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**Wicked and The Yellow Brick Road to Broadway Gold**

**By Al Terry**

The hit Broadway show Hairspray opened in the famous theater district of New York City on August 15, 2002. The production's home has been the Neil Simon Theatre located at 250 West 52nd Street. The show runs about two hours and forty minutes with one intermission.

Hairspray is an original musical which is set in Baltimore Maryland in the year 1962. The time is still of innocence and a young woman named Tracy Turnblad, who has big dreams and possibly bigger hair. Tracy has one dream and one dream only and she is set to take it as far as she can go, never with any hesitation or reserved manner. Tracy wants what she wants and that is to dance, not just around the house, but on the most happening show on television called the Corny Collins Show, a teenage dance show with a popular following.

Tracy wins her spot on the dance show and so the story begins. Quickly she becomes an overnight teen celebrity as the most popular girl on the program. Tracy becomes the new queen of the Corny Collins Show and soon pursues her love interest, a young man named Link Larkin, who has captured the heart of Tracy.

Hairspray is based on the John Waters 1988 film of the same name. Starring the then unknown (to anyone but Waters) Ricki Lake, who gained huge success from the role. Hairspray is a light hearted and funny story, which leaves you rooting for Tracy, who plays a bit of an underdog.

The Neil Simon Theatre holds 1297 seats which sell out often, Broadway show Hairspray tickets average about seventy dollars with the ticket high at about two hundred and forty dollars.

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## How Much Gold Is In Your Wedding Band

By George Meszaros

24-karat: 100 percent gold 22-karat: 91.7 percent gold 18-karat: 75 percent gold 14-karat: 58.3 percent gold 10-karat: 41.6 percent gold (Nothing less than 10 karats can legally be marked or sold as gold jewelry in the U.S.)

It is safe to say that 24-karat is the softest and 10 karat the hardest. Because it is so soft, the 24-karat gold is seldom used to make jewelry. Chinese and Indian brides wear jewelry of no less than 24-karat gold on their wedding day to ensure a lifetime of good luck and happiness. In France, Italy and Switzerland, 18k is the lowest permissible standard to be called gold. 14k gold is most commonly found in cases where strength is most important, like in earring backs and bracelet clasps.

Yellow gold: Higher gold percentage yields richer the gold color and a softer metal. Active people should choose the more durable lower karat gold. 24k gold will wear the quickest. It is not only the most expensive but also the softest gold on the market. Yellow gold is alloyed with silver and copper.

White gold: White gold is known to be more durable than yellow gold. It is also more easily broken than yellow gold. Since white gold looks like silver, you might prefer it if you like silver jewelry. White gold is alloyed with a large percentage of silver, or a selection of other white metals. Almost all white gold is plated with rhodium, a shiny, white metal that is very hard. Depending on the amount of wear to a piece of jewelry, over time this rhodium plating may wear off, revealing the original metal color. Re-plating is a simple process that can be done to restore your jewelry's whiteness if needed.

Rose Gold Rose gold gets its color from a larger proportion of copper in the metal alloy. This gives the gold a beautiful pink color.

Platinum: It's heavier and more expensive than gold. Platinum is stronger but less scratch resistant than gold. A platinum prong is more secure than gold, and it will not add its own color to the stone whereas yellow gold can sometimes add a yellow tint to a colorless or near colorless diamond.

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