



Norm Lewis

In May of 2014, Norm Lewis made history as The *Phantom of the Opera*'s first African American Phantom on Broadway.

He was recently seen on PBS in the Live From Lincoln Center productions of *Showboat* with Vanessa Williams; *Norm Lewis: Who Am I?*; *New Year's Eve: A Gershwin Celebration* with Diane Reeves; *American Voices* with Renee Fleming and the PBS Special *First You Dream – The Music of Kander & Ebb*. His additional television credits include *Gotham*, *The Blacklist*, and *Blue Bloods*, as well as in his recurring role as Senator Edison Davis on the hit drama *Scandal*.

Mr. Lewis received Tony, Drama Desk, Drama League, and Outer Critics Circle award nominations for his performance as Porgy in the

Broadway production of *THE GERSHWINS' PORGY & BESS*. Additional Broadway credits include *SONDHEIM ON SONDHEIM*, as King Tritan in Disney's *LITTLE MERMAID*, Billy Flynn in *CHICAGO*, Javert in *LES MISERABLES*, Painter in *AMOUR*, as Eddie Mackrel in Michael John LaChiusa's *THE WILD PARTY*, as Jake in the cult favorite *SIDE SHOW*, as well as *MISS SAIGON*, and *THE WHO'S TOMMY*

In London's West End he has appeared as Javert in *LES MISERABLES* and *LES MISERABLES: THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT*, which aired on PBS.

Other New York Credits include *TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA* for The Public Theater (Shakespeare in the Park, Drama League Award Nomination) Norm was also seen in William Finn's *A NEW BRAIN* at Lincoln Center, where he was also featured in the new Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty's musical *DESSA ROSE* for which he received a Drama Desk Award nomination & an *ADELCO* Award.

Other stage credits include *RAGTIME* at the North Carolina Theatre; *THE FANTASTICKS* Sacramento Music Circus; *BABY* w/La Chanze at Papermill Playhouse; *DREAMGIRLS* at Atlanta's Fox Theater w/the legendary Jennifer Holliday; and most recently performed the title role in *SWEENEY TODD* in the acclaimed Barrow Street Theatre production, *SWEENEY TODD* Signature Theater, for which Norm received a Helen Hayes Award nomination.

Norm has been seen in three of The Actor's Fund of America's acclaimed fall benefit concerts. He was Curtis Taylor Jr. in the 20th anniversary concert of *DREAMGIRLS*, Molokov in *CHES* with Josh

Groban and a soloist in **HAIR**. He is also a very proud member of the Broadway Inspirational Voices. Norm's television credits include: **All My Children** - Assistant DA Keith McClean, Detective Hale on **As the World Turns**, and guest starring roles on **Cosby** and **Strong Medicine**, Mystery Woman, along with numerous commercials.

Norm, originally from Eatonville Florida – the oldest black chartered municipality in the United States – can also be heard on a variety of recordings including the original cast recordings of **AMOUR, SIDE SHOW, THE WILD PARTY, THE WHO'S TOMMY** and A NEW BRAIN as well as William Finn's "Infinite Joy", Fynsworth Alley's Stephen Sondheim collections, the Nonesuch complete cast recording of DREAMGIRLS in Concert with Audra McDonald, Heather Headley and Lillias White as well as the Grammy Nominated "Great Joy". His premiere solo CD was just released.