

# **Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty: History and Discography**

## **Recordings of Stage Musicals:**

### **Lucky Stiff**

Off-Broadway Premiere April 26, 1988  
Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
1994 Studio Cast Recording (Varèse Sarabande VSD-5461)  
Winner: Best Musical - 1990 Helen Hayes Award

### **Once On This Island**

Off-Broadway Premiere May 6, 1990  
Broadway Premiere October 18, 1990  
Music by Stephen Flaherty, Book & Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
1991 Original Broadway Cast Recording (RCA Victor 60595-2-RC)  
Nominated for 8 1991 Tony Awards  
Musical, Score, Book, Featured Actress - Musical (LaChanze), Director - Musical (Graciela Daniele), Costume Designer (Judy Dearing), Lighting Design (Allen Lee Hughes), Choreographer (Graciela Daniele)

### **My Favorite Year**

Broadway Premiere December 10, 1992  
Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, Book by Joseph Dougherty  
1992 Original Broadway Cast Recording (RCA Victor 09026-61617-2)  
Nominated for 3 1993 Tony Awards  
Actor - Musical (Tim Curry), Featured Actress - Musical (Lainie Kazan)  
Winner: Best Featured Actress - Musical (Andrea Martin)  
Nominated for 2 1993 Drama Desk Awards  
Featured Actress (Andrea Martin) and Best Orchestrations (Michael Starobin)  
Winner of the Theatre World Award (Debut Performance by an Actress) Andrea Martin

### **Once On This Island (London)**

London Premiere September 28, 1994  
Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
1994 London Cast Recording (JAY CDJAY 1243)  
Winner 1995 Olivier Award (London): Best New Musical

### **A Christmas Carol**

New York Premiere at Paramount Theater at Madison Square Garden, December 1, 1994  
Music by Alan Menken and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
1995 Original Cast Recording (Sony B000002B2F)

### **Songs from Ragtime: The Musical**

Toronto Premiere December 9, 1996  
Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
1996 Studio Cast "Songs from Ragtime" Concept Album (RCA Victor 09026-68629-2)  
Nominated for 1997 Grammy Award: Best Musical Theater Album

Winner 7 1997 DORAs (Toronto) Large Theater category: Best New Play or Musical, Outstanding Musical Production, Direction - Musical (Frank Galati), Male in a Musical or Revue (Brian Stokes Mitchell), Female in a Musical or Revue (Audra Ann McDonald), Lighting Design (Jules Fisher & Peggy Eisenhauer), Sound or Music (Stephen Flaherty)

Winner 8 1997 Theatre LA Ovation Awards (Los Angeles) Best Musical - Larger Theatre, Lead Actress - Musical (Marcia Mitzman Gaven), Featured Actress - Musical (Judy Kaye), Director - Musical (Frank Galati), Choreographer (Graciela Daniele), Lighting Design - Larger Theatre (Jules Fisher & Peggy Eisenhauer), Set Design - Larger Theatre (Eugene Lee), Sound Design - Larger Theatre (Jonathan Deans)

### **Ragtime**

Broadway Premiere January 18, 1998

Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

1998 Original Broadway Cast 2-CD set (RCA Victor Broadway) B0000064XS

Nominated for 1 1998 Grammy Award: Best Musical Theater Album

Winner 5 1998 Drama Desk Awards: Best Musical, Best Music (Stephen Flaherty), Best Lyrics (Lynn Ahrens), Best Book (Terrence McNally), Best Orchestrations (William David Brohn)

Winner 4 1998 Tony Awards: Best Featured Actress (Audra McDonald), Best Musical Score (Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens), Best Book (Terrence McNally), Best Orchestrations (William David Brohn)

Winner 1998 Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Broadway Musical

### **Seussical**

Broadway Premiere November 2000

Music by Stephen Flaherty & Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Based on a concept by Ahrens, Flaherty and Eric Idle

2001 Original Broadway Cast CD (Decca Broadway B000056QFG)

Nominated for 3 2001 Drama Desk Awards: Best Actor (Kevin Chamberlin), Best Actress (Janine LaManna), Best Music (Stephen Flaherty)

Nominated for 2001 Tony Award: Best Actor (Kevin Chamberlin)

Nominated for 2001 Grammy Award: Best Musical Theater Album

### **A Man Of No Importance**

Off-Broadway Premiere October 10, 2002 at Lincoln Center Theatre

Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

2002 Original Cast Recording (JAY Records B00008VGN4)

Winner 2003 Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Off-Broadway Musical

