

The Significance of “Show Boat”

- Music by **Jerome Kern**
- Book & lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II
- Adapted from a novel by Edna Ferber
- Produced by Florenz Ziegfeld
- Opened on Dec. 27, 1927
- Ahead of its time because it incorporated the following elements:
 - Serious story with real people and problems
 - Dealt with a controversial subject
 - Songs that carried the story line
 - Marvelous music