

# Activities For Back Stage Theatre Students

Hello we look forward to welcoming you on the Back Stage Theatre Course where you will learn a variety of skills needed to work in the area of production for Theatre and other live events. These include:

- Stage Management
- Lighting (design, rigging and operation)
- Sound (design, rigging and operation)
- Stage design
- Stage construction

Some activities you can undertake to prepare you for the course are:

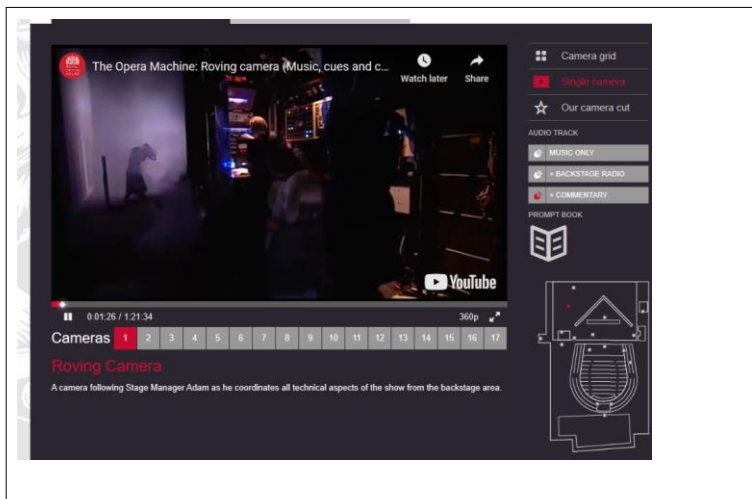
## DO:

Download the free software for LXFFree [http://lx.claudeheintzdesign.com/lxfree\\_about.html](http://lx.claudeheintzdesign.com/lxfree_about.html) **LXFFree** is an application for drawing lighting designs and generating paperwork to aid in creating lighting for a show. It can also be used for creating stage designs and layouts. You will use this and other software to create plans while you are on the course.

Once you have downloaded the software I would like you to have a go at replicating the drawing below (last page). Don't worry if you can't you will have plenty of opportunity to practice this when you are on the course. Once you have done that why not have go at creating your own stage design and import some fixtures (lights).

## WATCH:

<https://www.roh.org.uk/interactives/opera-machine> This will show you all the aspects of backstage while running a large scale performance (opera)



By clicking on numbers or dots on the on the stage plan you will be able to watch from different aspects. You can also click on the prompt copy so you can see the cues being executed.

You will be required to cue a show during your time at college so watching this will be very useful. (though the shows we will do will not be as complex as this!)

**READ:**

<http://www.theatrecrafts.com/pages/home/glossary-of-technical-theatre-terms/> During your time on the course you will learn lots of different terms for a variety of production elements and processes. As well as in your practical work you will need to use these terms in your written work. This website is a good start. You will also find here links to other sites that will be of use to you.

**KIT LIST:**

**Essential:**

Safety Boots You will need these from day one. We will supply other PPE (Personal Protection Equipment) you will require for the tasks you will be undertaken.

<https://www.screwfix.com/p/site-onyx-safety-boots-black-size-9/98660>



Black top long sleeve, Black trousers, Black shoes (no logos please) You won't need these straight away but when we start shows you will be required to wear them.

Comfortable clothes to do manual working in.

