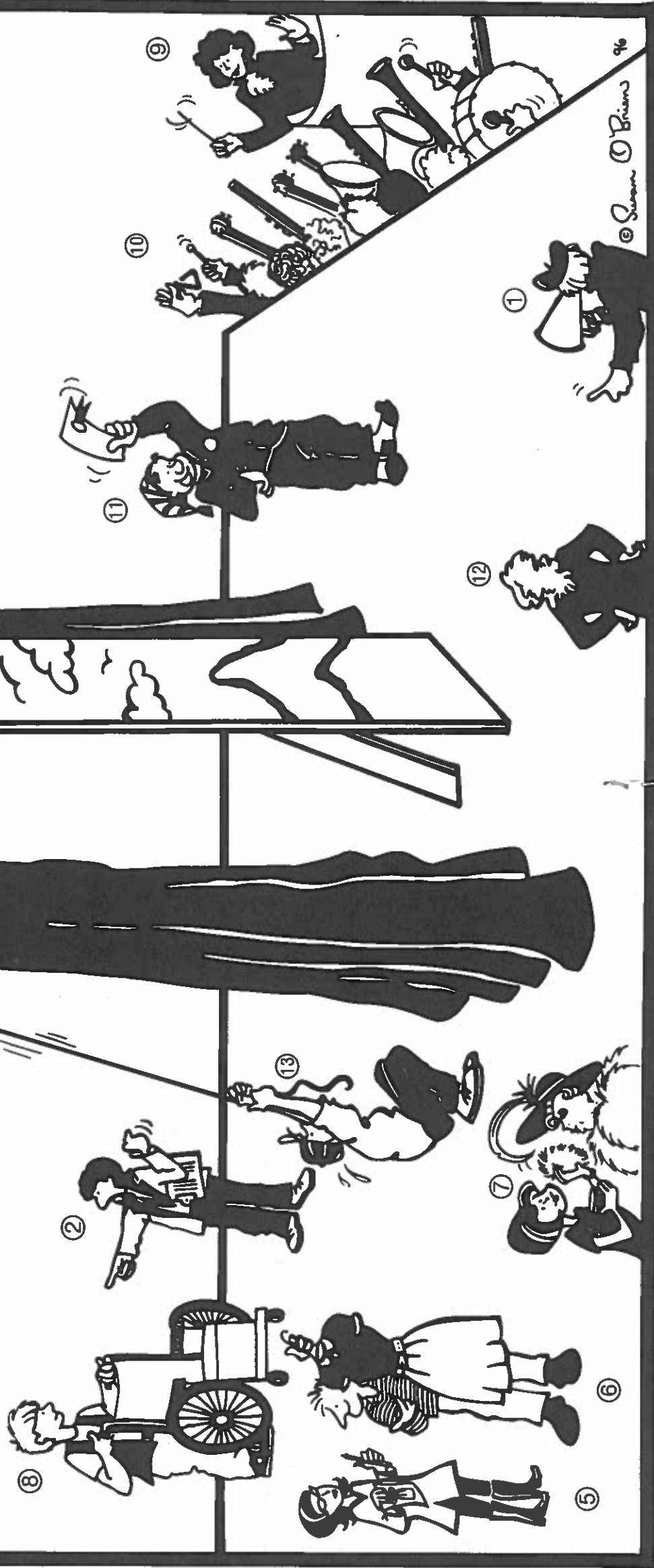


# HOW DO YOU PUT ON AN OPERA?

There are many people who create what you will see when you go to the opera. In this picture, you can see that it's more than just singing that makes an opera possible.



**1 DIRECTOR**  
Tells the singers what to do on stage—how to act, when to react to one another, when to come on and exit the stage. The director also plans the entire show so that each scene flows smoothly from beginning to end.

**2 STAGE MANAGER**  
Opens and closes the curtain, ensures that singers make their entrances on time, coordinates set and scene changes and keeps everything behind the stage

**3 LIGHTING DESIGNER**  
He or she creates the mood and the atmosphere for the scenes with lights, so everyone can see what is happening on stage.

**13 STAGE HANDS**  
Do anything necessary that will keep the show going smoothly—help with the lights, lower and raise the curtains, move sets, etc.

**12 PRODUCER**  
Hires the entire cast and crew for the opera and oversees all the business relating to the opera.

**11 SINGERS**  
These are the performers who will sing and act their parts in the opera for the audience.

**9 CONDUCTOR**  
Interprets the composer's score and makes sure both the singers and the orchestra are together at all times.

**8 PROPS MASTER**  
Sees to it that all the little things that the performers use on stage, such as cups, flowers, boxes, trays, wills or anything else is available to the performer when they need it in the show.

**7 MAKEUP ARTIST**  
Transforms the singer from an ordinary person to an operatic character using makeup to add wrinkles, hollow cheeks, scary eyebrows and happy smiles.

**6 COSTUMER**  
Sees that the performer's costumes are clean, pressed and in good condition for each show.

**5 COSTUME DESIGNER**  
Creates the costumes that the cast will wear for the opera. The costumes will reflect the character's personality.

**4 TECHNICAL ENGINEER**  
Controls all the lights in a theater. He or she uses lights to set the mood and time in a scene, as well as uses the spot light to highlight a performer on stage.