Nominated for 7 2003 Drama Desk Awards: Outstanding Musical, Featured Actor-Musical (Charles Keating), Featured Actor-Musical (Steven Pasquale), Best Director (Joe Mantello), Outstanding Music (Stephen Flaherty), Outstanding Lyrics (Lynn Ahrens), Outstanding Book (Terrence McNally)

### **Lucky Stiff**

York Theatre Musicals In Mufti October 24, 2003

Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

2003 Original Off-Broadway Cast Recording (JAY Records B0002T7YO4)

### **Dessa Rose**

Off-Broadway Premiere March 21, 2005 at Lincoln Center Theatre

Music by Stephen Flaherty, Book and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
2005 Original Cast Recording (JAY Records B000BMSUEU)

Nominated for 5 2005 Drama Desk Awards: Actress-Musical (LaChanze), Actress-Musical (Rachel York), Featured Actress-Musical (Kecia Lewis), Featured Actor-Musical (Norm Lewis), Outstanding Music (Stephen Flaherty)

**Loving Repeating: A Musical of Gertrude Stein**

World Premiere February 18, 2006 at About Face Theatre/Museum of Contemporary Art, Chicago, IL

Music by Stephen Flaherty, Book and Lyrics by Gertrude Stein, Adapted by Frank Galati  
Nominated for 5 2006 Joseph Jefferson Awards – Best Director (Frank Galati), Best Ensemble, Best Musical Direction (Tom Murray)

Winner– Best New Work (Musical) and Best Actress (Cindy Gold)

2006 Original Cast Recording (JAY Records B000J3FBHU)

**Seussical** (Off-Broadway Revival)

Off-Broadway Revival July 19, 2007 at the Lucille Lortel Theatre

Presented by Theatreworks/USA

Music by Stephen Flaherty & Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Based on a concept by Ahrens, Flaherty and Eric Idle

Nominated for 3 2008 Lucille Lortel Awards: Best Revival, Best Choreography (Marcia Milgrom Dodge), Best Costumes (Tracy Christensen)

Nominated for the 2008 Dramaleague Award for Best Revival

Original Off-Broadway Cast Recording (JAY Records CDJAY B003YCI1T8)

**The Glorious Ones**

Off-Broadway Premiere October 11, 2007 at Lincoln Center Theatre

Music by Stephen Flaherty, Book and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Nominated for 5 2008 Drama Desk Awards – Best Musical, Best Music, Best Lyrics, Best Orchestrations (Michael Starobin), Best Costumes (Mara Blumenfeld)

Nominated for the 2008 Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical

Original Off-Broadway Cast Recording (JAY Records CDJAY1407)

**Songs from “Ragtime” (Original 2009 Broadway Cast)**

Opening Night November 15, 2009 at the Neil Simon Theater

Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Book by Terrence McNally

Original 2009 Broadway (Revival) Cast (JAY Records – EP featuring 7 songs)

CDJAY 8010

Nominated for 7 2010 Tony Awards: Best Musical Revival, Leading Actress (Christiane Noll), Featured Actor (Bobby Steggert), Scenic Design (Derek McLane), Costume Design (Santo Loquasto), Lighting Design (Donald Holder), Outstanding Direction of a Musical (Marcia Milgrom Dodge), Outstanding Choreography (Marcia Milgrom Dodge)

Nominated for 9 2010 Drama Desk Awards: Outstanding Musical Revival, Leading Actress (Christiane Noll), Featured Actor (Bobby Steggert), Scenic Design (Derek McLane), Costume Design (Santo Loquasto), Lighting Design (Donald Holder), Direction of a Musical (Marcia Milgrom Dodge), Orchestrations (William D. Brohn), Sound Design (Acme Sound Partners – WINNER)

Nominated for 2010 Drama League Award for Distinguished Revival of a Musical

This production, which originated at the Kennedy Center, was also named Outstanding Resident Musical at the 2010 Helen Hayes Awards, which are given annually for excellence in theater in the Washington D.C. area. The production also picked up awards for Best Leading Actress (Christiane Noll), director (Marcia Milgrom Dodge) and costumes (Santo Loquasto and Jimm Halliday.)

