

Are you getting as excited about Broadway Bound as I am?!

If you love to prep for travel by immersing yourself in literature, media, and ENDLESS Googling about your locale like I do, check out this list of what I'm watching and reading to get prepared and pumped for NYC!

I. Carousel

a. YouTube:

- i. Opening night of OUR production on Broadway:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QsfUbKf-yPU>
- ii. Kelli O'Hara and Nathan Gunn KILLING the bench scene:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Czp1ISWPQ2g>

b. Reading:

- i. A best-selling Rodgers and Hammerstein biography, *Something Wonderful: Rodgers and Hammerstein's Broadway Revolution* by Todd S. Purdum, available hardcover and Kindle here:
https://www.amazon.com/dp/B074SVPZMK/?coliid=I2K7IE9B1ELA6E&colid=PYPLUdTJ44DV&psc=0&ref=lv_ov_lig_dp_it

II. The Band's Visit

a. Film:

- i. Rent *The Band's Visit* (did you know it was a film first?) on Amazon for \$3.99; *The Band's Visit* (2008): https://www.amazon.com/Bands-Visit-Ronit-Elkabetz/dp/B001DNCBPU/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1524251919&sr=8-1&keywords=the+band%27s+visit

b. YouTube:

- i. PBS News Hour looks into the new musical:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WHWJJagX6jg>
- ii. If you've got time and interest, Google sat down with the cast for Q&A, conversations, and a few performances to break it up:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0jDSg2uQRXU>
- iii. A 26:47 Theatre Talk interview with stars Tony Shalhoub, Katrina Lenk, and John Cariani to feed your inner dramaturg: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I9Y5-Lt9XOQ>

III. Anastasia

a. Film:

- i. For \$3.99 on Amazon, rent the 94-minute 20th Century Fox cartoon version of *Anastasia* in which our production was largely based, featuring the voices of Meg Ryan, John Cusack, and Kelsey Grammer; *Anastasia* (1997):
https://www.amazon.com/Anastasia-Meg-Ryan/dp/B000SVZIGC/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1524252004&sr=8-3&keywords=anastasia
- ii. Rent the \$3.99, 105-minute, 1956 film of *Anastasia*, starring legends Ingrid Bergman, Yul Brynner, and Helen Hayes also available on Amazon:
[https://www.amazon.com/Anastasia-Ingrid-](https://www.amazon.com/Anastasia-Ingrid)

[Bergman/dp/B00265PETO/ref=sr_1_10?ie=UTF8&qid=1524252172&sr=8-10&keywords=anastasia](https://www.amazon.com/Bergman/dp/B00265PETO/ref=sr_1_10?ie=UTF8&qid=1524252172&sr=8-10&keywords=anastasia)

IV. Come From Away

a. YouTube:

- i. A BUILD interview with star Jenn Colella on the range of characters she plays in the musical: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WA4o-CunyK4>
- ii. A look into the production choices involved to tell this true story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A0IDbSeUC4U>
- iii. The cast describes the challenges and joys of playing real people: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndmdB2XS6Jc>
- iv. Cast member Sharon Wheatley takes the camera backstage of the Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre to show us 5 insider secrets: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLUwwNh9aEI>

b. Reading:

- i. The book published in 2011 from journalist DeFede who is credited with uncovering the remarkable Newfoundland story that later inspired the musical; *The Day the World Came to Town: 9/11 in Gander, Newfoundland* by Jim DeFede: https://www.amazon.com/Day-World-Came-Town-Newfoundland-ebook/dp/B004T4UNU0/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1524252889&sr=8-2&keywords=come+from+away

V. Once on this Island

a. YouTube:

- i. Broadway.com followed a week in the life of star Hailey Kilgore with an eight-episode series, each between 10-15 minutes: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RV77211foo>

VI. Carnegie Hall

a. Multimedia:

