

## STAGE TYPES

**1. Proscenium:** This is the most common form of stage. In a proscenium space, the audience is arranged on one side of a raised stage area. The stage appears in an opening. Many have a frame around the opening that we refer to as the *proscenium arch*.

**2. Thrust:** This type of stage includes 3 sides of seating around the performance area. The audience is closer to the actors in this type of space.

**3. Arena:** This type of stage is also referred to as *theatre-in-the-round*. The scale of the performance space can vary – some are very large and others are very intimate. Arena staging is arranged so that the audience area surrounds the performance space.