

The Renaissance

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Remember last year when that guy brought down the house with his thrilling rendition of *Music of the Night*? That guy was Doug Labreque, and this season one of the most talked about guest artists in the history of the Mansfield Symphony returns with our incredible Symphony and Chorus to back him up! The Mansfield Symphony Chorus and Orchestra will lead us on a journey through the greatest music ever composed for the great white way. Joining Doug will be three of Broadway's most acclaimed singers: Debbie Gravitte, Capethia Jenkins, and Rob Evans. Rob, a vocalist with Trans Siberian Orchestra, will be making his Mansfield debut! Hear selections from *Hairspray*, *Rent*, *Mama Mia*, *Movin' Out* and *Dreamgirls*. Certain to be one of the most exciting events of the 2008-09 Season, the symphony and the Renaissance have never rocked like this!


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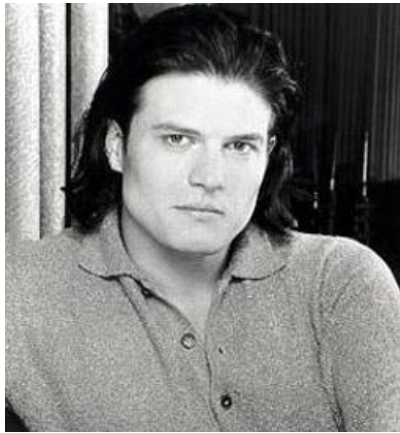

Robert Franz
Music Director

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Capathia Jenkins is a Brooklyn-born and raised actress who made her Broadway debut in *The Civil War*, where she created the role of Harriett Jackson. She starred in the Off-Broadway revival of *Godspell*, where she wowed audiences with her stirring rendition of *'Turn Back, O Man'* which can still be heard on the original cast recording. She returned to Broadway in *The Look of Love*, and was critically acclaimed for her performances of the hit songs of Hal David and Burt Bacharach, including the title song.



Robert Evan starred in the original Broadway cast of *Jekyll & Hyde*, playing the title roles for three years and over 600 performances. His rendition of *This Is the Moment* has been heard at numerous prestigious events. Robert also appeared on Broadway as Jean Valjean in *Les Miserables*, and was chosen to lead the critically acclaimed National Touring Company to its history-making stop on Broadway. Most recently, he played the role of Kerchak in *Disney's Tarzan* at the Richard Rodgers Theater. As a vocalist and recording artist, Robert is a member of the platinum-selling rock band, the Trans-Siberian Orchestra.



Doug LaBrecque thrilled theater audiences as The Phantom and Raoul in the Harold Prince production of *The Phantom of the Opera*. In addition, Mr. LaBrecque has starred on Broadway as Ravenal in the Hal Prince revival of *Showboat*, a role he also performed in Canada and Chicago. He was featured in Oscar Hammerstein's 100th Birthday Celebration on Broadway at The Gershwin Theatre, and toured nationally with *Les Miserables*. Regionally, Mr. LaBrecque has performed leading roles in *Candide*, *A Chorus Line*, *Man of LaMancha* among others.



Debbie Gravitte's varied career has taken her from the Broadway stage to the Symphony hall and points between. She won the prestigious Tony award for Best Featured Actress in a musical for *Jerome Robbins' Broadway*, along with a Drama Desk Award nomination and New York Showstopper Award. After making her Broadway debut in the original cast of *They're Playing our Song*, she went on to appear in: *Perfectly Frank* where she received her Drama Desk Award nomination, *Blues in the Night*, *Ain't Broadway Grand*, *Zorba*, *Chicago*, and *Les Miserables*. Debbie has appeared in the Encore's series of productions of *The Boys from Syracuse*, *Tenderloin*, and *Carnival* at New York's City Center.