

Musical Theatre Summer Learning

Hello Future Musical Theatre student!

I'm looking forward to working with you in September and I want to use this summer task to find out a bit about you and your love of musicals! Below you can see a completed 'fact file' for the musical Rent. Your task is to repeat the process for your favourite musical, or a musical that you feel bears significance to musical theatre history. This could be a musical you've been lucky enough to see at the theatre, or a recording of a musical.

We'll be sharing these in September!

Thanks

Helen

Reading List:

Please watch a range of musicals (live streaming services are totally fine, they don't need to go to the theatre as that's a cost!) and watch a range of musicals from different time periods, as that's what we'll be looking at in Sept. Some examples could be 'Carousel', 'Hamilton', 'Phantom of the Opera' and ' and 'West Side Story' as these all exist as film versions.

Summer Learning Task:

Rent

Book, Music & Lyrics by Jonathan Larson

Broadway Opening: 1996

West End Opening: 1998

Synopsis: It tells the story of a group of impoverished young artists struggling to survive and create a life in New York City's East Village.

Why does it matter?

- Created a whole new generation of theatre fans among young people drawn to the modern story and music
- Mostly sung-through with a gritty, energetic rock score.
- Featured non-traditional actors with backgrounds in rock music instead of musical theatre.
- Influenced many upcoming musical theatre writers, including Lin-Manuel Miranda (composer of Hamilton).

Now use the same subheadings to tell me about a musical that you love and why it is important to Musical Theatre history.

[INSERT your Musical title]

Music by

Lyrics by

Broadway Opening:

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West End Opening:

Synopsis:

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Why do you love it?