



FASCINATING FACTS ABOUT 'THE LION KING'

- There are **more than 232 puppets** in the show, including rod puppets, shadow puppets and full-sized puppets.
- It took director Julie Taymor and her team **37,000 hours** to build the original puppets and masks.
- There are **25 kinds of animal species** represented in the production.
- The **longest animal** is the elephant: 4 metres long, 3.5 metres high, 2.75 metres wide.
- The **tallest animals** are the 5.5 metre giraffes in the song 'I Just Can't Wait to be King' and the **smallest animal** in the show is the 13cm trick mouse at the end of Scar's cane.
- There are **106 ants** on the Ant Hill Lady.
- There are **over 350 complete costumes** in the show, each consisting of several different elements
- There are **22 hand-beaded corsets** in the show, each consists of thousands of individually sewn beads.
- The sun in 'The Lion King' is constructed from **43 aluminium ribs** attached to each other with silk strips.
- **Six African languages** are spoken or sung in the show, they are: Sotho, Swahili, Zulu, Tswana, Congolese and Xhosa.
- It requires **50 cast members** plus an additional **100 people** backstage to make each performance happen