# Chris's Complete Guide For Directors And Producers Planning An Amateur Stage Show

Putting on an amateur stage show is a rewarding experience, but it can also be a daunting task. There are many things to consider, from choosing a play to marketing and selling tickets. This guide will provide you with everything you need to know to plan and produce a successful amateur stage show.



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#### **Choosing a Play**

The first step in planning an amateur stage show is to choose a play. There are many factors to consider when choosing a play, including the number of actors, the length of the play, and the target audience. It is also important to

consider the rights to the play. Some plays are available for free, while others require you to pay a royalty fee.

Once you have considered all of these factors, you can start narrowing down your choices. It is a good idea to read several plays before making a final decision. You may also want to attend a few performances of different plays to get an idea of what works and what doesn't.

### **Casting the Show**

Once you have chosen a play, it is time to cast the show. This is a crucial step in the process, as the actors will bring your vision to life. It is important to find actors who are not only talented but also committed to the project.

There are several ways to find actors for your show. You can hold auditions, post notices online, or contact local theater groups. When auditioning actors, it is important to be clear about your expectations for the role. You should also provide actors with a monologue or scene to read from.

Once you have cast your show, it is important to hold regular rehearsals. This will give the actors a chance to learn their lines, develop their characters, and build chemistry with each other.

#### **Marketing and Selling Tickets**

Once you have cast your show, it is time to start marketing and selling tickets. There are several ways to market your show, including:

\* Creating a website or social media page for your show \* Posting flyers and posters in local businesses \* Running ads in local newspapers or

magazines \* Contacting local radio and television stations for interviews \* Selling tickets online or through a local box office

It is important to start marketing your show early and to keep promoting it up until the day of the performance. You should also consider offering discounts for early bird tickets or group sales.

#### **Producing the Show**

The day of the performance is finally here! There are a few things you need to do to ensure that the show runs smoothly:

\* Arrive at the theater early to set up the stage and sound equipment. \* Make sure that all of the actors are dressed and ready to go. \* Greet the audience and make sure that they are comfortable. \* Start the show on time!

During the performance, it is important to stay calm and focused. If something goes wrong, don't panic. Just keep going and the audience will never know.

#### **After the Show**

Once the show is over, it is important to thank the actors, crew, and audience. You should also take some time to reflect on the experience and what you could do better next time.

Putting on an amateur stage show is a lot of work, but it is also a lot of fun. By following the tips in this guide, you can plan and produce a successful show that will be enjoyed by all.



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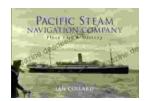
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