STORIES, STAGE AND SONG

Many beloved musicals and operas tell a story that was originally a piece of literature. Some examples are West Side Story based on Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, Oliver based on Dickens classic Oliver Twist and My Fair Lady which came to the West End stage via a Greek legend and a play written by a radical Irishman.

This course will explore the literature offerings and their writers as well as showcasing the wonderful musical comedies (and some operas) which grew from them.