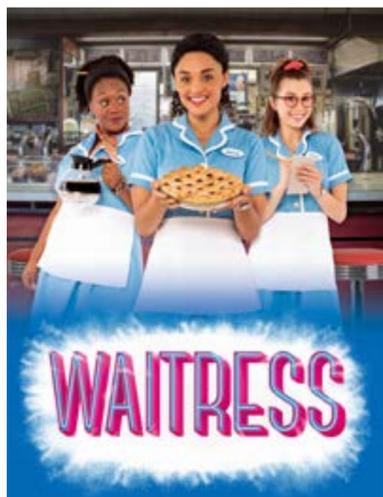


SHOW INTEL



FUN FACTS

- » Sara Bareilles recorded a 2015 studio album while the show was still in pre-Broadway production, “What’s Inside: Songs from Waitress,” reworking songs from the show, and featuring Jason Mraz in several numbers. This album became Bareilles’ 5th top-ten album.
- » *Waitress* set new records for the largest box office earnings during previews in New York.
- » Original Choreographer Lorin Latarro and cast members worked with a “Pie Consultant” to create authentic movement and learn how to make pies.
- » All real ingredients – the actress playing Jenna cracks real eggs, sifts flour and rolls dough while singing!
- » In the New York and London productions, pies were freshly baked before and during the show in a convection oven near the orchestra seating, to create the right atmosphere for the show. Those pies were heavy in cinnamon and nutmeg and not for eating.
- » Local bakeries in New York and London provided freshly baked mini pies to sell to audience members.

SYNOPSIS

Jenna Hutchinson is a waitress and expert pie baker stuck in an abusive marriage. When she finds out she’s pregnant, she decides to enter a pie contest to give herself and her baby a fresh start. However, fate and her husband have other plans for Jenna’s future. This hilarious and touching musical looks at friendship, love, and discovering one’s self-worth against a backdrop of baking and music.

FROM SCREEN TO STAGE

The indie film *Waitress*, written and directed by Adrienne Shelly (who also co-starred as Dawn), premiered in 2007, a few months after Shelly’s tragic death. In 2016, the musical version opened on Broadway, making Broadway history with an all-female production team. With music and lyrics by Sara Bareilles, book by Jessie Nelson, original direction by Diane Paulus, and original choreography from Lorin Latarro, *Waitress* ran on Broadway from 2016–2020 and 2021–2022. It was nominated for numerous awards, including 4 Tony Awards, 6 Drama Desk Awards (won for Outstanding Featured Actor), and a Grammy Award.

Jessie Mueller (*Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*) originated the role of Jenna. Other notable actresses who have taken on the role include Katharine McPhee, Shoshana Bean, and Sara Bareilles.

Waitress quickly gained a dedicated fan base, with many audience members returning multiple times to see different cast members in lead roles.

The musical stays fairly true to the source material from the film, while also creating its own recipe for success with music, staging, and on-stage baking!

MEDIA



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PIES, PIES, AND MORE PIES!

The fanciful pies featured on the menu board in Joe’s Diner have changed from Broadway to London to the National Tours. A few have stayed the same (including “Red, White and Blueberry Pie,” “Couch Potato Pie,” “Lost Shepherd’s Pie”) but there have been many additions and changes along the way. Listen out for some clever plot-centered pie names in the show (such as “Betrayed By My Eggs Pie” and “Deep Dish Blueberry Bacon Pie”).

After original cast member Nick Cordero (Earl) passed away in 2020 from COVID-19, the menu board in many productions featured “A Big Ol’ Slice of Live Your Life Pie” in his honor, with the name derived from one of his original songs.

And if you fancy baking some yourself, there’s an official *Waitress* pie cookbook! *Sugar, Butter, Flour* features some of Jenna’s best recipes!



CONNECTICUT CONNECTIONS

- » Michael R. Douglass, who plays Joe, lives in Bridgeport, CT



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