# HIGH SCHOOL NIGHTS



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2025

We are excited for you and your students to attend the Houston Symphony at Jones Hall! The concert you will be attending "reminds us that stage musicals and cinema have had an enchanted relationship for a long, long time. It's not hard at all to reel off a solid list of hit musicals that also did big box office at the movie theater, from *My Fair Lady* and *Cabaret* to *Grease* and *Hairspray*." This concert will be directed by our Principal POPS conductor, Steven Reineke and will feature two guest vocalists: Elizabeth Stanley and Hugh Panaro. You can find the full program, complete with guest artist bios, on our website.

The resources below were compiled for you to use as you see fit, to complement your current classroom objectives or pass along to individual students attending who you think would benefit from certain ideas. A full program and listening playlist is available at the end of this document.

Concert Insights Video

### Stage to Screen: Stage Production vs. Film

What adaptations are needed to make a song from a musical work for the movies? Musicals often bridge the worlds of live theatre and film, showing how stories can transform when they move from the stage to the screen. The following short videos show stage productions back-to-back with movie musical versions of several songs you will hear at the concert. As you watch, consider the questions below.

Jellicle Ball from Cats

Don't Rain on My Parade from Funny Girl

Suddenly, Seymour from Little Shop of Horrors

The Music of the Night from Phantom of the Opera

#### **Questions to Consider:**

- What are some key differences you noticed between stage and film versions of the same musical number?
- What elements of a stage musical are harder to recreate in a film version?
- Does the tempo or dynamics change between versions? How do those changes affect the emotion or pacing of the scene?
- Which version (stage or film) feels more powerful to you? Why?

#### Links to Learn More:

Stage vs. Film Musicals

Character Study: Watch Hugh Panaro Transform Into Erik aka "The Phantom of the Opera"

Video: Hugh Panaro & Elizabeth Stanley Rehearse with the New York Pops

## **Program Playlist**

## From Stage to Screen: Broadway Meets Hollywood

STEVEN REINEKE, conduct	tor
<b>HUGH PANARO</b> , vocalist	

## \*ELIZABETH STANLEY, vocalist

BERNSTEIN/PERESS	Overture to West Side Story	[5]
STYNE/BARTON	"Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend" from Gentlemen Prefer Blondes	[6]
SONDHEIM/TUNICK-S. REINEKE	"Children Will Listen" from <i>Into the Woods</i>	[2]
LEIGH/HALL	"The Impossible Dream" from Man of La Mancha	[2]
A. MENKEN/ STAROBIN	"Out There" from The Hunchback of Notre Dame	[3]
BOCK/WILLIAMS	Excerpts from Fiddler On the Roof	[4]
	[with cut: end at downbeat of m. 155]	
M. YESTON/J. TUNICK	"Unusual Way" from <i>Nine</i>	[3]
C. M. SCHÖNBERG/ CAMERON	"Bring Him Home" from Les Misérables	[3]
J. R. BROWN	"One Second and a Million Miles" from <i>The Bridges of Madison</i> County	[6]
	INTERMISSION	
RODGERS/BENNETT	Overture and "Oh, What a Beautiful Mornin" from Oklahoma!	[9]
SONDHEIM/J. TUNICK	"Johanna" from Sweeney Todd	[2]
RODGERS/KOSTAL	Prologue and "The Sound of Music" from The Sound of Music	[3]
STYNE/MOORE	"Don't Rain On My Parade" from Funny Girl	[3]
A. LLOYD WEBBER/ CULLEN	"The Jellicle Ball" from Cats	[4]
FLAHERTY/BROHN	"Back to Before" from Ragtime	[4]
A. LLOYD WEBBER	"The Music of the Night" from The Phantom of the Opera	[5]
A. MENKEN/S. SHOUP	"Suddenly, Seymour" from Little Shop of Horrors	[4]

## \*Houston Symphony debut

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Jones Hall soon!