- i. Did you know Carnegie Hall was a concert hall AND residential apartment complex for artists until only a few years ago when the city officially evicted the remaining tenants? I am fascinated by this history!
 1. The New York Times article on the situation: <https://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/28/nyregion/28carnegie.html>
 2. An Associate Press article on the last Carnegie Hall resident in 2010: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=y4RHjAMa4QU>
 3. New York magazine *Bohemia in Midtown* article from 2007 and an inside look of the interior of Carnegie Hall residents: <http://nymag.com/homedesign/greatrooms/42385/>
 4. The NPR report from 2007, *Carnegie Artist Tenants Fight Eviction*: <https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=12721925>
 5. Diva Editta “The Duchess” Sherman and renown photographer Bill Cunningham, in their natural habitat, in Josel Birdman Astor’s documentary film *Lost Bohemia* – the film in its entirety is not available to view for free, but clips and trailers are available on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LIDdv8LWexo>

VII. The Tour at NBC Studios

a. Reading

- i. Great Fortune: The Epic of Rockefeller Center by Daniel Okrent was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in History in 2004 and is available on Kindle and paperback for less than \$20: https://www.amazon.com/dp/B072STJNND/ref=dp-kindle-redirect?_encoding=UTF8&btkr=1
- ii. A short article on secrets of Rockefeller Center: <https://www.amny.com/secrets-of-new-york/secrets-of-rockefeller-center-1.9739426>
- iii. We won't see the tree as it will be summer time of course, but for 18 stories you probably didn't know about this New York icon, read Thrillist's 2014 article: <https://www.thrillist.com/entertainment/new-york/midtown-west/nyc-rockefeller-center-christmas-tree-history>

b. YouTube:

- i. I've never seen a video like this before! It's footage of NYC with no narration! Especially if you've never been to NYC before, THIS is what it looks like to walk around Midtown Manhattan and Rockefeller Center. (No need to watch all 20 minutes; skip ahead as needed!): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-3gF172keo>
- ii. An old ad (you'll know why about 20 seconds in), but a fun video of the tour we will be taking: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bw89RjL1A_w

VIII. Whitney Museum of American Art

a. YouTube:

- i. The museum's facelift is very new – it only reopened in 2015! See a beautiful video of its history and the 2011 architectural plans here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dztIFdS0aXw>
- ii. The museum ITSELF is a work of art. For another preview of the building in its finished state, see this video from 2015: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PhhLRkOSfS8>
- iii. For more on the museum's world famous, living-legend architect, Renzo Piano (maybe you've heard of the Shard in London or Potsdammer Platz in Berlin?), skip ahead to 4:35 (after the THUNDEROUS audience applause) for his 2006 lecture to The Architectural League, *Architecture and the Environment*: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17CbJFi7kO>
- iv. Perhaps you can tell I am enamored with the architect Renzo Piano...For others interested in the artists behind architecture and design, this biography is beautiful: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLkfAkVJtyc>

IX. General New York:

a. Fashion

- i. It breaks my heart that this movie is no longer available on Netflix, but I adore Bill Cunningham, one of the most idiosyncratic and humble of men who photographed some of the most iconic 20th and 21st century fashion in New York City, but this was the trailer: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mkQklk_cfVs

- ii. Bill Cunningham did talk about his photography for The New York Times on a podcast called “On the Street with Bill Cunningham.” You can get lost on these 3 minute or less clips for DAYS. This one is about hats:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OLUmizc6E>
 - iii. I would not consider myself an artist, but I am very inspired by the lives of artists and people who are deeply passionate about their craft. I LOVED the documentary *Advanced Style* by Ari Seth Cohen about highly fashionable – borderline obsessed - women over the age of 70 in NYC.
 - 1. Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ccai-E36Bfl>
 - 2. Featurette: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWKTfqivbRQ>
 - 3. You can stream the documentary for \$7.45 on the website under “Advance Style Feature” here:
<http://www.advancedstylethemovie.com/>
- b. Transportation
- i. This New York Times subway video is hilarious as a former commuter myself! No need to fear the subway system as a tourist – It’s much worse for the locals! At least you CHOSE to travel this way! My most important subway riding tip: if the doors are closed, the train can move at ANY TIME! Second most important tip: if a cabin is empty, there is always a reason why!:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cpYTamWYo8s>