The Elizabethan Stage

Inside the Globe Theatre

What you would find at the Globe:
- Open-Air Roof
- Extra-Large Stage
- Balcony
- Groundlings
- Trap Door
- Elaborate Costumes
- Gallery Seats

What’s missing from the Globe:
- Actresses
- Scenery
- Props
- Restrooms
- Intermission
- Director

When a performance was scheduled, flags were raised outside the theater—black for tragedy, white for comedy, and red for history.

In Shakespeare’s time, women weren’t allowed to act in public. Female roles were played by young boys.

The Groundlings were a tough bunch who acted like rowdy sports fans. They stood near the stage and threw apples and oranges at bad actors.

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