

## GLOSSARY OF THEATRE TERMS

Level: Elementary – ages 7-11

### Vocabulary:

1. **STAGE RIGHT/STAGE LEFT:** To the actor's right or left
2. **UPSTAGE:** Stage position farthest to the audience
3. **DOWNSTAGE:** Stage position closest from the audience
4. **BLOCKING:** Stage movement dictated by the director and executed by the actors
5. **"OFF BOOK":** Lines completely memorized – no longer needing the script
6. **CHARACTER:** Individuals used to tell a story
7. **APRON:** Portion of the stage on the audience side of the main curtain or grand drape
8. **WINGS:** The backstage area and to the sides of the playing area unseen by the audience.
9. **HOUSE:** The portion of the theatre where the audience sits
10. **"PLACES":** Positions the actors take prior to the beginning of the play, usually announced and called by the Production Stage Manager.