

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* premiered in a live television broadcast on March 31, 1957, starring Julie Andrews, a sparkling new star who had just triumphed in *My Fair Lady*. Rodgers and Hammerstein approached the story with the honesty and simplicity that characterized all their work, and *Cinderella* was a smash hit. The live broadcast was viewed by more people than any other program in the history of television.

*Cinderella* is a familiar tale to all, and every culture and time period has their own cinderella story, featuring two young people trying to find their way in a world full of obstacles and obligations.

In 1997, Rodgers' and Hammerstein's *Cinderella* was remade for television, with an acclaimed Broadway and Grammy award winning cast including Bernadette Peters, Jason Alexander and Whitney Houston. This "enchanted edition" featured a diverse cast, an updated humorous script full of empathy, and personal empowerment for its characters. The emotionally soaring Rodgers and Hammerstein score punctuated by stunning ballroom dance sequences made everything that seemed impossible instead quite possible.

Enchanting in every way, this *Cinderella* overflows with genuine whimsy, romance and magic. It is indeed a timeless tale with appeal to all ages and interests. Audiences will leave joyfully humming instantly familiar tunes along with a renewed belief that kindness is and always will be in fashion.