



# BEYOND THE SCORE

A CLOSER LOOK AT MUSICAL THEATRE

*Navigating the Post-Golden Age*

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60'S!

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# Welcome to the 60's!



The 1960's in America was a unique and growing time. The Civil Rights' Movement was in full blaze, women were speaking out for equal opportunities, and technology was evolving. There was both hope and unrest during this time of history. The attitudes of the nation definitely influenced the composers and playwrights. More characters were written with complexities, flaws, and realistic challenges. Issues were confronted head on, rather than glossed over. Rather than pure entertainment, musical theatre began to shed light on the times.



# Leading Ladies

Angela Lansbury



Angela Lansbury gained her stardom on Broadway when she played the lead role in *Mame*. She worked with Stephen Sondheim and eventually became a popular TV/film star, including Disney. She has won many awards throughout her career and is considered a performing legend.

Carol Channing



Best known for her role as Dolly in *Hello Dolly!*, Carol Channing embodied the leading lady energy we see in the 60's. She accomplished so much in her life and was even awarded a lifetime Tony Award.

Barbra Streisand



Still an icon today, Barbra began her career on Broadway stages. She starred as Fanny Brice in the hit musical, *Funny Girl*, and eventually starred in the film. She has won countless awards throughout her career, starred in movies, and is still one of the best record-selling artists of all time.

# Reflections

As theatre artists, it's important for us to reflect on what we have learned so far and how it can connect to what we are learning now. Click [here](#) to submit your reflections on jsk stories!

What are some things from The Golden Age that you found interesting or important?

Do you think that The Golden Age influenced the performers, composers, writers, and designers in the

Do you still see elements of The Golden Age in today's theatre?

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