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Cyndi Lauper's award-winning musical score to thrill Brisbane

KINKY Boots star Callum Francis can't wait for the hit musical's Brisbane season. The musical theatre star is keen to soak up the sights, sounds and energy of the

lyrics by Cyndi Lauper, who famously let slip that Callum secured the lead role in the Australian production backstage at the 2016 Olivier Awards. Callum had just

Wordy news

Musical score - or film score, refers to the entire body of music that makes up a movie's soundtrack



Did you know?

MUSIC originally had a practical use: to keep the audience from talking and to dull the sound of the noisy projector.



The music of movies

SINCE the beginning of motion pictures, music has played an essential role in film-making and today the music of movies is still one of the most important aspects.

Movies use music to help tell the story, shape the characters, support feelings like sadness, joy, tension, danger, and give locations and time a specific quality.

Whether it is a drama, comedy, horror or romance, music is used in various ways in movies to complement the different scenes and serves as a powerful guide as to how the viewer should feel about what is happening on the screen.

A movie may be accompanied by an underscore, a pre-existing hit or a theme song written specifically

for the film.

Composers and musicians play a vital role in the filmmaking process, making music that highlights the movie and makes a long lasting connection with the viewers.

What's in a song?

★ The underscore is the majority of the music used in the film. It's the background music used during scenes, under dialogue. Different combinations of instruments, ranging from a full orchestra, a small chamber group, a soloist, to rock bands, to jazz combos, world music influences, vocalists, choirs and even electronic, computer generated music may be used.

★ Pre-existing hit songs are

often used because the director feel they will set the perfect mood for the different shots. Carefully selected, well known songs can grab the attention of the viewer and generate income through soundtrack albums and singles. Film producers must obtain permission from the music publisher to use the song in the movie.

★ Songs specifically written for a film often includes lines about the characters or plot of the film or is written to convey a message during the film. Before they start writing, the composer is given a description of the film as well as what the song will be about as well as where the song will be in the film.

MUSIC MATCH UP

There are some songs that when you hear them, you immediately think of a movie. Some of the finest tunes are from animated films. Match these movies with the main theme song associated with it.

MOVIE: Aladdin - Cars - Finding Nemo - Frozen - Mulan - The Lion King - The Jungle Book - Toy Story

THEME SONG: You've Got a Friend In Me - Life is a Highway - Circle of Life - Bare Necessities - Beyond the Sea - A Whole New World - Let it Go - Reflection

IN THE NEWS

Playing to learn
SCHOOLS across 52 countries in the world will be taking at least one class outdoors this week, teaching essential skills and raising awareness of the importance of play, in a global campaign to celebrate and inspire learning and play outside the classroom.

Outdoor Classroom Day combines traditional lessons with the power of outdoor play and is part of a global initiative to celebrate and inspire outdoor play in children's lives to counteract time spent indoors, sedentary or on screens.

Outdoor Classroom Day started in the UK in 2012 as a way of raising awareness of children's disconnect from outdoor play.

Outdoor Classroom Day takes place across Australia on Thursday September 7.

Five ways outdoor play can benefit our kids:

- Boosts academic performance
- Improves sleep
- Increases happiness
- Reduces ADHD symptoms
- Decreases bullying



MEASURING UP: Hands-on, real life experiences during outdoor play is invaluable. PHOTO: CONTRIBUTED

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SUPPORTED by Nature Play Queensland and the Queensland State Government, 553 schools have pledged to take 49,005 students in 2172 classes outside on Thursday, September 7. For more information go to www.natureplayqld.org.au

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