

## **Podcaster and Broadway Fan Turns Passion Into Online Radio Station** *Connecticut resident Stuart Brown has been attending shows for five decades*

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West Hartford, CT - Stuart Brown, a lifelong Broadway musical theater fan, was tired of hearing the same songs from the same Broadway shows on streaming services and satellite radio. "It seemed like they would rarely change their playlist of chosen songs," said Brown, a Connecticut based theater critic who reviews shows on Broadway and in the Nutmeg state. "I knew I could do better."

Three years ago, his desire became a reality when he launched the 24/7 online show music radio station, Sounds of Broadway (SoundsofBroadway.com). Advances in technology made it easy to establish the home-grown radio station that can be managed by simply using a microphone and laptop.

According to Brown, Sounds of Broadway currently reaches 80,000 listeners a month from all over the world. "We have listeners in many countries, including Australia, Canada, Brazil, Germany, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom," he said. "Most listeners are all over the United States. It's fun to see where people are tuning in from."

The radio station offers the most wide-ranging listing of music from the Off-Broadway, Broadway, and London stages. There are over 4,600 songs from about 560 musicals in rotation.

The goal of Sounds of Broadway is to educate and entertain. "I curate every playlist," stated Brown, a recently retired college administrator. "There is no computer picking the songs. I feature popular and well-known shows like *Wicked*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Hamilton*. But, unlike other online radio stations, I include selections from more obscure or little heard of shows. It's the college educator in me; I want to entertain but also teach people about musical theater history."

Brown, who is also the President of the Connecticut Critics Circle, was first smitten with Broadway musicals as a freshman in high school. "My friend and I would take the bus from New Jersey to New York City. One of my first shows was the original production of *Grease* in 1972. I think we paid less than \$8.00 for a full priced Saturday matinee ticket."

One of the central features of our platform is a two-hour all-request time slot from 8:00-10:00PM EST every night. "Everyone has their favorite songs they want to hear, and this gives listeners the chance to do so," said Brown. "No other show music radio station gives listeners this opportunity."

"Everybody loves a great Broadway song," stated Brown, who attends dozens of Broadway shows a year. "Sounds of Broadway is fast becoming the destination for both musical theater aficionados and people who are just discovering this very American art form."

The Sounds of Broadway 24/7 streaming music app can be downloaded for Apple, Android and Amazon Echo devices. The subscription-free service is also available for any browser directly through the website. Visit [soundsofbroadway.com](http://soundsofbroadway.com) to start listening.

### **About Sounds of Broadway**

Sounds of Broadway offers the most wide-ranging listing of music from the Off-Broadway, Broadway, and London stages. Thousands of songs from hundreds of cast recordings stream online, 24/7. In addition to our regular programming schedules, listeners can make requests from an extensive song catalog. Download our streaming music app for iOS, Android, or Amazon Alexa. Listen to our weekly companion podcast "On Broadway" featuring music and interviews or enjoy Broadway-themed Trivia Challenges and Crossword Puzzles. Visit [soundsofbroadway.com](http://soundsofbroadway.com).

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