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On Broadway–The Greatest Shows Ever

By F. R. Penn

What does the Phantom of the Opera and Cats have in common? Answer: They are the longest running plays in the history of Broadway. Phantom is currently still performing its spectacular production and nearing its 7,500th performance. Cats closed on September 10th, 2000 after 7,486 shows. What is the allure of Broadway and these two plays?

Phantom has been delighting audiences of readers since Gaston Leroux wrote the novel in 1911. Phantom first went to film in 1925 and recently a remake appeared in 2005. On Broadway, Phantom's opening night was on January 26, 1988 at the Majestic Theatre. Phantom of the Opera had ticket seekers clamoring for the opportunity to take a seat and watch the visual delights of this most beloved operatic play. Today in 2006, Phantom tickets are still much sought after and available. What is the appeal of this long running and powerful play?

One fascination and reason for the popularity of Phantom comes from its story. The right mixture of horror, music, fantasy and romance transfixes the audience into becoming emotionally involved with the production. On Broadway, the scenery and props, the stirring lyrics bring you into the fantasy world of the phantom as he pursues his love, the beautiful Christine. The beauty of the young Christine and the beastly attributes of the daunting phantom combine to transfix and bring mystery and wonderment into our lives, if only for a few hours. Love and loving another is a universal phenomenon in which we can all relate. Phantom stirs our emotions, entertains and that is the main appeal behind the 2nd longest running play on Broadway, Cats.

Cats is based on a work of poetry by TS Elliot and it premiered on Broadway on October 7, 1982 at the Winter Garden Theatre. One of the most famous songs in history gained popularity from Cats. Memories is a song that had a strong emotional appeal for audience member of all ages. Cats gained popularity not only for its music but as entertainment for which all family members could attend together. It will fascinate the children and at the same time it will entertain adults. The set designs are enormous and breathtaking, the singing and dancing are auditory and visual delights. Broadway knows how to entertain and put on a show you will never forget. There are many ways to find the right shows you might want to see.

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is a great place to start in getting tickets as well as information about events and shows on Broadway.

Broadway theatre has a special allure. The fact that it is performed live is undoubtedly its strongest attraction. Simply put, live performances be it Broadway, a concert, and opera or ballet are more vivid. The eyes behold the beauty of the sets, the crispness of the music and the artistry of performance that no technological device can offer. This is not to say that a beautiful opera on a nice stereo or a concert on DVD can't be enjoyed, they just can't provide the vividness and clarity that live performance can. There is also another consideration to make when deciding to attend a Broadway play in person or watch its version on the television at home.

Broadway live performances bring us out into the world. We socialize, we see people, and we experience the magic and beauty of Broadway with others. We experience life in the atmosphere of humanity. Generations into the past, live performances were the tradition. It was an all day event of excitement to prepare, get dressed up and travel to the event. One had to go out for the evening to experience entertainment. That tradition, while not pursued as often because of today's

technological devices, is still available on or off Broadway.

When you find the Broadway show you want to see, be aware of terms such as on or off Broadway. Broadway is the name of the street or theatre district that has some thirty–nine venues for professionally staged Broadway theatre shows in New York City, United States. Off Broadway are theatres that are smaller and while professionally produced offer a more intimate theatre experience. In fact, it is generally the number of seats that determine if a show is termed off Broadway. These off Broadway houses generally seat less than 500 persons.

The thrill and pleasures of attending a Broadway show are many. It's a chance to experience the sounds of music like no technological device can offer. Attending a Broadway show is a chance to get out for the evening and socialize, to be a part of one of life's unforgettable experiences. Be a part of history and go see Phantom of the Opera. Whatever your choice of show, be a part of a historical tradition that takes into a few hours of fantasy, magic, adventure and pleasure.

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Avenue Q Is Broadway's Sesame Street For Adults

By Al Terry

A fictional tale of people and puppets living together in the harsh environment of New York City streets, telling the story of all the generations of young hopeful adults who come to the big city to chase their dreams and find their identity as they become adults.

The show opened on July 10, 2003 at the Golden Theatre in the theater district of New York's famed Broadway. The production is an original musical which has won praise from critics, bringing a breathe of fresh air to Broadway. The musical score includes great songs, mixed in with puppets and people dealing with the different problems, such as an internet addict and a sexual identity crisis. The storyline goes very deep into adult problems, as the idea of reading about puppets, you make think this is more of a light hearted event, however some dark issues are dealt with, all the while bringing you closer to the character, whether it be a human or a puppet.

Avenue Q made its official debut off Broadway at the Vineyard Theater, once critics and viewers began applauding it's work, it was moved onto Broadway to the John Golden Theatre where the production continues to gain a fan base and sell out shows. Most who see the show feel it is the best production on Broadway right now, and i would have to agree.

Avenue Q took home 4 Tony awards in 2003 including, including Best Musical, Best Original Score and Best Book. Avenue Q Broadway show tickets are currently on sale at an average price of sixty–four dollars per seat.

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