



Frequently Asked Questions

What is *ONCE*?

ONCE is a truly original Broadway experience. Featuring an impressive ensemble of actor/musicians who play their own instruments onstage, *ONCE* tells the enchanting tale of a Dublin street musician who's about to give up on his dream when a beautiful young woman takes a sudden interest in his haunting love songs. As the chemistry between them grows, his music soars to powerful new heights... but their unlikely connection turns out to be deeper and more complex than your everyday romance. Emotionally captivating and theatrically breathtaking, *ONCE* draws you in from the very first note and never lets go. It's an unforgettable story about going for your dreams... not living in fear... and the power of music to connect all of us.

Was the show based on a movie?

The musical is based on the 2007 Academy Award-winning film of the same name which was written and directed by **John Carney**, and starred **Glen Hansard** and **Markéta Irglová**, with original music and lyrics by Mr. Hansard and Ms. Irglová.

How is the musical different than the movie?

The musical stays true to the movie and at the same time presents a truly unique presentation of the story. The musical features an impressive ensemble of actor/musicians who play their own instruments onstage and the set is structured to look and feel like an Irish pub. There is a real power in seeing the songs and the story unfold live in front of your eyes.

Did *ONCE* win any awards?

ONCE received eight Tony Awards including Best Musical and received the 2013 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album. *ONCE* was also named Best Musical by the New York Drama Critics' Circle, Drama Desk, Drama League, Outer Critics Circle and Lucille Lortel Awards

Who wrote the music?

ONCE features the Academy Award-winning music and lyrics of **Glen Hansard** and **Markéta Irglová**.

My child is nine years old. Is s/he too young to see *ONCE*?

ONCE is a beautiful story about love and music that resonates with fans of all ages. There is some adult language, so it is generally recommended for those ages 10 and up.

Can you tell me more about the pre-show jam session and the bar on stage?

There is a pre-show jam session that begins 15 minutes before advertised start time. The pre-show performance consists of a variety of musical numbers performed on stage by the cast. During this time the audience is invited to come up on stage and purchase drinks from the bar. Audience members shouldn't try to directly interact or touch the cast during this time. This is completely voluntary. Nobody should feel pressured to be up on stage. The on stage bar is also open during intermission. Please note that the drinks being served at the bar vary market by market.

Most people find this to be a special experience that is both energizing and transporting.

What is the running time?

Approximately 2 hours and 15 minutes, including intermission.