

LIN-MANUEL MIRANDA

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Lin-Manuel Miranda is an American composer, writer, actor and singer best known for creating and starring in the Broadway musicals *Hamilton* and *In the Heights*.

Miranda penned the music, lyrics and originated the title role for both productions. *Hamilton* opened on Broadway in 2015, winning the 2016 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, the 2016 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album and a record-breaking 16 Tony nominations and 11 Tony awards, including best musical.

In the Heights premiered on Broadway in 2008, receiving 13 Tony Award nominations and four wins, including best musical. The show also received a 2009 Grammy Award for Best Musical Theater Album.

Before rising to international fame, Miranda worked as a substitute English teacher at his alma mater, Hunter College High School in New York City.

Miranda received a MacArthur Foundation Award In 2015. In September 2017, he wrote "Almost Like Praying," a song he recorded collaboratively under the name Artists for Puerto Rico to support relief and recovery efforts on the island following Hurricane Maria.

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