Setting the scene: *The Imaginarium of Doctor Parnassus*

Genre	Fantasy
Plot and themes	It is a story of a travelling show that is led by a very old Doctor Parnassus. A thousand years ago, he traded the soul of his daughter, Valentina, to the devil. Now the devil has come to collect his prize. To save her, Parnassus must make a final wager: whoever collects five souls first will win Valentina. ● The conflict between dreams and reality ● Morals and temptations ● Old age and youth
Settings	● In modern-day London ● In a fantasy world (different imaginariums)
Use of camera	● Real life ● Models and CG (computer-generated imagery) elements mixed
Lighting and colour	● Different styles, ages, landscapes, colour palettes ● Specific looks for the different imaginariums
Sound and music	by Michael and Jeff Danna
Props	https://www.terryprops.com/doctor-parnassus
Acting/ performance	● **Doctor Parnassus** (Christopher Plummer) ● His daughter **Valentina** (Lily Cole) ● **Mr. Nick** (Tom Waits) ● **Dwarf Percy** (Verne Troyer) ● **Anton** (Andrew Garfield) ● **Tony** (Heath Ledger*) *Johnny Depp, Jude Law and Colin Farrell stepped collectively into the Tony role after Ledger died midway through filming

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Spoken language	Heath Ledger improvised half of his comedic dialogue on set.
Facial expression and body language	Very important: masterfully shown by all characters

See the official trailer here.

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