

Richard Rodgers & Oscar Hammerstein II

1902 – 1979
1895 – 1960



- Prior to their partnership, both Rodgers and Hammerstein had successful careers in music.
- Rodgers had collaborated for more than two decades with Lorenz Hart. They had many Broadway hits and successful film projects together.
- Librettist Hammerstein collaborated on operettas with several composers and stage musicals with composer Jerome Kern all with great success.
- Rodgers and Hammerstein teamed up in 1943 and quickly became the most consistently successful partnership in American musical theatre.
- Because of their success, many of the musicals that followed had thought-provoking plots with moral lessons, and had all aspects of dance, song, and drama, were combined into one.
- *The Sound of Music* has more hit songs than any other Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, and the film version was the most financially successful film adaptation of a Broadway musical ever made.
- Together Rodgers and Hammerstein collaborated on 11 of the most successful musicals in American theatre!



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