

A portrait of Lin-Manuel Miranda with his hands raised in front of his face, set against a blue background. The image is monochromatic with a blue tint.

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BIOGRAPHY

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Lin-Manuel Miranda is an award-winning composer, lyricist, and actor. He is the creator and original star of Broadway's Tony-winning musicals, *Hamilton* and *In the Heights*. *Hamilton* - with book, music and lyrics by Mr. Miranda, in addition to him originating the title role - was awarded the 2016 Pulitzer Prize in Drama and earned a record-breaking 16 Tony Nominations, winning 11 Tony Awards including two personally for Mr. Miranda for Book and Score of a Musical. The Original Broadway Cast Recording of *Hamilton* won the 2016 Grammy for Best Musical Theater Album. Both Mr. Miranda and *Hamilton* won the 2016 Drama League Awards for Distinguished Performance and Outstanding Production of a Musical, respectively. Miranda, Thomas Kail, Andy Blankenbuehler and Alex Lacamoire were awarded a 2018 Kennedy Center Honors for their collaborative achievement in *Hamilton* and its continued artist impact.

For its sold-out Off-Broadway run at The Public Theater, *Hamilton* received a record-breaking 10 Lortel Awards, 3 Outer Critic Circle Awards, 8 Drama Desk Awards, the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best New Musical, and an OBIE for Best New American Play. Material from the show was previewed at the White House during its first-ever Evening of Poetry & Spoken Word in 2009, Lincoln Center Theater's 2012 American Songbook Series and New York Stage and Film's 2013 Powerhouse Theatre Season at Vassar College. The Chicago production of *Hamilton* opened in October 2016, with a 1st National Tour and London production both opening in 2017. A second national tour launched in 2018, with a third national tour premiering in 2019. The London production of *Hamilton* went on to win 7 Olivier Awards in 2018, including Best New Musical and Outstanding Achievement in Music for Mr. Miranda and orchestrator Alex Lacamoire. *The Hamilton Mixtape*, a concept album inspired by the show's score was released on Dec. 2, 2016. Miranda received a 2017 MTV VMA Award in the "Best Fight Against The System" category for the video "Immigrants (We Get the Job Done)" off of *The Hamilton Mixtape*.

Mr. Miranda's *In the Heights* (originally conceived by Miranda, with book by Quiara Alegría Hudes, and direction by Thomas Kail), received four 2008 Tony Awards with Miranda receiving a Tony Award for Best Score, as well as a nomination for Best Leading Actor in a Musical. *In the Heights* also took home a 2009 Grammy Award for its Original Broadway Cast Album and was recognized as a Finalist for the 2009 Pulitzer Prize in Drama. In 2016, Miranda won the Olivier Award for Outstanding Achievement in Music for the Original London production of *In the Heights*. Off-Broadway, *In the Heights* received a Drama Desk award for Outstanding Ensemble Performance, the Lucille Lortel Award and Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Musical and Mr. Miranda received an Obie Award for Outstanding Music and Lyrics. The film adaptation of *In The Heights*, with songs by Miranda and screenplay by Quiara Alegría Hudes, will be released by Warner Brothers in 2020.

Mr. Miranda is the co-composer (with Tom Kitt), and co-lyricist (with Amanda Green) of Broadway's *Bring it On: The Musical* (2013 Tony Nom., Best Musical, 2013 Drama Desk Nom., Best Lyrics). He contributed new songs to the revival of Stephen Schwartz' *Working* and Spanish translations for the 2009 Broadway Revival of *West Side Story*. In 2014, Mr. Miranda received an Emmy Award with Tom Kitt for their song, "Bigger" from the 67th Annual Tony Awards. He collaborated with J.J. Abrams on the song, "Dobra Doompa" for *Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens*. Mr. Miranda contributed music, lyrics and vocals to several songs in Disney's feature film *Moana* which earned him 2017 Oscar and Golden Globe nominations and a 2018 Grammy Award for the original song, "How Far I'll Go."

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Mr. Miranda played Charlie Kringas in the 2012 City Center Encores! production of *Merrily We Roll Along* and can be heard on the 2012 Cast Recording released by PS Classics. He also appeared in the 2014 City Center Encores! Off-Center production of *tick, tick... BOOM!* as Jonathan. In 2019, Miranda starred as King Arthur in a benefit concert performance of *Camelot* for Lincoln Center Theatre. He appeared as the Narrator in his one-act musical, "21 Chump Street" as part of *This American Life: One Night Only* at BAM on June 7th, 2014.

Mr. Miranda is a recipient of the 2015 MacArthur Foundation Award, the National Arts Club Medal of Honor, the ASCAP Foundation's Richard Rodgers New Horizons Award and the Portrait of A Nation Prize. He has received stars on both the Puerto Rico Walk of Fame and the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He serves as a Council Member of The Dramatists Guild, a Board Member of the Dramatist Guild Foundation and was appointed by Mayor Bill de Blasio to New York City's Theater Subdistrict Council in 2015.

On July 8, 2016, Mr. Miranda and Jennifer Lopez released the charity single, "Love Make The World Go Round" as a tribute to the victims of the 2016 Orlando nightclub shooting. He has continued to respond to tragedy with music, teaming with composers Benj Pasek & Justin Paul and Tony Winner Ben Platt for "Found/Tonight" supporting the March For Our Lives Initiative.

Mr. Miranda has actively supported the relief efforts in Puerto Rico following Hurricane Maria in September 2017, creating the benefit single, "Almost Like Praying" as well as releasing its Salsa Remix, benefitting the Hispanic Federation's UNIDOS Disaster Relief and Recovery Program. In honor of the historic 2019 run of *Hamilton* in Puerto Rico, the Miranda family, the producers of *Hamilton*, and the Flamboyant Foundation partnered to create the Flamboyant Arts Fund, raising \$15 million for arts and culture on the island.

Mr. Miranda is a co-founder and member of *Freestyle Love Supreme*, a hip-hop improv group that has toured the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, as well as the Aspen, Melbourne and Montreal Comedy Festivals. The group created a limited television series for Pivot in 2014 and made its Broadway debut in a self-titled show in 2019.

Mr. Miranda released a book of his collected tweets, *Gmorning, Gnight!: Little Pep Talks for Me & You* through Random House, featuring illustrations by Jonny Sun. Mr. Miranda has lent his voice to the audiobook recordings of *Gmorning, Gnight!*, *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz and *Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe* by Benjamin Alire Saen.

Mr. Miranda's TV/Film credits include: *His Dark Materials*, *Fosse/Verdon*, *Brooklyn Nine-Nine*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm* (2018 Emmy Nomination, Guest Actor), *Saturday Night Live* (2017 Emmy Nomination, Guest Actor), *The Electric Company*, *Sesame Street*, *The Sopranos*, *House*, *Modern Family*, *The Polar Bears*, *Do No Harm*, *Smash*, *How I Met Your Mother*, *Freestyle Love Supreme*, *Inside Amy Schumer*, *Bartlett, Difficult People*, *Billy on the Street*, *Hamilton's America*, *Drunk History*, *DuckTales*, *Nina's World*, *BoJack Horseman*, *The Odd Life of Timothy Green*, *200 Cartas*, *Speech and Debate*, *Moana* (2017 Oscar and Golden Globe nominations, Grammy Award for Best Original Song) and *Mary Poppins Returns* (2019 Golden Globe Nomination, Best Actor). He received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 2002. He lives in NYC with his wife, sons and dog.