

Annie on Broadway

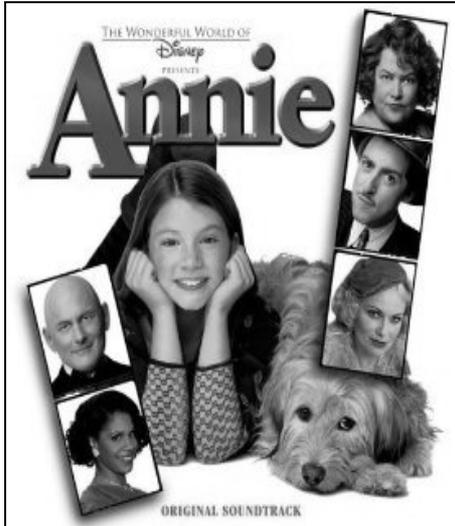
NEW YORK (by Alexis Reich) **Annie** is the name of a musical play which was based on a comic strip entitled, "Little Orphan Annie". A **comic strip** is a section of a newspaper that has cartoon pictures with words coming out of the cartoons' mouths in little balloon shapes. The play was performed for many years in **New York City** in the world famous theatre district called **Broadway**, which is the name of the street where many theatres are located. I visited Broadway last fall where I saw many flashing, colorful **marquees** or signs with titles of the various shows and the names of actors and actresses written on them.

The play Annie is about a little girl who is an **orphan**, which means she has no parents and must live with other orphans in a home known as an **orphanage**. The head of Annie's orphanage is the "not so nice" Miss Hannigan. Annie is chosen by the richest man in town, Oliver Warbucks, to stay at his home for a week. Annie and Mr. Warbucks become a family when he finally **adopts** her or becomes her parent by choice.

When the play was performed on Broadway, **auditions**, or tryouts, were held. Thousands of little girls wanted to play the starring role of Annie. Of the thousands of girls who tried out, only one was chosen.

The musical has been performed all over the world with different "Annies". The original Broadway play in 1977 starred Andrea McArdle as Annie. In 1997, Broadway's 20th anniversary play starred Brittny Kissinger as Annie. The play has been performed all over the world. In 1982, Aileen Quinn was Annie in a very famous film version. In 1999, Alicia Morton was Annie in the television motion picture by Disney.

The most famous song from the musical is entitled "Tomorrow". It is a song about hope. If one has hope, one believes that everything will turn out good. As the song says, "the sun'll come out tomorrow" and it always will. AVR



Annie starring Alicia Morton (Disney Films 1999)

You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile

This song comes from the Broadway play, Annie. Beau Brummel was the founder of the suit and tie. Saville Row is a group of shops in England that specializes in tailoring and designing clothes. This song is about fashion but mostly, it's about smiling! So smile, you! AVR

Hey, hobo man
Hey, Dapper Dan
You've both got your style
But Brother,
You're never fully dressed
Without a smile!

Your clothes may be Beau Brummelly
They stand out a mile --
But Brother,
You're never fully dressed
Without a smile!

Who cares what they're wearing
On Main Street,
Or Saville Row,

It's what you wear from ear to ear
And not from head to toe
(That matters)

So, Senator,
So, Janitor,
So long for a while
Remember,

You're never fully dressed
Though you may wear the best
You're never fully dressed
Without a smile!

Music by Charles Strouse,
Lyrics by Martin Charnin

KIDS ROCK AS MODELS

Child models are kids who show clothes in fashion shows, magazines, television and more. Modeling is something kids can do worldwide but certain cities in the world are the centers. There are several different types of modeling for kids. There are even special magazines that revolve only around clothes for kids.

Fashion refers to anything about clothes and what we wear. **Designers** are people who create different styles or types of clothing. The centers for fashion are in Paris, New York, Milan and London and are where designers and models work. Most fashion shows take place in these cities. A fashion show involves a runway which is a very long stage that reaches into the audience. **Models** walk up the long, narrow stage to show off their clothes. Children who are very young usually walk in pairs. Sometimes the outfits or clothing look very strange and silly to get the audience's attention for what is coming next.



Child Magazine
fashion show.

Fashions for kids only. All
the models are children.

Runway models dress up in a designer's **clothing line** and walk in front of an audience. **Commercial print models** are photographed for magazines, billboards or newspapers. Other models are seen in commercials on television. Some children compete in contests using only one photograph taken of them.

There are magazines that are just for kids' fashions. **Child Magazine** is well known and holds fashion shows. **Vogue Bambini** is one of the best and is printed completely in Italian. AVR

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