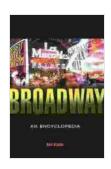
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#### **History of Broadway**

Broadway theater has a long and rich history, dating back to the early 19th century. The first Broadway theater was the Park Theater, which opened in 1798. In the early days, Broadway was primarily a home for plays, but musicals began to gain popularity in the early 20th century. Some of the most famous Broadway musicals include *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Les Misérables*, and *The Lion King*.

#### The Broadway District

The Broadway District is located in Midtown Manhattan, and it is home to over 40 theaters. The theaters on Broadway range in size from small intimate spaces to large grand theaters. The Broadway District is a popular tourist destination, and it is also a major economic engine for New York City.

#### **Broadway Shows**

Broadway shows are typically large-scale productions with elaborate sets, costumes, and lighting. Broadway shows are typically performed eight times a week, and they can run for months or even years. Some of the most popular Broadway shows include *Hamilton*, *Wicked*, and *The Book of Mormon*.

#### **Stars of Broadway**

Broadway has been home to some of the most famous stars in the world. Some of the most famous Broadway stars include Ethel Merman, Barbra Streisand, and Hugh Jackman. Broadway stars typically have a long and successful career in theater, film, and television.

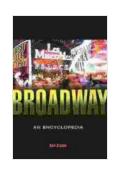
#### **Composers and Lyricists**

Broadway musicals have been written by some of the most talented composers and lyricists in the world. Some of the most famous Broadway composers and lyricists include Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein II, and Stephen Sondheim. Broadway musicals have been nominated for and won numerous awards, including the Tony Awards and the Pulitzer Prize.

#### **Directors and Choreographers**

Broadway musicals are directed by some of the most talented directors in the world. Some of the most famous Broadway directors include Hal Prince, Jerry Zaks, and Susan Stroman. Broadway musicals are choreographed by some of the most talented choreographers in the world. Some of the most famous Broadway choreographers include Agnes de Mille, Bob Fosse, and Jerome Robbins.

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