

**A Second Golden Era:
The Music of Post-Millennial Musical Theatre Composers**

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The current musical theatre scene includes a wealth of songwriting teams and individual composers, many of whom self-publish. Their music is vivid, varied, and worth knowing.

This session surveys the work of numerous post-millennial Musical Theater composers, pointing out specific characteristics in the various songwriting catalogs. With a wealth of examples available on YouTube, we will witness a number of songs in recordings of live performance. We will also review composer websites and resources on line. The aim is to help students and teachers gain new insight into contemporary literature, and build knowledge of a dozen or more contemporary composers. Musical Theater composers and teams to be reviewed may include:

- Carner and Gregor
- Pasek and Paul
- Scott Allen
- Kerrigan and Loudermilk
- Seth Bisen-Hurst
- Peter Mills
- Brett Macias
- Zachary Dietz
- Andrew Lippa
- Jonathan Reid Gealt
- Tom Kitt
- Jeff Bowen and Hunter Bell
- Jeff Blumenkrantz
- Adam Gwon
- Salzman and Cunningham
- Ryan Scott Oliver
- Nick Blaemire

This is quite a list, and so we will necessarily combine some folks in various tracks or styles.



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