

What does musical theatre mean to theatre professionals?

SIMPLE

Musicals tell stories that everyone can understand. In a good musical the characters are recognizable, the sets and costumes are pleasing and the audience walks out of the theatre humming the tunes. Musicals make people laugh. Musicals make people cry. You need no special knowledge or background to enjoy the show. Good musicals are simply good theatre.

HONEST

Musicals are an original American art form. They're not cheap imitations of anything else and don't pretend to be. No one who enjoys doing or watching a musical has anything to be ashamed of—no matter what some people say. Musicals are our unique heritage. They honestly reflect what we've been and what we are. They're our classics.

WORK

Musicals are opportunities. They are opportunities to make theatre, opportunities to make money. They give theatre professionals the chance to do their jobs with excellence, with integrity, with pride while giving the audience a satisfying experience. The audience sees spectacle, illusion and magic—but to us it's just simple, honest work.

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