

The Blackout—why the theatre goes dark

A blackout (all the lights go off) is used in theatrical productions to help the audience be transported from one scene to another or between short works. The lights simply go out leaving the theatre dark while the sets are being changed or the dancers are preparing for the next piece. It is not only a time of darkness but also quietness as it gives the audience time to prepare for what is to come. It is a period of transition during which the audience can reset its mind for the next event.

