

How to Choose the Right Broadway Show For You

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Broadway theater is a New York City cultural institution, and with roughly 30 shows running at any given time, it can be tough to decide which one to see. To help you choose which will suit the interests of your group, see our suggestions below.

Good for Kids

Remakes of Disney classics like *The Lion King*, *Aladdin*, and *Frozen* are family favorites, as well as *School of Rock*, based on the 2003 Jack Black movie, and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Out with Friends

For an entertaining night out with friends in Manhattan, choose a buzzed-about, not-suitable-for-children show like *The Book of Mormon*, by the creators of *South Park*; *Kinky Boots*, with music and lyrics by Cyndi Lauper; or *Avenue Q*, known for its use of puppets dealing with adult themes.

Date Night

Dinner and a show with your sweetheart is the quintessential New York City date. Check out *Amélie*, a musical based on the 2001 French film; *Bandstand*, set amid the post-war swing-music scene of 1945; or *A Bronx Tale*, the story of a man from the Bronx caught up in the mafia in the 1960s, based on the film of the same name and directed by Robert De Niro.

Longest Running

Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera* opened on Broadway in 1988, making it the longest-running show and still a must-see for theater buffs. *Cats*, *Chicago*, and *Wicked* are other always-popular musicals on every classic Broadway list.

Revivals

Having spent 10 years on Broadway from 1991, *Miss Saigon*, set during the last days of American occupation in Saigon during the Vietnam War, is back in for a revival. *Hello, Dolly!* with Bette Midler is another hot revival.

Movie Remakes

Fans of cult movies *Groundhog Day*, starring Bill Murray, and *Waitress*, starring Keri Russell, won't want to miss these two remakes on the Broadway stage.

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