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THEATRE FACTS

Hi! This is web site I've created cause musicals are great and I might love them a bit too much and I really like random facts. On this site I will add as much trivia about theatre (mainly musicals) and theatres as I can find. Email me if you I've missed one of your favourites and you think there's a fact I need to know and don't have on here.

- **Shakespeare's Globe is the only building in London allowed to have a thatched roof since the Great Fire in 1666**
- **Being in the spotlight is also referred to as the "lime light" as old stage lamps used to use the chemical lime.**
- **The word tragedy comes from a Greek word meaning "goat song" and "theatre comes from the Greek "to behold"**
- **Walt Disney World, Florida the biggest theatrical wardrobe in the world with 1.2 million costumes.**
- **It is bad luck to say "the M word" in theatre not because productions of the "Scottish play" always went wrong but because it did so well that if your show failed it would be replaced with the Shakespeare classic**



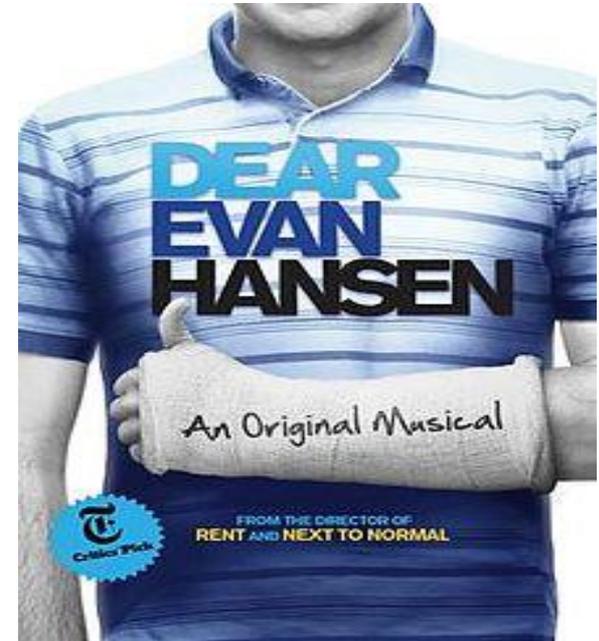
DEAR EVAN HANSEN

When Connor died that was supposed to be the last we see of him but Mike Faist was so good they added extra bits for him.

DEH is partially based on the true story of when someone died of a drug overdose at Steven Levenson's (the book's writer's) high school and everyone pretended they were friends with him.

The national tour has been announced to start in Denver in 2018

Will Roland's first name isn't short for William he's just called Will.



Pesky and Paul who wrote the music for DEH also wrote the music for La La Land including Oscar winning city of stars.

When Ben Platt announced he was leaving, the musical's website stopped working as so many people tried to book tickets to see him.

Owl City made a version of waving through a window (it's amazing listen to it here)



The recurring “when you’re falling in a forest theme” is a twist on the old paradox that if a tree falls in a forest does it make a sound?

WICKED

A NEW MUSICAL
THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ

The original setting for as long as your mine was a little rented room.

When Idina Menzel auditioned for elphaba she wore green eye shadow and lipstick but her voice cracked so couldn't put the high note.

The name Elphaba comes from the initials of the writer of the wizard of oz frank l Baum- FLM was changed to LFB

In the book Nessarose had no arms rather than being in a wheelchair.

At the beginning of making wicked Glinda was very much a supporting character and was barley in act 1.

Glinda only sings no one mourns the wicked because Kristen Chenoweth wanted to use her soprano



Idina menzel missed what was supposed to be her last performance as elphaba as she hurt her foot in a trap door during rehearsal

All of Elphabas green face is achieved entirely through mac make up

The common “unlimited” theme is the first 7 notes of somewhere over the rainbow

NASA has used defying gravity as an austanout wake up call

Steven Schwartz came up with the idea to make wicked a musical when his friend told him about the book while on holiday in Hawaii.

Critics were very divided when wicked first came out; the New Yorker said that not one of the songs was memorable and the New York Times said “wicked does not, alas, speak hopefully for the future of the Broadway musical.”



As of 2014, Wicked has been preformed in 5 different languages

In 1 week 15000 people will see wicked in the Gershwin Theatre