

# CLOC

for kids

PRESENTS...

## Sweeney Todd

**RUNTIME** or: how long does this last?

**1 HOUR,  
15 MINUTES**

**20 MINUTES**

**55 MINUTES**

## WELCOME TO THE HIGHFIELD THEATER!

Thanks for coming to our production of *Sweeney Todd*! At CLOC, we consider kids like you some of our most special guests, and so, before the show starts, we wanted to share a few things with you...

### PLOT what's going on?

*Sometimes operettas (or short, funny operas) can be hard to follow. Here's little preview to help!*

Our main character, Sweeney Todd (formally known as Benjamin Barker), is returning to London after he was wrongfully sentenced for a crime he did not commit. He has one thing on his mind for Judge Turpin (the man that is responsible for locking him away): revenge.

Along the way, he meets Mrs. Lovett and opens up a barber shop above her pie shop on Fleet Street and she has a wacky idea: Sweeney should kill people in his barber shop and she should make meat pies out of there bodies (don't worry, this wouldn't actually happen in real life!).

Will Sweeney save his daughter Johanna from Judge Turpin and get the revenge he is seeking?

### CHARACTERS who is who?

*Confused on which character is which? We hope this helps:*

#### **SWEENEY**

Barber seeking revenge

#### **MRS. LOVETT**

Pie shop owner that befriends Sweeney

#### **JUDGE TURPIN**

Exiled Sweeney, stole his daughter

#### **BEADLE**

The judge's righthand man

#### **JOHANNA**

Sweeney's daughter

#### **ANTHONY**

Sweeney's friend, in love with Johanna

#### **TOBIAS**

Young boy who helps Mrs. Lovett

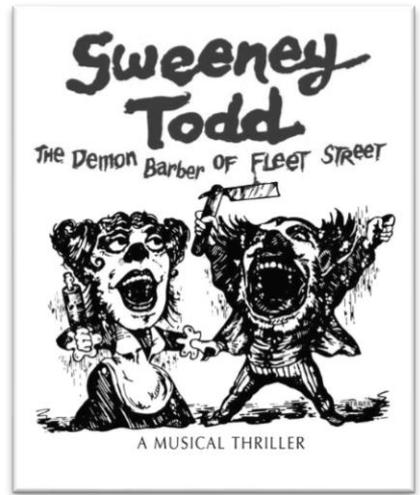
#### **BEGGAR WOMAN**

Poor, delusional woman

theatre history:  
WHO IS  
STEPHEN  
SONDHEIM?



**Stephen Sondheim** wrote both the words and the music for *Sweeney Todd*. Some say that Stephen Sondheim is the greatest living musical theatre composer! He was born in New York City and is now 88 years old. Some of his most popular musicals are *Into the Woods*, *Company*, and *A Little Night Music*. He has won 8 Tony Awards (like the Oscars, but for Broadway).



*The original poster for the 1979 Broadway production of Sweeney Todd. The character Sweeney Todd is based on a Victorian-era cartoon.*

## SWEENEY TODD

K T C I N S H Q R F  
D L N I L E G D U J  
T T E V O L S R M L  
E S W E E N E Y H M  
C D X F B O U R P D  
B E A D L E F S I J  
Y L A N N A H O J P  
M Y G C B E G G A R  
J Y N O H T N A K B  
S A I B O T H F M N

SWEENEY

PIRELLI

BEADLE

MRS. LOVETT

JOHANNA

ANTHONY

TOBIAS

BEGGAR

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