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- ★ SWIMMING EFFECTS
- ★ WEIGHTLESS EFFECTS
- ★ FLYING BALLETS

- ★ As featured in:
- ★ "PETER PAN"
- ★ (over 3000 Productions)
- ★ "THE WIZARD OF OZ"
- ★ "A CHRISTMAS CAROL"
- ★ "ANGELS IN AMERICA"
- ★ "CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL"
- ★ "RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL"
- ★ "THE FLYING NUN"
- ★ "FUNNY GIRL"
- ★ "FANTASTIC VOYAGE"
- ★ "ICE CAPEDES"
- ★ "SIEGFRIED AND ROY"

- ★ Our Spectacular
- ★ Flying Sequences
- ★ are featured in:
- ★ Broadway Shows,
- ★ Las Vegas Revues,
- ★ Industrial Shows,
- ★ Rock Concerts,
- ★ Ballets, Operas,
- ★ T.V. Productions
- ★ and Commercials

- ★ Stars Flown Include:
- ★ PAULA ABDUL
- ★ JASON ALEXANDER
- ★ THE BACKSTREET BOYS
- ★ LUCILLE BALL
- ★ JACK BENNY
- ★ DAVID BOWIE
- ★ GARTH BROOKS
- ★ CAROL BURNETT
- ★ JOHNNY CARSON
- ★ SEAN CONNERY
- ★ SANDY DUNCAN
- ★ SALLY FIELD
- ★ BOB HOPE
- ★ HOLLY HUNTER
- ★ MICHAEL JORDAN
- ★ DANNY KAYE
- ★ GENE KELLY
- ★ DAVID LETTERMAN
- ★ JERRY LEWIS
- ★ LIBERACE
- ★ MARY MARTIN
- ★ CONAN O'BRIEN
- ★ CATHY RIGBY
- ★ CHITA RIVERA
- ★ ROSEANNE
- ★ DIANA ROSS
- ★ HOWARD STERN
- ★ BARBRA STREISAND
- ★ RAQUEL WELCH
- ★ VANESSA WILLIAMS

## Peter Pan

*Peter Pan: or, The Boy Who Wouldn't Grow Up* is the full title of Scottish playwright and novelist **James M. Barrie's** most well-known stage play. It tells the story of **Peter Pan**, a mischievous, ageless little boy, dressed in autumn leaves and cobwebs, who can fly. Peter spirits away **Wendy Darling** and her brothers, **John and Michael**, for a series of adventures on the island of **Neverland** with the fairy **Tinker Bell**, the **Lost Boys**, the Indian princess **Tiger Lily**, and the pirate **Captain Hook**. **The play premiered in London on December 27, 1904**, and Kirby's Flying Ballets created the flying sequences. ***Peter Pan* premiered on Broadway in 1905**, with **Maude Adams** in the title role.

A new adaptation of *Peter Pan* was produced on Broadway in 1950, featuring five musical numbers with music and lyrics by **Leonard Bernstein**. The production starred **Jean Arthur** as Peter Pan, and **Boris Karloff** in the dual roles of George Darling and Captain Hook. A 24-year-old Englishman named **Peter Foy** sailed from London to stage the flying on behalf of the Kirby organization; and he was dispatched to the U.S. again in 1952 for a production at the Orpheum Theatre starring **Veronica Lake**.

Two years later, Peter Foy returned to New York to develop the flying sequences for a full musical version of *Peter Pan* starring **Mary Martin**, adapted and directed by **Jerome Robbins**, with music by **Moose Charlap** and **Jule Stein**, lyrics by **Carolyn Leigh**, **Betty Comden** and **Adolph Green**. Martin wanted her Peter Pan to fly higher, faster and farther than had ever been attempted before. To achieve this, Foy created a wholly new flying system, "**the Inter-Related Pendulum**", which enabled him to extend the boundaries of Martin's aerial trajectory and move her very rapidly through the air. When *Peter Pan* opened on **October 20, 1954 at the Winter Garden Theatre**, Martin's soaring aerial choreography thrilled audiences and ushered in a new era in stage flying.

The show was a smashing success, winning Tony awards for Mary Martin and **Cyril Ritchard** (Captain Hook). It was **broadcast live on NBC in 1955**, re-staged for a second live broadcast in 1956 and produced once more in 1960, for a videotape recording that the network could rebroadcast again and again.

Since then, thousands of productions of *Peter Pan* have featured **Flying by Foy**, including Broadway revivals with **Sandy Duncan** (1979) and **Cathy Rigby** (1990); the 2004 feature film, *Finding Neverland*, with **Johnny Depp** and **Kate Winslet**; **NBC's *Peter Pan Live!*** (2014); national tours; international productions; regional and community theatres; college and high school shows. ***In fact, Foy has flown Peter Pan more than any other theatrical flying effects company in history! And now...***