

Forgotten Broadway 1943 to 1980, Handout

(Subtitled “Forgotten Musicals” as I have included some movie musicals by Broadway composers)
 (1943 is the year that Oklahoma opened on Broadway, so it seems like a good place to start)

Title	Year of Broadway Opening	Performances in First Broadway Production
All listed shows have productions or movies available, many on YouTube. If the MOVIE has a strikethrough (MOVIE) it is not acceptable for any number of reasons		
Rodgers and Hart collaborations are the only musicals included from before 1943		
Love Me Tonight (Rodgers & Hart, Maurice Chevalier) (MOVIE ONLY) No Broadway musical. An important Rodgers and Hart score, available on DVD and YouTube. Rodgers also wrote the film music in addition to the songs.	1932	
Jumbo (Rodgers and Hart, Durante, Busby Berkeley) (MOVIE) Movie made in 1962, also starring Durante 32 years later, and using the Busby Berkeley choreography! The plot has been changed, but the score is largely unaltered, so the movie would be quite acceptable.	1935	233
The Boys From Syracuse (Rodgers and Hart) (MOVIE) First musical ever to be based on Shakespeare (in this case Comedy of Errors). There are several productions on YouTube.	1938	235
A Connecticut Yankee, revival, revised, originally 1927. (TV MOVIE) Last Rodgers & Hart Collaboration, reviving and modifying an already existing show. There are a couple of productions on YouTube.	1943	135
Carmen Jones (Bizet, Hammerstein) (MOVIE) The movie replicates the stage show very well, and is on YouTube	1943	502
Bloomer Girl (Arlen, Harburg) There is a 1956 (MOVIE) television production which would be delightful if it could be found. Lost Musicals Project.	1944	654
Cover Girl (Kern, with lyricists Gershwin, Harburg, and Leigh, Rita Hayworth, Gene Kelly) (MOVIE ONLY) There are 9 songs. Available on DVD.	1944	
Can't Help Singing (Kern, Harburg, Deanna Durbin) (MOVIE ONLY). 16 songs. Available on DVD.	1944	
State Fair (Rodgers and Hammerstein) (MOVIE) This was a movie first, with 6 songs, then a stage production later with additional songs from other R&H shows. Both are on YouTube	1945	
Centennial Summer (Kern, lyrics by Hammerstein, Harburg, and Leo Robin) (MOVIE ONLY) There are 5 songs in the movie, all by Kern with different lyricists. The movie is on YouTube.	1946	
Street Scene (Kurt Weill, Langston Hughes, Elmer Rice) Considered opera as much as musical. Excellent production on YouTube	1947	148

High Button Shoes (Jule Styne, Sammy Kahn) There doesn't appear to be a production on YouTube, but there is a television adaptation from 1956. I cannot find a DVD of it, but if someone could, that would be exciting.	1947	727
The Pirate (Cole Porter, Gene Kelly, Judy Garland, Walter Slezak) (MOVIE ONLY) Available on DVD	1948	
Gentlemen Prefer Blondes (Leo Robin, Jule Styne, Carol Channing) (MOVIE) There is a production on YouTube	1949	740
Lost In The Stars (Kurt Weill, Maxwell Anderson) (MOVIE) There are 2 different film versions of this musical. Both appear to be complete.	1949	281
Call Me Madam (Irving Berlin, Ethel Merman) There is a 1953 (MOVIE) on DVD	1950	644
Top Banana (Johnny Mercer, Phil Silvers, Rose Marie) (MOVIE) There is a 1954 movie of the musical. The Wikipedia entry is fascinating.	1951	350
Trouble in Tahiti (Leonard Bernstein). Is it opera or musical? (MOVIE) made in 2001, on DVD. Lost Musicals Project.	1952	
Wonderful Town (Bernstein, Comden and Green). There are several productions on YouTube, as well as a DVD of the 1958 TV broadcast of the musical	1953	559
Can-Can (Cole Porter) (MOVIE 1960) Full movie is on YouTube. Lost Musicals Project	1953	892
The Boy Friend (Julie Andrews) (Ran for 2078 performances in London) (MOVIE)	1954	435
The Golden Apple (Jerome Moross, John Treville Latouche) Productions on YouTube that may need to be pieced together. Lost Musicals Project	1954	46
Peter Pan (Jule Styne, Carolyn Leigh, Comden and Green, Mary Martin) (MOVIE) There are a dozen productions on YouTube, but not the 1955 or 1956 TV productions (first in color) that had the complete original cast. They can only be found on DVD.	1954	152
There's No Business Like Show Business (Irving Berlin, Ethel Merman, Dan Dailey, Donald O'Connor, Mitzi Gaynor, Marilyn Monroe, Johnnie Ray) (MOVIE ONLY) Available on DVD	1954	
Silk Stockings (Cole Porter) (MOVIE) Last Porter musical. Bad print of the movie is on YouTube. Will need the DVD. Lost Musicals Project	1955	478
Most Happy Fella (Loesser) YouTube has a wonderful production from 2012. "One of the most ambitiously operatic works ever written for the Broadway theatre"	1956	676
Li'l Abner (Gene De Paul, Johnny Mercer) (MOVIE) There are at least 2 productions on YouTube	1956	693
Bells Are Ringing (Jule Styne, Comden and Green, Judy Holliday, Bob Fosse) (MOVIE) Movie includes 12 of the 16 songs from the musical.	1956	924
High Society (Cole Porter, Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Grace Kelly) (MOVIE) Musicalized version of The Philadelphia Story. The score to the movie and the musical are almost the same. The musical was first produced in 1998, long after the movie.	1956	
Cinderella (Rodgers and Hammerstein) (MOVIE ONLY) This was made for television only. Available on Daily Motion on internet, or on DVD 77 minutes.	1957	

