

# THE 20 HIGHEST GROSSING MUSICALS: BY THE NUMBERS



ALL INFO IS AS OF OCT. 2018

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| 1. <i>The Lion King</i>              | 11. <i>Hamilton</i>                      |
| 2. <i>Wicked</i>                     | 12. <i>Aladdin</i>                       |
| 3. <i>The Phantom of the Opera</i>   | 13. <i>Miss Saigon</i> [original]        |
| 4. <i>Mamma Mia!</i>                 | 14. <i>Mary Poppins</i>                  |
| 5. <i>Chicago</i> [revival]          | 15. <i>The Producers</i>                 |
| 6. <i>Jersey Boys</i>                | 16. <i>Kinky Boots</i>                   |
| 7. <i>The Book of Mormon</i>         | 17. <i>Rent</i>                          |
| 8. <i>Beauty and the Beast</i>       | 18. <i>Hairspray</i>                     |
| 9. <i>Cats</i> [original]            | 19. <i>Beautiful</i>                     |
| 10. <i>Les Misérables</i> [original] | 20. <i>Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark</i> |

## COMBINED, THESE 20 SHOWS HAVE:

- grossed over \$10 billion from...
- over 95,000 performances at...
- 22 different Broadway theaters

- 1** is a revival (*Chicago*)
- 2** have won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama (*Hamilton* + *Rent*)
- 3** feature animals (*The Lion King*, *Cats*, + *Beauty and the Beast*)
- 4** are Disney shows (*The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Aladdin*, + *Mary Poppins*)

Shows received, on average:

**10 noms**  
**5 wins**

90% of the shows were nominated for Best Musical and 55% won.

The Shubert Organization + The Nederlander Organization are tied: both have housed

**9** highest grossing shows

*Mamma Mia* received **0 wins**, but is **#4** on the grosses list

**FUN FACT:** *Hamilton* has the most Tony noms, but *The Producers* has the most wins

### Source Material



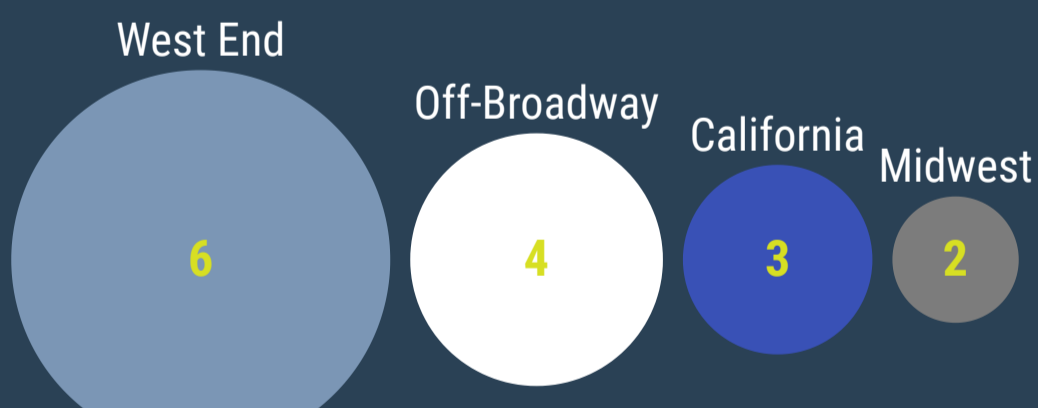
Only *The Producers* featured stars in the original cast

Idina Menzel is the only actor to have been in 2 of the original casts!

Julie Taymor, Trevor Nunn, and Casey Nicholaw have all directed 2

**3** have crossed the billion dollar mark

### Location of Tryout



\*The remaining 4 tried out in Houston, Seattle, and Toronto. *Spider-Man* and *Book of Mormon* opened cold on Broadway.

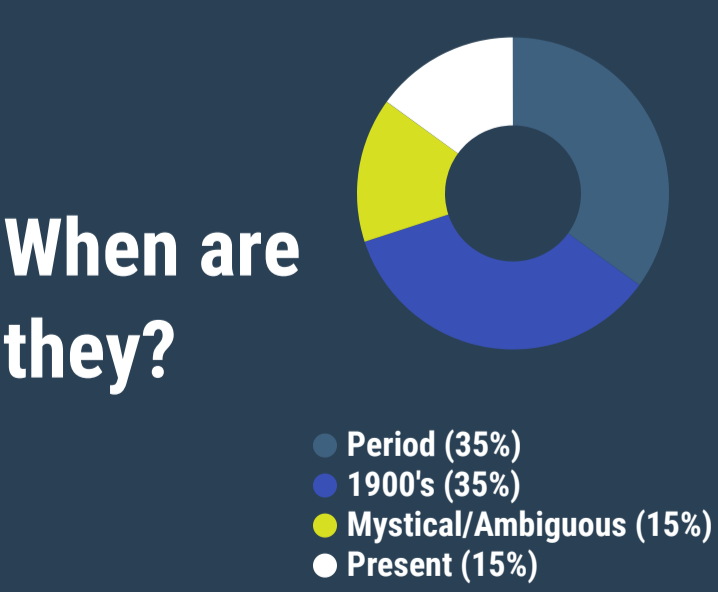
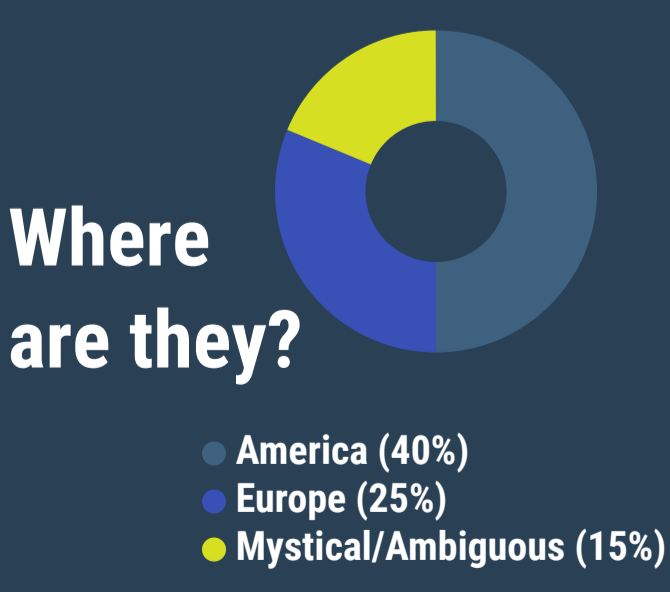
**\* Titles are short + sweet**  
40% of the titles had only 1 word; 75% had 2 or less

On average, the shows have been on Broadway for **11.5** years

**9** shows are still running!

35% of writing teams consisted of 3 people + 30% consisted of 4

### Setting



When was opening night?

## Winter... Spring... Summer... or Fall?

