

## SCRIPT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

Comedy	Pygmalion	George Bernard Shaw	(6M, 6W) One of Shaw's finest plays. In this seminal comedy of class distinctions, a fussy British phonetics professor, Henry Higgins wagers that he can transform guttersnipe cockney flower girl, Eliza Doolittle into a lady of breeding, voice and manners in London's Ascot society, with surprising results.
Comedy	Crossing Delancey	Susan Sandler	(2M, 3W) When Isabel is not pining after a handsome author, she is visiting her grandmother (Bubbe) in Manhattan's Lower East Side. This irascible granny and her friend the matchmaker have found a "good catch" for Isabel, whose initial reluctance gives way to a blossoming romance when she finally meets Sam, the pickle vendor.
Comedy	The House of Blue Leaves	John Guare	(4M, 6W) Artie Shaugnessy is a songwriter with visions of glory. Toiling by day as a zoo-keeper, he suffers in seedy lounges by night, plying his wares at piano bars. Artie dreams of getting out of Queens and away from the life he so despises. But like many dreams, this promise of glory evaporates amid the chaos of ordinary lives.
Comedy	God of Carnage	Yasmina Reza	(2M, 2W) The 2009 Tony Award winner for Best Play is an explosive comedic drama exploring the dynamics of two couples who meet over drinks to discuss an episode of bullying perpetrated by the child of one set of beleaguered parents.
Comedy	Getting Away with Murder	Stephen Sondheim and George Furth	(7M, 4W) Dr. Conrad Bering has selected several individuals for private as well as Group therapy. On one evening the members of the Group gather as usual only to discover that the doctor has been murdered. Who did it? The play is propelled by a series of twists and turns and red herrings, along with some hold-your-breath shocks, all culminating in an explosive surprise ending.
Comedy	Six Characters in Search of an Author	Luigi Pirandello	(9M, 3W, 2C, extras) Pirandello's masterpiece, a study in illusion and reality, follows a group of characters who try to fashion their life stories into acceptable drama.
Comedy	Waiting for Godot	Samuel Beckett	(5M) Samuel Beckett's seminal exploration of the futility of man's hope.
Musical	The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas	Book by Larry L. King and Peter Masterson. Music and Lyrics by Carol Hall	(13M, 14W, extras) This happy go lucky view of small town vice and statewide political side stepping recounts the good times and the demise of the Chicken Ranch, known since the 1850s as one of the better pleasure palaces in all of Texas. Governors, senators, mayors and even victorious college football teams frequent Miss Mona's cozy bordello until that puritan nemesis Watchdog focuses his television cameras and his righteous indignation on the institution.
Musical	Grey Gardens	Book by Doug Wright, music by Scott Frankel, lyrics by Michael Korie	(4M, 3W, 2 Girls) The hilarious and heartbreaking story of Big Edie and Little Edie Bouvier Beale, the eccentric aunt and cousin of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, once bright names on the social register who became East Hampton's most notorious recluses
Musical	Sweet Charity	Music by Cy Coleman, lyrics by Dorothy	A tender, poignant and consistently funny look at the adventures, or rather the misadventures, in the ways of love encountered by the gullible and guileless lady known as