Aladdin (Cole Porter) Produced for TV only. (MOVIE ONLY) is on YouTube. Lost Musicals Project	1958	
Flower Drum Song (Rodgers and Hammerstein) (MOVIE) Movie available on DVD. It includes the entire R&H score. Lost Musicals Project	1958	600
Once Upon a Mattress (Mary Rodgers) (MOVIE) There are 3 TV adaptations available on DVD. The 1964 version is on YouTube, possibly one other.	1959	216
Little Mary Sunshine (Rick Besoyan). There is a production on YouTube. The show was very well received by the critics.	1959	1143
A Thurber Carnival (James Thurber, Burgess Meredith, Tom Ewell, Peggy Cass) There is a high school production on YouTube	1960	223
Show Girl (Carol Channing) (MOVIE) I believe there is a 1961 TV production with Carol Channing. I cannot find it. If you feel like trying to track it down, it might be worth it	1961	100
Carnival! (Bob Merrill) Reasonably good high school production on YouTube. Lost Musicals Project	1961	719
Stop The World I Want To Get Off (Bricusse, Newley) (MOVIE) Movie on DVD. There is a wonderful 1978 production on YouTube of the 1978 Broadway revival with Sammy Davis Jr. and Marian Mercer. There is also a 1996 TV production done by A&E with Peter Scolari and Stephanie Zimbalist, but I cannot find a DVD of it.	1962	556
Mr. President (Irving Berlin) Production on YouTube	1962	265
Little Me (Cy Coleman, Carolyn Leigh, Sid Caesar) Production on YouTube	1962	257
She Loves Me (Harnick and Bock) (MOVIE) 1978 TV production is on YouTube	1963	302
110 In The Shade (Harvey Schmidt, Tom Jones, Robert Horton, Gretchen Cryer, Leslie Ann Warren) Elon University production on YouTube. Lost Musicals Project	1963	331
High Spirits (Noel Coward, Gower Champion, Edward Woodward, Tammy Grimes) There is a production on YouTube.	1964	376
Baker Street (Hal Prince, Fritz Weaver, Tommy Tune, Christopher Walken) (Some songs by Harnick and Bock) There is a production on YouTube.	1965	313
Flora The Red Menace (Kander and Ebb, Liza Minnelli) (MOVIE) 1978 TV adaptation. I cannot find it. Worth looking for. Also, a production on YouTube	1965	87
Roar Of The Greasepaint, The Smell Of The Crowd (Bricusse, Newley, Cyril Ritchard) Good production on YouTube.	1965	232
Pickwick (Mankowitz, Bricusse, Harry Secombe, Charlotte Rae) (ran 694 performances in London before Broadway) (MOVIE) There is a 1969 BBC movie of the musical if you can track it down.	1965	56
It's a Bird...It's a Plane...It's Superman (Jack Cassidy) Orchestrated by Eddie Sauter. There is a 1975 TV production that is on YouTube.	1966	129
The Apple Tree (Harnick and Bock) Orchestrated by Eddie Sauter. Good production on YouTube	1966	463
Evening Primrose (Sondheim). (MOVIE ONLY) Made for Television only. There is a DVD of the production released in 2010. Lost Musicals Project	1966	

Androcles and the Lion (Rodgers) (MOVIE ONLY) This was made for TV. There appears to have been a DVD, but it's hard to find. Might be worth the detective work.	1967	
Zorba (Kander and Ebb, Herschel Bernardi) Production on YouTube.	1968	306
Celebration (Tom Jones, Harvey Schmidt) A production is on YouTube	1969	110
Purlie (Ossie Davis, Cleavon Little, Sherman Hemsley, Ruby Dee, Alan Alda, Godfrey Cambridge) TV adaptation is on YouTube.	1970	716
Applause (Comden, Green, Lauren Bacall) Complete production with OC is on YouTube	1970	896
No, No, Nanette (MOVIE) (Harbach, Youmans) (This is a revival of a show that was originally on Broadway in 1925) There is a decent high school production on YouTube.	1971	861
Don't Play Us Cheap (Melvin Van Peebles) (MOVIE) 1973 movie on DVD replicates the musical	1972	164
Raisin (Judd Woldin, Robert Brittan) There is a production on YouTube	1973	847
Gigi (Lerner, Loewe, Leslie Caron, Alfred Drake, Agnes Moorhead) Original Broadway cast production is on YouTube.	1973	110
Mack and Mabel (Jerry Herman, Robert Preston, Bernadette Peters) There are productions on YouTube, but I can't tell how complete they are. More research needed if you want to choose this show.	1974	69
Shenandoah (MOVIE) There is a high school production on YouTube that doesn't look too bad.	1975	1050
Philemon (Harvey Schmidt, Tom Jones) Off-Broadway. There is a 1976 Hollywood Television Theatre TV production that might be worth trying to track down.	1975	Approx 40
Best Little Whorehouse in Texas (Carol Hall) (MOVIE) Most of Hall's score is in the movie. There are several productions on YouTube.	1977	1584
They're Playing Our Song (Neil Simon, Marvin Hamlisch, Carol Bayer Sager) There is a well done production on YouTube.	1979	1082
Tintypes (features music by George M. Cohan, John Philip Sousa, Joseph E. Howard, Scott Joplin, and Victor Herbert, among others) The Broadway OC production is on YouTube.	1980	241
Barnum (Cy Coleman) The 1986 Michael Crawford Broadway production is on YouTube (Crawford starred in the original London production). It's wonderful	1980	854
A Day in Hollywood/A Night in the Ukraine (Tommy Tune) Reasonably good community production on YouTube	1980	597