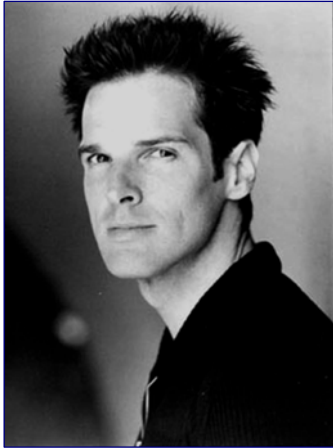


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HUGH PANARO

is currently performing the title role in *Phantom of the Opera on Broadway*. Mr. Panaro is one of the few actors to play both Raoul (1991) and the Phantom (1999) in the Broadway production of *The Phantom of the Opera*, but after wearing the mask for only a few months, he was chosen to play the title role in the American premiere of Sir Cameron Mackintosh's *Martin Guerre*.

Mr. Panaro began performing professionally at the age of 13. He made his Broadway debut in *Les Misérables* as Marius, the role he originated in the first national company. Hugh created the roles of Buddy in *Side Show* and Julian in Jules Styne's last musical, *The Red Shoes*. He made his West End debut in the original London Company of Harold Prince's *Show Boat* as Ravenal, the role he played on Broadway and in Toronto. At Avery Fisher Hall, he performed with the Radio City Rockettes in Jerry Herman's *Mack and Mabel* and also in *The Stephen Sondheim Gala*, the culmination of the Kennedy Center's "Summer of Sondheim," where Hugh was Anthony Hope in *Sweeney Todd*.

In L.A., Hugh was Franklin Shepard in *Merrily We Roll Along* and received an Ovation nomination for his performance as Kenneth in *Call Me Madam*, both for Reprise! Hugh made his feature film debut in *Broadway Damage* and episodic tv credits include *Law & Order*.

He also created the role of Jonathan in the pre-Broadway workshop of Alan Menken/Tim Rices' *King David* and was Tom Martin in Jerome Kern's *Sweet Adeline* at the nationally celebrated City Center Encores.

As a concert artist, Hugh has performed with symphony orchestras across the U.S. and abroad. He also performed in the world premiere of Penderecki's *Te Deum* at Carnegie Hall. This past year he co-starred with Bernadette Peters, Michael Crawford and Lea Salonga in a benefit tribute to Broadway and West End producer, Sir Cameron Mackintosh.

Mr. Panaro can be heard on many recordings including the *Jerome Kern Treasury* (EMI/Angel), the original Broadway cast album of *Sideshow* (Sony), and on *The Prince of Egypt* soundtrack (DreamWorks).

Mr. Panaro is a graduate of Temple University.

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