Year 5: Musical theatre



Musical theatre combines music, songs, spoken dialogue and dance. Musical theatre can also be known as 'musicals' or 'shows' and these are usually performed in theatres, although there are film musicals too.

Vocabulary

	Composer	Writes the music.		
	Librettist	Writes the story.		
	Lyricist	Writes the song lyrics.		
	Director	In charge of the dramatic performance.		
	Musical Director	In charge of the musical performance.		
	Choreographer	Creates the dance moves.		
	Designer	Designs the sets or costumes.		
	Performers	Play the characters in the musical.		
	Character song	Describes how the character is feeling.		
	Action song	Describes what is happening at that point in the story.		
Score Written notation to		A passage of music composed to link one piece of music to another.		
		Written notation to show what notes to play and in what style to play them.		
J	Script	Written text of a play or musical.		

Musical timeline

Musical timeline		Designer	Designs the sets or costumes.
Late 16th and 17th centuries	Opera	Performers	Play the characters in the musical.
	Operetta	Character song	Describes how the character is feeling.
	Film musical	Action song	Describes what is happening at that point in the story.
	Book musical	Transition	A passage of music composed to link one piece of music to another.
	Jukebox musical	Score	Written notation to show what notes to play an in what style to play them.
Modern day	Rock and hip hop musicals	Script	Written text of a play or musical.

