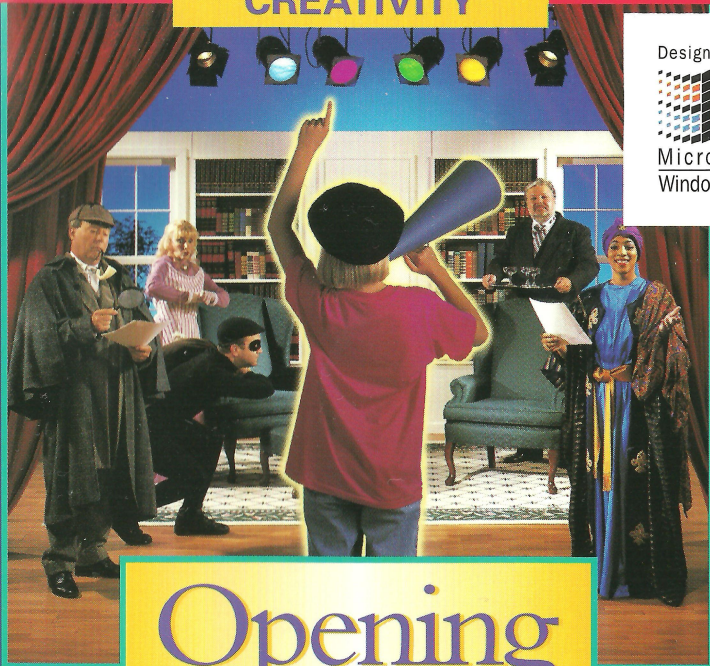


CREATIVITY

Designed for



Microsoft®  
Windows®95



Opening  
Night™

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## Welcome to *Opening Night*™

The houselights go down. A hush falls over the audience. And the air faintly hums with anticipation. Theater professionals feel this thrill every night their creation comes to life and their play is performed. Now you can experience this same sense of accomplishment with *Opening Night!*

With *Opening Night*, you're in charge of a life-like multimedia theater where you create, direct, and perform your own plays. Choose your setting from more than 100 sets and 300 props. Cast your show from over 40 photo-realistic costumed actors—each with their own individual actions. Design the lighting. Select the sound effects and music. Create your script. And record your play! Then join your audience of family and friends and watch as your play unfolds on-screen.

*Opening Night's* sets, props, and costumes transport you to England at the height of the Victorian age. The program was designed with the classic British mystery in mind. However, its depth is sure to spark your imagination and inspire you to create a wide variety of plays. In fact, *Opening Night* features everything you need to create a one-act vignette or a multi-act, multi-scene extravaganza!

# Hardware Requirements

## *For Microsoft® Windows®*

- 486 or higher
- Microsoft Windows 3.1 or higher or Windows® 95
- 256-color SVGA display
- 8MB RAM
- Windows-compatible mouse
- 14MB hard-disk space for Windows 3.1 or NT,  
8MB hard-disk space for Windows 95
- Double-speed CD-ROM drive
- Windows-compatible sound card
- Windows-compatible printer optional

## *For Macintosh® Computers*

- 68030 required (LC III or greater), 68040 or  
Power Macintosh™ recommended
- System 7.1 or higher
- 8MB RAM
- 13" or larger color display (640 x 480, 256 colors)
- 5MB hard-disk space
- Double-speed CD-ROM
- Macintosh-compatible printer optional

## Start-up Instructions

### *For Windows® 95*

1. Insert the *Opening Night* CD in your CD-ROM drive.
2. When the *Opening Night* window appears, click Setup.
3. Follow the on-screen prompts until the installation is complete.
4. To start the program, select Run.

### *For Microsoft® Windows® Operating Systems*

1. From Windows, pull down the File menu and choose Run.
2. Type D: Setup and press Enter. (If your CD-ROM drive is not drive D:, type the appropriate letter.)
3. Follow the on-screen prompts until the installation is complete.
4. To start the program, double-click on the *Opening Night* icon in the MECC group on your desktop, keeping the CD in your CD-ROM drive.

### *For Macintosh® Computers*

1. Insert the *Opening Night* CD in your CD-ROM drive. Double-click on the Installer icon.
2. Follow the on-screen prompts until the installation is complete.
3. To start the program, double-click on the *Opening Night* icon on your hard disk, keeping the CD in your CD-ROM drive.

## Running the Program

### *For Microsoft® Windows® 95*

To start the program, select the Run button on the *Opening Night* window. To gain access to the help system, double-click on the online help file on the CD.

For troubleshooting information related to installing or starting the program, see the README.txt file on the CD.

### *For Microsoft® Windows® Operating Systems*

To start the program, double-click on the *Opening Night* icon in the MECC group on your desktop. To gain access to the help system, double-click on the online help file on the CD.

For troubleshooting information related to installing or starting the program, see the README.txt file on the CD.

## *For Macintosh® Computers*

To run *Opening Night*, double-click on the program icon on the hard disk. To gain access to the help system, double-click on the online help file on the CD.

For troubleshooting information related to installing or starting the program, see the *Opening Night* Read Me file on the CD.

## **Learning Objectives for Opening Night:**

- Enrich the writing process
- Inspire students to explore elements of character, plot, conflict, setting, dialog, and conclusion
- Help students understand, experience and explore the theater by working with actors, props, sets, lights, sound effects, and music
- Create an environment for integrating drama throughout the curriculum
- Support thematic learning
- Exercise higher-level thinking skills
- Promote collaboration

## **MECC Technical Support**

If you need help, please call MECC Technical Support at 612/569-1678.

Internet address: [mecctech@mecc.com](mailto:mecctech@mecc.com) or <http://www.mecc.com/>

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## **MECC Learning Guarantee™**

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