

Theatre Timeline

This is a multi-use PowerPoint which covers many of the key moments of Drama History around the world. It has a key fact, the date and appropriate picture on each slide.

It is supplied in three versions:

Manual Version – for classroom teaching

Automatic Version – for a self-running display

Print Version – for a wall display

c1400 BC

Indian theatre emerges. Plays are enacted during religious rites.



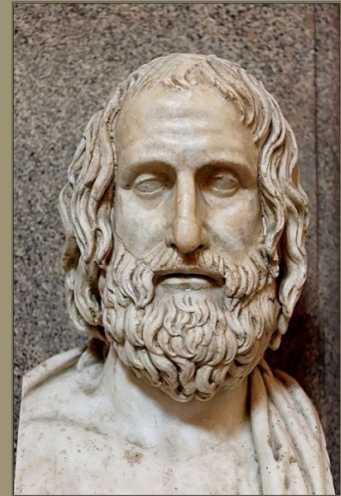
524 BC

Earliest reference
to a competition for
tragedies in
Ancient Greece.



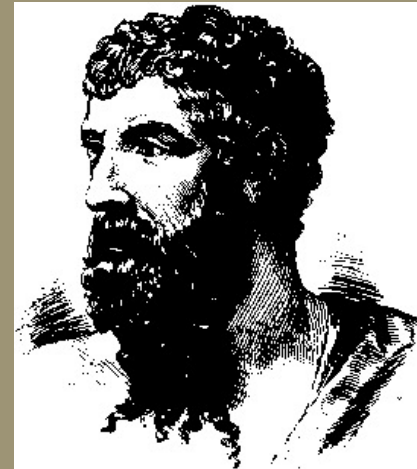
about 484 BC

Greek playwright
Euripides born. Wrote
more than 90 plays;
18 still exist.



about 405 BC

Greek playwright
Aristophanes
writes *The Frogs*.



600 - 1400

Bands of travelling
storytellers, jugglers
and acrobats tour
Europe's towns.



late 1500s

First *indoor* theatres
in Western Europe –
“playhouses” in
England.



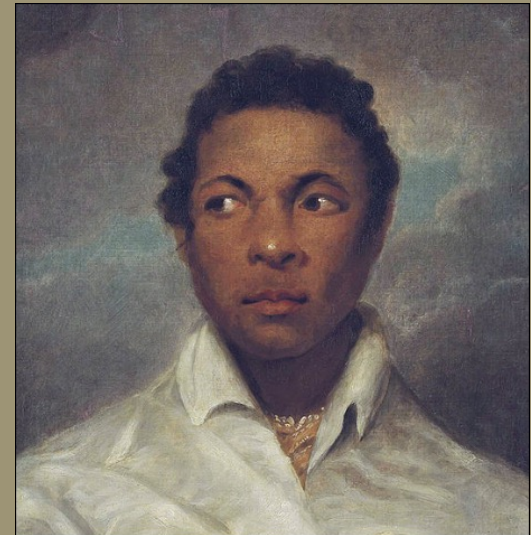
1642-1660

English theatres closed
by the Puritans due to
"lascivious Mirth
and Levity".



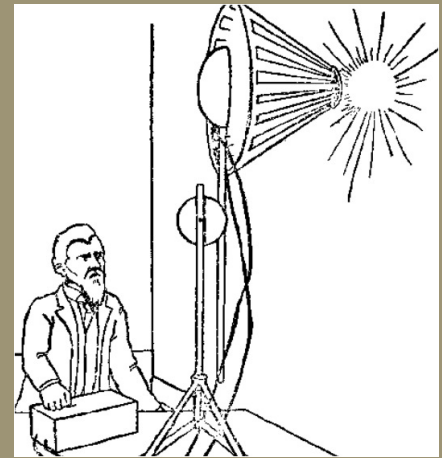
1825

Black actor **Ira Aldridge**
(born US, became British)
begins successful
theatre career in
London.



1881

Savoy Theatre, London,
uses electricity to light
the entire theatre,
including stage.



1895

Oscar Wilde writes
*The Importance
of Being Earnest.*



1982

Caryl Churchill

(born 1938)

writes

Top Girls.



2020

COVID-19 virus closes
theatres and other places
of entertainment
worldwide.

