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# Wilkie Collins (1824-1889)

(Son of painter William Collins; friend of Charles Dickens, collab. in *Household Words, All the Year Round,* etc.; successful crime novelist, opium addict, career declined)

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Music

*The Woman in White: A New Musical freely adapted from the classic novel by Wilkie Collins.* Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber; lyrics by David Zippel; book by Charlotte Jones. Cast: Maria Friedman, Angela Christian, Martin Crewes, Jill Paice, Oliver Darley, Edward Petherbridge, Michael Crawford. Orchestrations by David Cullen, supervised by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Musical supervision by Simon Lee. Movement dir. Wayne McGregor, Musical dir. Stephen Brooker. Lighting Paul Pyant, Sound by Mick Potter. Prod. & Video design Wiliam Dudley. Dir. Trevor Nunn. Presented by Sonia Friedman Productions Ltd. and The Really Useful Group. Premiere at the Palace Theatre, London, 15 Sept. 2004. Original cast opening night recording: 2 CDs. EMI Classics / Really Useful Records, 2004.\*

Societies

Wilkie Collins Society. Chairman: Andrew Gasson.