		Fields and book by Neil Simon	Charity Agnes Valentine. Charity is a dance hostess who always gives her heart and her dreams to the wrong man
Musical	The Full Monty	Book by Terrence McNally and score by David Yazbek.	In this Americanized musical stage version six unemployed Buffalo steelworkers, low on both cash and prospects, decide to present a strip act at a local club after seeing their wives' enthusiasm for a touring company of Chippendales. One of them, Jerry, declares that their show will be better than the Chippendales dancers because they'll go "the full monty" — strip all the way. As they prepare for the show, working through their fears, self-consciousness, and anxieties, they overcome their inner demons and find strength in their camaraderie.
Musical	The Threepenny Opera	Composer Kurt Weill and poet-playwright Bert Brecht	The Threepenny Opera was an attempt both to satirize traditional opera and operetta and to create a new kind of musical theater. The show is based on The Beggar's Opera, a brilliantly successful parody of Handel's operas written by John Gay in 1728.
Musical	La Cage aux Folles	Book by Harvey Fierstein, Music and Lyrics by Jerry Herman	(7M, 3f, w/chorus of 10M, 2W) After twenty years of unwedded bliss Georges and Albin, two men partnered for better-or-worse get a bit of both when Georges' son (fathered during a one-night fling) announces his impending marriage to the daughter of a bigoted, right-wing politician. Albin and Georges run a transvestite nightclub, where Albin is the "star" performer 'Zaza'. Georges reluctantly agrees to masquerade as "normal" when he meets the family of the bride-to-be. But Albin has other plans, with hilarious results.
Musical	Sweeney Todd	Book by Hugh Wheeler, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim	This chilling, suspenseful story tells the tale of the unjustly exiled barber who returns to 19th century London seeking revenge against the judge who framed him and ravaged his young wife. His thirst for blood soon expands to include his unfortunate customers, and the resourceful proprietress of the pie shop downstairs soon has the people of London lining up in droves with her mysterious new meat pie recipe!
Drama	Awake and Sing	Clifford Odets	(7M, 2W) Set in the Bronx in 1933, the play concerns the impoverished Berger family and their conflicts as the parents scheme to manipulate their children's relationships to their own ends, while their children strive for their own dreams.
Drama	Ghosts	Henrik Ibsen, Translated by Christopher Hampton	(3M, 2W) This riveting family drama is a classic of the modern theatre. Oswald Alving returns for the dedication of the orphanage to his father's memory and has a flirtation with the family maid who, it turns out, is his father's illegitimate daughter. As the long-suppressed truths collide, the orphanage is destroyed by fire, the maid deserts the family in disgust when she learns her true parentage, and Mrs. Alving is left alone to care for her hopelessly insane son who has fallen prey to the social disease that killed his father.
Drama	Opus	Michael Hollinger	(4M, 1W) After firing one of their founding members a world-class string quartet takes a chance on a gifted but relatively inexperienced young woman. With only a few days to rehearse a grueling Beethoven masterpiece, the four struggle to prepare their highest-profile performance. Their rehearsal room becomes a pressure-cooker as passions rise, personalities clash, and the players are forced to confront the ephemeral nature of their life's work.
Drama	The House of Bernarda Alba	Federico García Lorca, adapted	(12W, 1 Child) Following the funeral of Bernarda Alba's second husband, the tyrannical matriarch announces to her

		by Emily Mann	five daughters that their period of mourning will last eight years. Obsessed with family honor, Bernarda rules the household with an iron fist, but all of her daughters secretly harbor a passion for Pepe el Romano, the handsomest man in the village. The eldest daughter is engaged to him, but the arrangement is a financial one, and it is the youngest daughter, Adela, who becomes his lover. When the truth finally breaks through the atmosphere of suppressed desire, jealousy, anger and fear, the consequences are tragic.
Drama	The Championship Season	Jason Miller	(5M) The setting is 1972 at the Coach's home in Scranton, Pennsylvania. On the twentieth anniversary of their victory in the Pennsylvania state championship game, four members of the starting lineup of a Catholic high school basketball team have gathered to celebrate. The coach is terminally ill, and this reunion may be their last chance to reminisce with him.
Mystery	Black Coffee	Agatha Christie	(10M, 3W) This little known mystery will surprise and delight Christie fans. The story concerns a physicist named Sir Claude Amory who has come up with a formula for an atom bomb (Black Coffee was written in 1934!). In the first act, Sir Claude is poisoned (in his coffee, naturally) and Hercule Poirot is called in to solve the case. He does so after many twists and turns in true Christie tradition.
Mystery	Rebecca	Daphne Du Maurier	(7M, 3W, + extras) The action takes place in the living room of Maxim's estate, Manderley, where he brings his second wife. She knows nothing of Rebecca his first wife. As she strives to assume her rightful position as mistress of the house the sinister Mrs. Danvers, Rebecca's housekeeper, refuses to allow her to take the place of Rebecca.
Musical	Damn Yankees	Book by George Abbott and Douglass Wallop. Music and lyrics by Richard Adler and Jerry Ross	Middle-aged baseball fanatic Joe Boyd trades his soul to the Devil (the charming but devious Mr. Applegate) for a chance to lead his favorite team to victory in the pennant race against the New York Yankees. As young baseball sensation Joe Hardy, he transforms the hapless Washington Senators into a winning team, only to realize the true worth of the life (and wife) he's left behind.