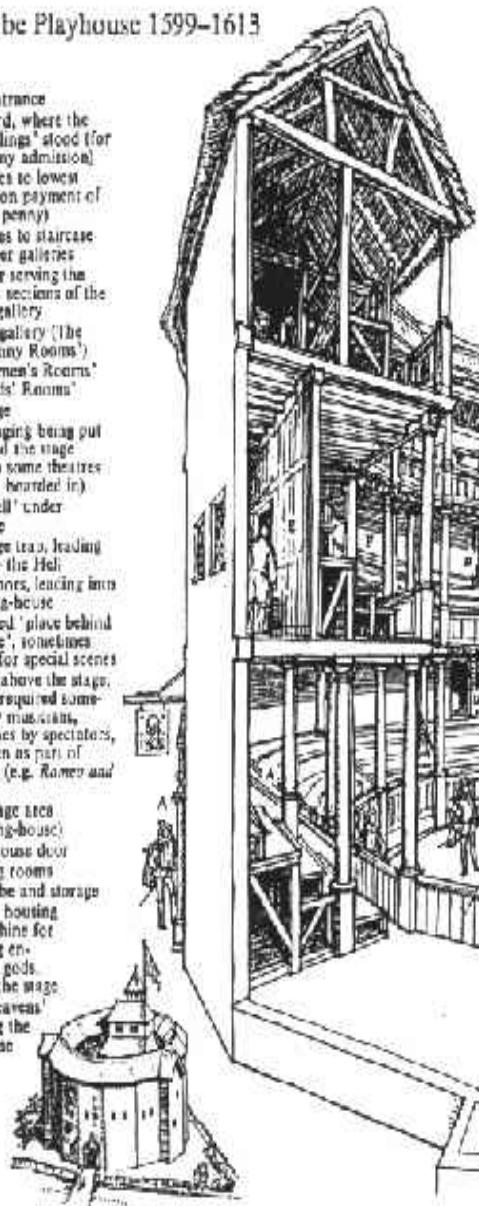


The Globe Playhouse 1599–1613

KEY

- A. Main entrance
- B. The Yard, where the 'groundlings' stood (for one penny admission)
- C. Entrances to lower gallery (on payment of another penny)
- D. Entrances to staircase and upper galleries
- E. Corridor serving the different sections of the middle gallery
- F. Middle gallery ('The Twopenny Rooms')
- G. 'Gentlemen's Rooms' or 'Lords' Rooms'
- H. The stage
- I. The hanging bars put up round the stage (N.B. In some theatres this was bounded in)
- K. The 'Hell' under the stage
- L. The stage stairs, leading down to the Hell
- M. Stage doors, leading from the tiring-house
- N. Curtained 'play behind the stage', sometimes opened for special scenes
- O. Gallery above the stage, used as required sometimes by musicians, sometimes by spectators, and often as part of the play (e.g. *Romeo and Juliet*)
- P. Back-stage area (the tiring-house)
- Q. Tiring-house door
- R. Dressing rooms
- S. Wardrobe and storage
- T. The bar hoisting the machine for lowering enthroned gods, etc., to the stage
- U. The 'Heavens'
- W. Hoisting the playhouse flag



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