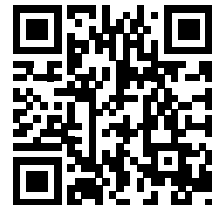


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# Musical Stars and Broadway



Musical theater in America has been shaped by the talent and charisma of its \_\_\_\_\_ . These performers bring life to the stage, captivating audiences with their \_\_\_\_\_ , acting, and dance. From the early 20th century, figures like \_\_\_\_\_ Merman and Judy Garland set high standards for vocal prowess and stage \_\_\_\_\_ . Their performances in shows like "Gypsy" and movies like "The \_\_\_\_\_ of Oz" made them household names. Later, stars such as Julie Andrews and Barbra \_\_\_\_\_ continued to elevate the art form with roles in "My Fair Lady" and "Funny Girl," respectively. Their ability to convey deep \_\_\_\_\_ through song made their characters unforgettable.

The influence of these performers extends beyond their \_\_\_\_\_ . They helped to popularize musical theater, bringing it into the mainstream and ensuring its place in American \_\_\_\_\_ . Icons like Lin-Manuel Miranda, with his groundbreaking work in "Hamilton," have introduced musical theater to a new \_\_\_\_\_ , blending traditional elements with modern \_\_\_\_\_ and themes. This evolution shows the enduring appeal of musical theater and its ability to adapt and resonate with audiences.

The \_\_\_\_\_ of American musical theater is a place where stories of love, hardship, triumph, and tragedy come to \_\_\_\_\_ . It is where stars are born and legends are made. These artists' dedication to their craft has left an indelible mark on the world of \_\_\_\_\_ , inspiring countless young performers to follow in their footsteps. The legacy of these musical stars is not just in the roles they played but in the \_\_\_\_\_ they ignited in the hearts of those who watched them perform.

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