**Rocky Das Musical** (World Premiere German Recording)

Opening Night November 18, 2012 at the TUI Operettenhaus Theatre, Hamburg, Germany

Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Book by Thomas Meehan and Sylvester Stallone

World Premiere German Cast (ASIN: B009EPBCZO)

**Rocky** (Original Broadway Cast Recording)

Opening Night March 13, 2014 at the Winter Garden Theater, New York, NY

Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Book by Thomas Meehan and Sylvester Stallone

Original Broadway Cast (Label: UMe - ASIN: B00J2AU8MY – Released May 27, 2014)

Nominated for 4 2014 Tony Awards Awards: Best Actor (Andy Karl), Best Scenic Design (Christopher Barreca - WINNER), Best Choreography (Steven Hoggett & Kelly Devine) and Best Lightening Design (Christoper Ackerlind)

Nominated for 7 2014 Drama Desk Awards: Outstanding Musical, Best Actor (Andy Karl), Best Director (Alex Timbers), Best Scenic Design (Christopher Barreca - WINNER), Best Choreography (Steven Hoggett & Kelly Devine) and Best Lightening Design (Christoper Ackerlind - WINNER), Best Sound Design (Peter Hylenski)

Nominated for 6 2014 Outer Critics Circle Awards: Best New Broadway musical, Best Actor (Andy Karl), Best Book (Thomas Meehan and Sylvester Stallone), Best Director (Alex Timbers), Best Scenic Design (Christopher Barreca - WINNER), Best Choreography (Steven Hoggett & Kelly Devine)

Nominated for 3 2014 Drama League Awards for Outstanding Musical, Best Actor (Andy Karl) and Best Actress (Margo Seibert)

**Film and Television Recordings:**

**Anastasia**

Songs: Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Score: Music by David Newman

1997 Original Film Soundtrack (Atlantic 83053-2)

Nominated for 2 1997 Academy Awards:

Best Song "Journey To The Past"

Best Musical or Comedy Score (Newman, Flaherty, & Ahrens)

Nominated for 2 1997 Golden Globe Awards:

Best Song "Journey To The Past"

Best Song "Once Upon A December"

Certified Gold Record

**At The Beginning** (CD single)

From the motion picture **Anastasia**

Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Track 1: "At The Beginning" performed by Donna Lewis & Richard Marx

Track 2: "At The Beginning" instrumental

1997 CD-single (Atlantic)

**Buster & Chauncey's Silent Night** 1998 Animated Film (televised and direct to DVD)

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Flaherty and Lynn Ahrens and others

Ahrens and Flaherty contributed two songs: "Christmas in Oberndorf" and "Things I've Collected," featuring vocals by Lea Michele

Sony Pictures DVD B00004VVO4 (no commercial CD available)

**Bartok The Magnificent** 1999 Animated Film (direct to DVD)

Songs: Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Original Score: Music by Stephen Flaherty

1999 - 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox DVD B00000JL80 (no commercial CD available)

**Camp**

2003 Motion Picture Soundtrack

Music by Michael Gore and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens and others

UMVD Labels B0000A4G4J (Enhanced)

**A Christmas Carol**

2004 Television Film Soundtrack

Music by Alan Menken and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

2004 television soundtrack recording (JAY Records B0006SSNSC)

**Anastasia (Family Fun Edition with Bartok The Magnificent)**

Songs: Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Score: Music by Stephen Flaherty and David Newman

Deluxe double DVD featuring both films with bonus features

2006 - 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox DVD B000CNE092

**Selected Anthologies and Miscellaneous Recordings:**

**Free To Be...A Family** --Marlo Thomas and Friends

"Friendly Neighborhood" performed by Marlo Thomas

music by Stephen Flaherty & lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

1988 Children's Recording (A&M 6301161688)

**Lost in Boston** 1994 anthology

"Come Down From the Tree" performed by Lillias White

music by Stephen Flaherty & lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

cut from *Once On This Island*

Varèse Sarabande VSD-5475

**Lost in Boston III** 1995 anthology

"When Daniel Marries" performed by La Chanze

music by Stephen Flaherty & lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

cut from *Once On This Island*

Varèse Sarabande VSD-5563

**Ragtime: Themes From The Musical** The Brad Ellis Little Big Band  
Music by Stephen Flaherty and Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
1998 jazz version (Varèse Sarabande VSD-5880)

**A Splash of Pops** Boston Pops Orchestra  
"With Voices Raised" performed by Jason Danieleley, with Donna Bullock, LaChanze,  
Judy Kaye, Blair Brown, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Tommy Hollis, Alton White and Chuck  
Cooper  
Music by Stephen Flaherty & text by Lynn Ahrens  
1999 Recording RCA Victor B00000J90Y

**Schoolhouse Rock!** ABC-TV animated series (1973- )  
Money Rock: "Tax Man Max" music by Stephen Flaherty & lyrics by Lynn Ahrens  
Available on the **Schoolhouse Rock!** 4-CD box set from Rhino

**Nice Fighting You: A 30th Anniversary Celebration Live at 54 BELOW**  
A double live CD, recorded in September of 2013, featuring 30 years of music by  
Stephen Flaherty and lyrics by Lynn Ahrens.

