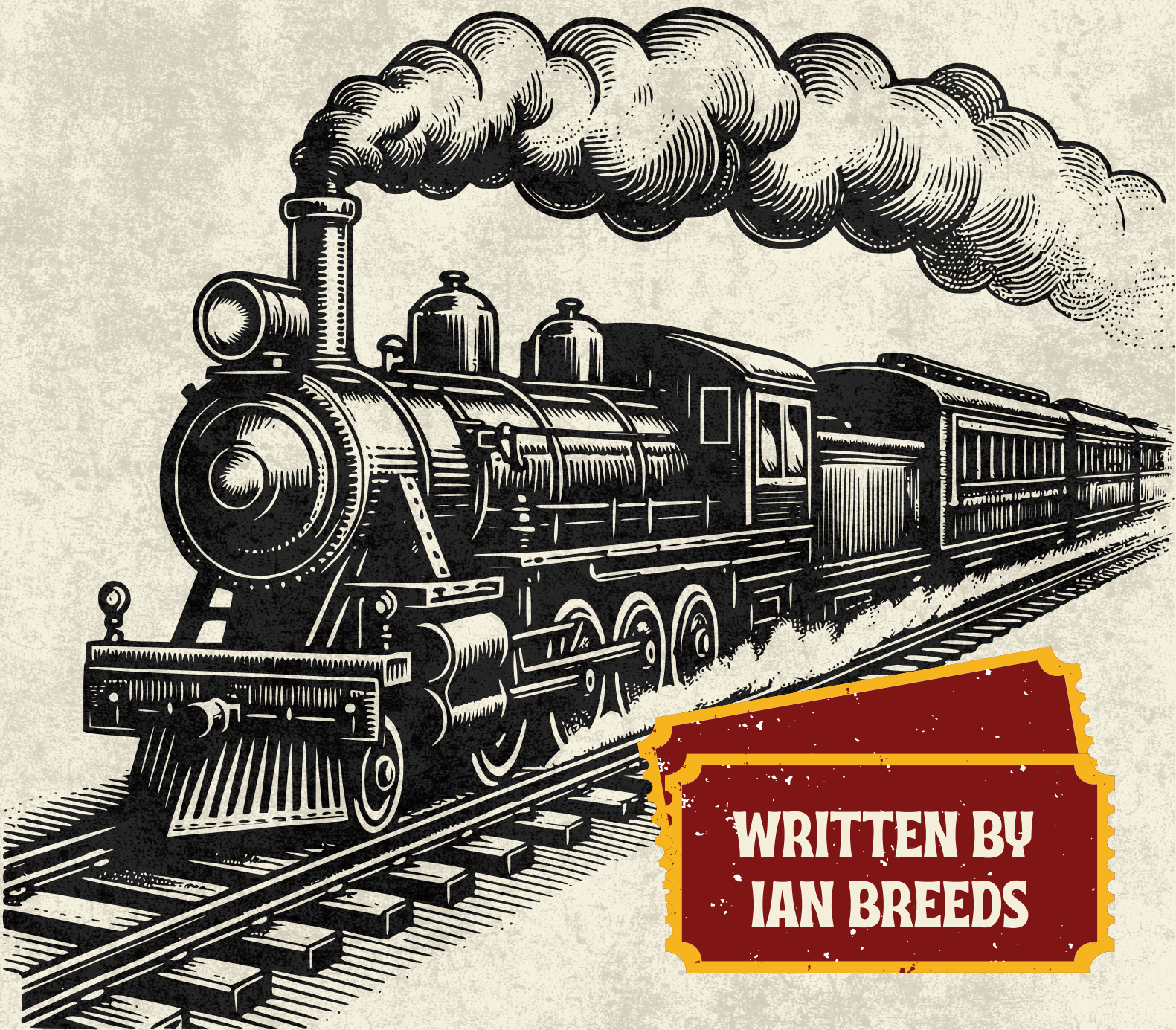




THE LUMIERE BROTHERS



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STAGE SCRIPT

The Lumiere Brothers



Page Count: 14



Age Group: 10+



No. Characters: 9

Logline:

In a bustling Parisian café, excitement fills the air as the Lumière Brothers prepare to unveil the world's first-ever public film screening—until nerves, misunderstandings, and a forgotten film reel threaten to derail the magic of cinema before it even begins!

Character List:

- Robert
- Adam
- Bertina
- Catherine
- Mary
- George
- Elizabeth
- Auguste Lumière
- Louis Lumière

Synopsis

Set in the lively Salon Indien du Grand Café, this playful and fast-paced story follows an eclectic mix of characters as they anticipate a historic moment—the first public screening of the Lumière Brothers' films. Two eager promoters, Robert and Adam, rally the crowd, while Bertina, a café worker tries to navigate her duties. Meanwhile, a posh group of aristocrats struggles with the idea of mingling with “the public,” and the Lumière Brothers themselves face a near catastrophe when one of them seems to have forgotten the film reel!

As the screening begins, the audience is left awestruck—and terrified—when a train appears to come hurtling towards them from the screen. A delightful blend of comedy, history, and theatrical flair, this charming play brings the magic of early cinema to life.

Have fun with it!



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SCENE 1

Two young promoters walk down the centre aisle wearing sandwich boards yelling out at the audience members

ROBERT

Ladies and gentle this is what we have
been waiting for!

ADAM

Tonight is the night! The first public
viewing anywhere in the world and the
Lumière brothers have chosen our
quaint Parisian cafe

ROBERT

Salon Indien Du Grand Café, did I say
that right?

ADAM

That is right my good friend! Imagine it
now, you could be amongst the first to
say I was there that night at the Salon
Indien Du Grand Café

ROBERT

This man (or woman) here is asking
me what is happening tonight at the
Salon Indien Du Grand Café

ADAM

Are you kidding me! What, have you
been sleeping for the past year? The
Lumière brothers are in our great city
tonight

ROBERT

The Lumière brothers! I cannot believe
it, this is amazing.

ADAM

Tonight my friend the Lumière
brothers...

ROBERT

The Lumière brothers!

ADAM
Alright calm down

ROBERT
I'm sorry I'm just so excited

ADAM
The Lumière brothers

ROBERT
The...

ADAM
Stop it!

ROBERT
Sorry

ADAM
The Lumière brothers are in town and
they have chosen our café for the first
public screening ever in the world

ROBERT
In the world!

ADAM
Thank you. They will be showing ten,

ROBERT
Can you believe it! Ten films

ADAM
I know it is astounding

ROBERT
I don't even really know what a film is,
but I'm excited!

Enter Bertina running after them

BERTINA
Robert, Adam! Wait up!

ADAM
What are you doing here, you should
be opening the café already