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A GOLDEN INFLUENCE



The 1940's and 1950's were a joyous time for musical theater. The dances, songs, and performances kept people hopeful and excited about life. As one era comes to an end, however, a new chapter is opened! New shows, new composers, and new styles emerge in the years following The Golden Age.

REVIVALS

The Golden Age truly left its legacy in the theater community because many of these shows are still performed today as revivals. *Guys and Dolls*, *Oklahoma*, *The Music Man*, and more have been revived to modern audiences. Some of these musicals have even been made into junior musicals for middle and high schools to perform! Revivals are often a cool opportunity for designers and directors to take a classic and put their own vision into it. Throughout your journey in the theater world, I'm sure you will see many revivals of these classic musicals.



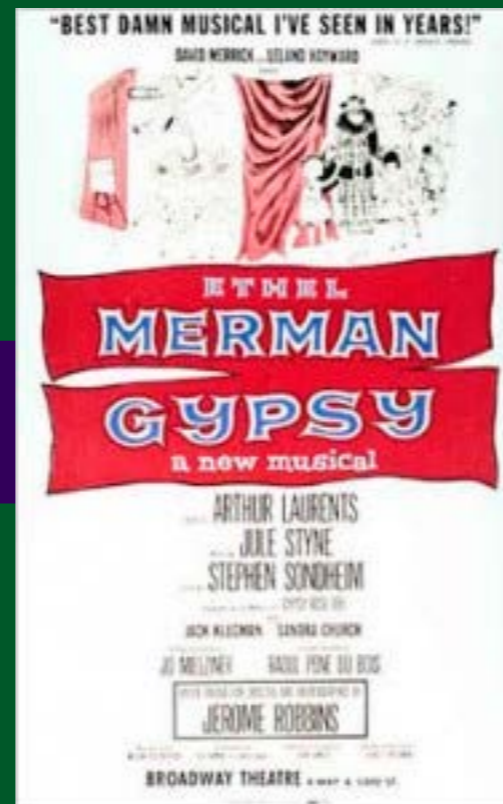
GOLDEN AGE INSPIRATION



Many composers after this era have used techniques and styles from the Golden Age to inspire their work. One great example is *Crazy For You*. This musical is a musical with all Gershwin music! *Crazy For You* was inspired by a movie called *Girl Crazy*, which was written by the Gershwins as well. *Crazy For You* came out in the 1990's and was a huge hit. The dancing, singing, and the story were like a blast into the past of the Golden Age. Musicals today still highlight Golden Age techniques and borrow fun styles from the time. It just goes to show that musical theater's foundation was really built during this era, and has become timeless.

CARLEE'S TOP 5

I have so many favorite musicals from this era, that I can't just name one. So instead, I'm listing my top five! If you want to submit your top 5 Golden Age musicals, [click here](#) to submit them and we might just share it in a future issue!



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