Featuring performances by Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty with musical guests Brian  
Stokes Mitchell, LaChanze, Marin Mazzie, Jeremy Jordan, Liz Callaway, Rebecca Luker,  
Annaleigh Ashford, Stephanie J. Block, Kevin Chamberlin, Mary Testa, Bobby Steggert,  
Jessica Molaskey, Kecia Lewis, Lewis Grosso, Quentin Earl Darrington, Sean McCourt  
Deluxe Double CD – Released June 3, 2014 on Broadway Records, ASIN: B00JPWSJOI

### **Selected Song Covers:**

"All Those Christmas Cliches"—Recorded by Nancy LaMott on the CD "Just In Time  
For Christmas" (Midder Music B000005AAX.)  
Also recorded by Lainie Kazan (with Stephen Flaherty at piano) on the CD "Cabaret  
Noel: A Broadway Cares Christmas" (Lockett-Palmer Recordings, B000CZ3UC8)  
*Premiere Recording*, and by Susan Egan on the CD "Winter Tracks" (LML Music –  
LML CD-212), 2006, and Christiane Noll on the CD "A Christmas Survival Guide" (Car  
Jack Records B00003W884)

"Back To Before"—Recorded by Patti LuPone on the CD "Matters Of The Heart"  
(Varese Sarabande B00001QGL9), 1999  
Also recorded by Kim Criswell on the CD "Back To Before" (JAY Records CDJAY  
1317), 1999

"Children Will Listen" (Sondheim)/"Our Children"—Recorded by Johnny Mathis with  
Betty Buckley on the CD "Mathis On Broadway" (Columbia--CK 63897), 2000

"Come Down From The Tree"—Recorded by Audra McDonald on the CD "How Glory  
Goes" (Nonesuch 7980-2), 2000.  
Also recorded by Lillias White on the CD "Lost In Boston" (Varese Sarabande--  
B0000014U4), 1994. *Premiere Recording*.

"The Human Heart"—Recorded by Stephanie J. Block on the CD "This Place I Know"  
(PS Classics--B0025AY3GK), 2009

“I Was Here”—Recorded by Brian Stokes Mitchell as a bonus CD to the book “Lights On Broadway: A Theatrical Tour from A to Z” (Blue Apple Books--193470668X), 2009 Also recorded by Philip Quast on the CD “Philip Quast: Live At The Donmar” (PQD 1), 2002. *Premiere Recording*.

“It’s Possible” and “Solla Sollew”—Recorded by Donny Osmond on the CD “This Is The Moment” (Decca), 2001

“Make Them Hear You”—Recorded by Three Mo’ Tenors on the CD “Three Mo’ Tenors” (RCA Victor B00005LVVC), 2001; DVD also available

“Nothing To Lose (But Your Heart)”—Recorded by Liz Callaway on the CD “Passage Of Time” (PS Classics-- B002LVGXRA), 2009. *Premiere Recording*.

“Once Upon A December”—Recorded by Donna Lynne Champlin on the CD “Old Friends” (Parting Glass Productions B003183QLI), 2009

“Opposite You”—Recorded by Marin Mazzie and Jason Danieley on the CD “Opposite You” (PS Classics--B000BDGVXQ), 2005. *Premiere Recording*.

“Ragtime”—Eric Kunzel and the Cincinnati Pops Orchestra (Telarc B00000ILWX), 1999

“Something Beautiful”—Recorded by Stephanie J. Block on the CD “This Place I Know” (PS Classics--B0025AY3GK), 2009. *Premiere Recording*.

“The Streets Of Dublin”—Recorded by Rachel Bay Jones on the CD “Showfolk”(Plum Song Records-- B001TD6UQU)

“Times Like This”—Recorded by Christiane Noll on the CD “A Broadway Love Story” (Varese Sarabande VSD 5956), 1998.  
Also recorded by Heidi Grant Murphy on the CD “Times Like This” (Label: Koch Int’l Classics B00007G78D), 2003

“Wheels Of A Dream”—Recorded by Renee Fleming and Bryn Terfl on the CD “Under The Stars” (Decca B000088E7D), 2003; DVD also available