

# RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN



## RICHARD RODGERS BASICS:

- **JUNE 28, 1902 – DECEMBER 30, 1979**
- **COMPOSER**
- **FIRST MAJOR COLLABORATION WAS WITH THE LYRICIST LORENZ HART FROM 1919-1943**
- **FIRST COLLABORATION WITH OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II WAS IN 1942**

## OSCAR HAMMERSTEIN II BASICS:

- **JULY 12, 1895 – AUGUST 23, 1960**
- **COLUMBIA GRAD SCHOOL DROPOUT**
- **FIRST COLLABORATION WAS WITH OTTO HARBACH**
- **COLLABORATED WITH JEROME KERN PRIOR TO MEETING RICHARD RODGERS**

## RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN COLLABORATION

- **BEGAN IN 1942**
- **FIRST SHOW TOGETHER WAS *OKLAHOMA!* WHICH OPENED IN 1943**
- **COLLABORATED ON AT LEAST 10 MAJOR PRODUCTIONS**

## WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL ABOUT *OKLAHOMA!*

- OPENED AT THE ST. JAMES THEATRE ON MARCH 31, 1943
- PLAYED FOR 2,212 PERFORMANCES
- GROUND BREAKING IN MANY WAYS:
  - LYRICS-FIRST APPROACH
  - ROUBEN MAMOULIAN DIRECTED & AGNES DEMILLE CHOREOGRAPHED
  - AFTER *OKLAHOMA!* BROADWAY COMPOSERS & LYRICISTS BECAME DRAMATISTS
  - CHARACTERS AND PLOT HAD DEPTH THAT WAS NOT PREVIOUSLY SEEN IN MUSICAL THEATRE

## RODGERS & HAMMERSTEIN MAJOR WORKS (THEATRE & FILM):

- ALLEGRO
- CAROUSEL
- CINDERELLA
- FLOWER DRUM SONG
- THE KING & I
- ME & JULIET
- OKLAHOMA!
- PIPE DREAM
- THE SOUND OF MUSIC
- SOUTH PACIFIC
- STATE FAIR