

CURTAIN CALLS

(Interesting Quick Facts)

Maggie Smith - marvelous British actress of stage, screen, and TV, who capped her career with a fabulous turn in *Downton Abbey*, died on September 27, 2024. She made her Broadway debut in *Leonard Sillman's New Faces of 1956*.

Gilbert and Sullivan – The first D'Oyly Carte production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* on Broadway opened on December 1, 1879, with Sir Arthur Sullivan conducting on opening night and W. S. Gilbert appearing on stage as a sailor!