Painting clothes clothes you don't mind getting paint on

Clipboard pencil pens

Desirable:

Multi-tool



Head Torch



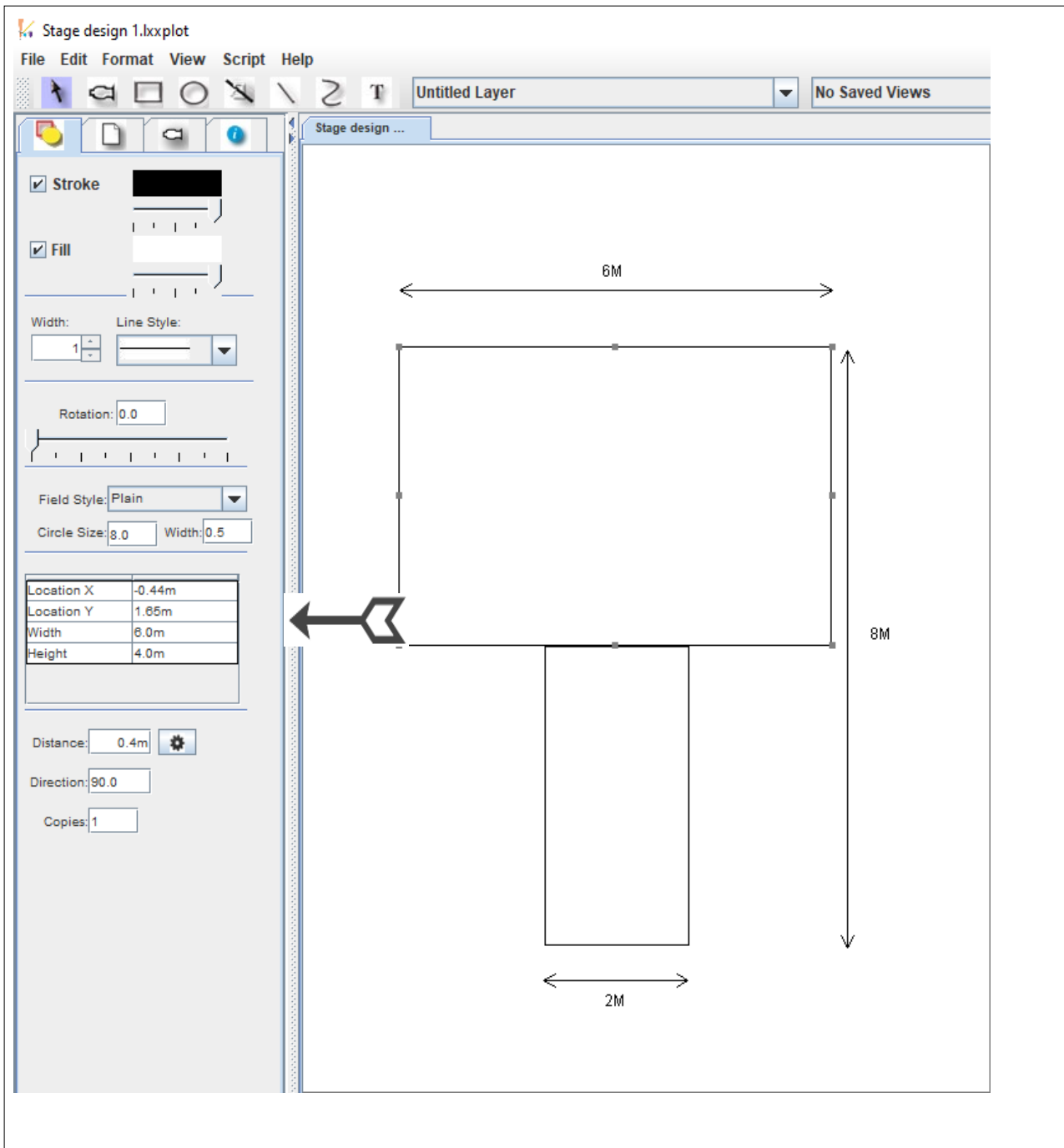
## Riggers Gloves



If you have Laptop please bring this with you

## Practical exercise

Replicate the drawing below



### Tips:

Drawing icons are along the top. Click on the the ones you want to use. This drawing uses rectangle. line and text.

Once you have drawn something e.g rectangle click on to move it into position. It will also bring up a box on the left so you change it. Click into box (arrow pointing to it) and you can change the dimension of your object by typing into it.

