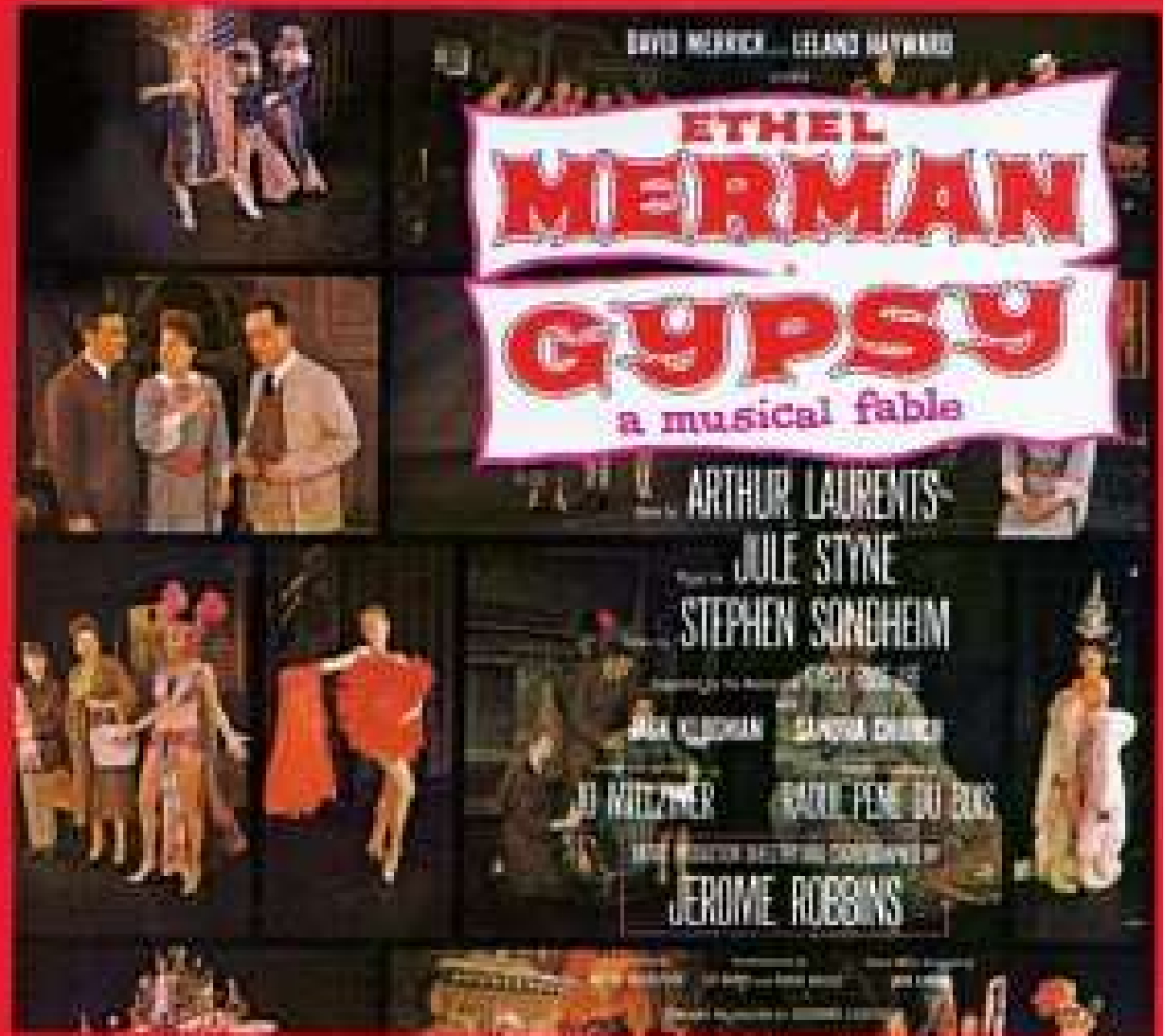


Genre





- Play: Gypsy
- Genre: Musical comedy-drama

Gypsy is a Broadway musical written and produced by David Merrick and Ethel Merman in 1959, based on the memoirs of Gypsy Rose Lee.

The musical takes place in the early 1920's and is about a mother, Rose Hovick, who pushes her two daughters June and Louise to be performers. After years of trying to catch a break, the star of the act, June, elopes with one of the background performers. Rose tries to rework the act with Louise as the star, and they eventually end up accidentally getting booked in a burlesque club. Louise ends up getting pushed into doing a burlesque performance, leading to her transformation into Gypsy Rose Lee, finally gaining success and finding independence from her mother.



I think this genre suits the play very well because a musical is the perfect way to tell a story about show business and the comedy and drama elements do a great job of showcasing not only the strange and unpredictable world of performing but also the ups and downs of family life.