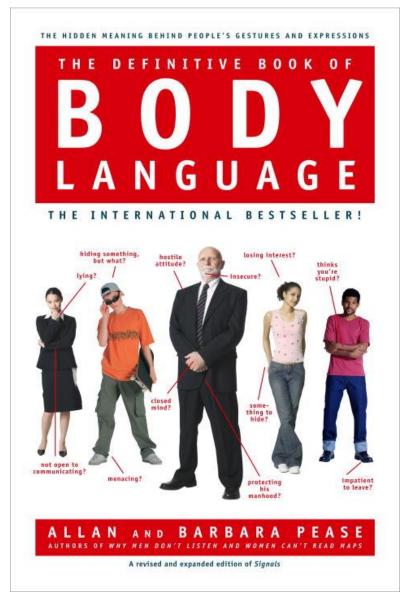


The mode of expression of delivering lines



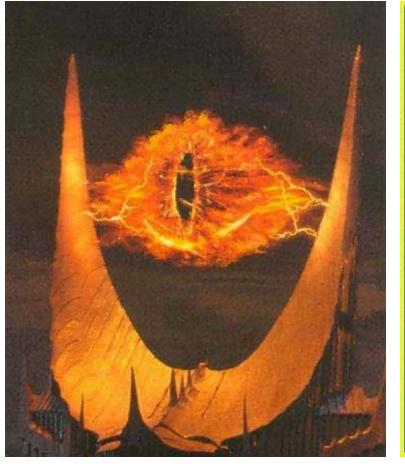
 Nonverbal Expression: Replacing the spoken word using the body to make visual signals or voice to make oral but non-verbal

(up to 90% of communication is non-verbal)



• Antagonist: The Villain .The opponent or adversary of the hero or main character of a drama; most often competes with the

protagonist.





• Protagonist: The main character or hero in a play or other

literary work.





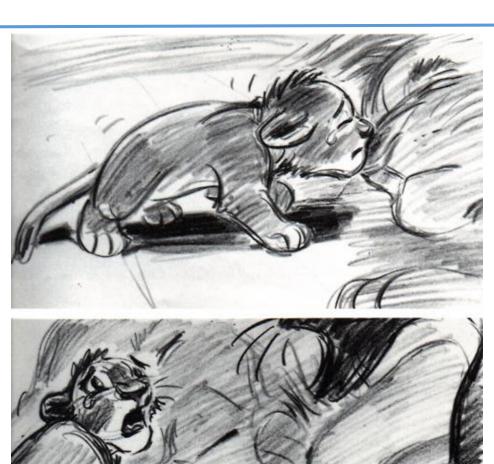
• Satire: A play in which sarcasm, irony, and ridicule are used to expose or attack folly or pretension in society.

 Melodrama: Originating in the 19th century, melodrama relies heavily on sensationalism and sentimentality.

Melodramas tend to feature action more than motivation, stock characters, and a strict view of morality in which good triumphs over evil.

Story Boards

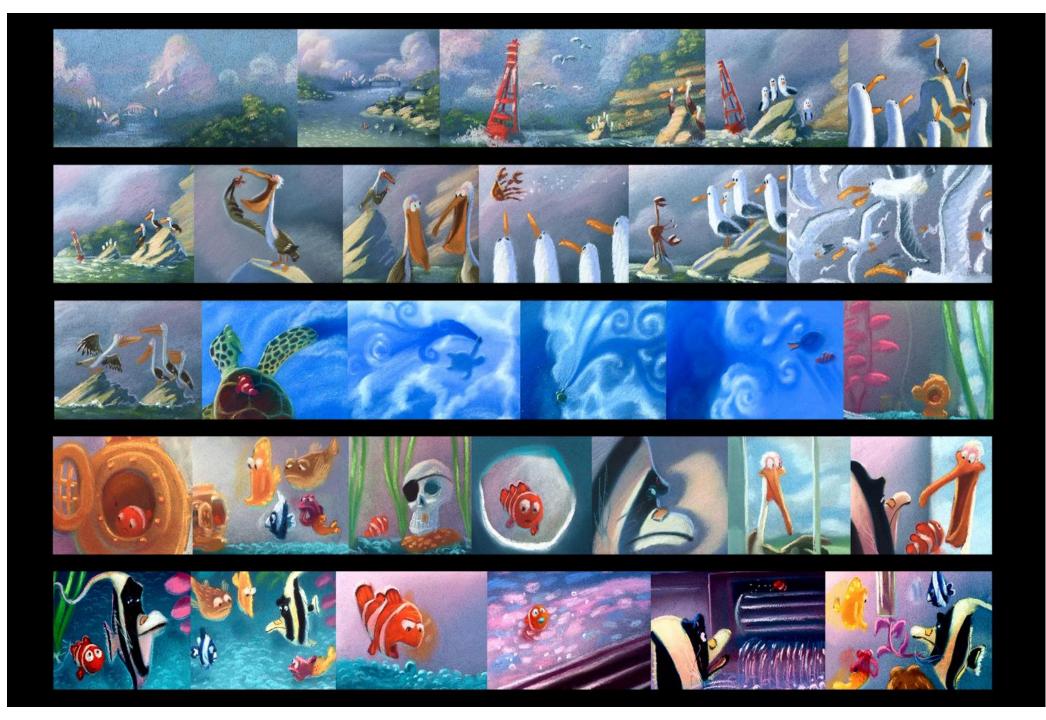
Story boardsfrom the Lion King











Story Boards

