

# D.R.E.a.M.S. *in the city*

## 2019 Entertainers

### Karen Mason



Karen Mason has starred on Broadway, Off-Broadway, television and recordings. She is the recipient of the 2019 MAC Lifetime Achievement Award, a 12-time MAC Award winner and has won the MAC Award for Major Female Vocalist of the Year for six consecutive years. She has also won the 2006 Nightlife Award for Major Female Vocalist and has three Bistro Awards. Her theatrical career includes the North American premier tour of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Love Never Dies*, playing Madame Giry; Tanya in the original *Mamma Mia!* (Drama Desk Nomination); Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*; Queen of Hearts in *Wonderland*; Velma von

Tussel in the final Broadway company of *Hairspray*; "Monotony" singer, Mazeppa in Jerome Robbins' Broadway; Rosalie in *Carnival* (Drama Desk Nomination); plus, featured roles in Broadway's *Torch Song Trilogy* and *Play Me A Country Song*. Karen won the Outer Critics Circle Award for her performance in *And The World Goes 'Round* and starred Off-Broadway in her own show, *Karen Mason Sings Broadway, Beatles and Brian*. She has headlined Carnegie Hall, The Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, Feinstein's 54 Below, *Birdland*, The Fairmont Hotel (San Fran) and The Park West (Chicago). Her seven highly-acclaimed recordings include her newest single, "It's About Time", an anthem for Marriage Equality, and single, "Hold Me", which won the 1998 Emmy Award for Best Song.

### Craig Schulman



Craig Schulman has played Tevye in *Fiddler on the Roof*, Archibald in *The Secret Garden*, King Arthur in *Camelot*, John Adams in *1776* and Father in *Children of Eden*. Widely recognized from the PBS Broadcast of *The 10th Anniversary: Les Misérables In Concert*, he is the only actor in the world to have portrayed the Phantom in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom Of The Opera*; Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables* and the title roles in *Jekyll & Hyde*. He has portrayed Valjean in four different companies, in three countries, for more than 2,500 performances. Schulman moves freely between the worlds of Broadway, opera and symphonic pops programs. He has sung leading tenor roles in *The Tales of Hoffman*, *Tosca*, *Madame Butterfly*, *Carmen*, *Die Fledermaus*, *La Bohème*, *La Traviata*, *The Crucible* and *Manon*. He sang the title role in the world premiere of *Marco Polo* in China, in Singapore, in Mandarin Chinese! Creator and producer of the internationally acclaimed *BROADWAY NIGHTS™* concert series, including "THREE PHANTOMS IN CONCERT". He also sings three solo programs: *Craig Schulman On Broadway*, *Heroes, Monsters & Madmen™* and *A Broadway Valentine*. Craig currently maintains a

Private Vocal Studio, teaches Acting at Sacred Heart University and has taught many Voice and Musical Theatre Master Classes as a teaching artist. His fans can keep apprised of his career at [www.CraigSchulman.com](http://www.CraigSchulman.com). His CD, recorded in London at Abbey Road Studios, is available from [BroadwayGemsRecords.com](http://BroadwayGemsRecords.com).

## Eugene Gwozdz

Director/Arranger/Orchestrator/Pianist)



EUGENE GWOZDZ is from Fort Worth, TX and is Music Director/Arranger for the American Dance Machine 21 and just completed Musical Directing Jerome Robbins' Broadway 30th Anniversary Concert at the Guggenheim. Was Musical Director/Arranger: Our Guy, CY, with Randy Graff, Cady Huffman and Liliias White; The Jerome Robbins Awards, honoring Chita Rivera, Harold Prince and Stephen Sondheim. Broadway: The Full Monty, Oklahoma!; Off-Broadway: Spamilton; Broadway National Tours: Sunset Boulevard, Swing; Music Director/Pianist for Anika Noni Rose, Donna McKechnie, Cady Huffman, Will Chase, Mandy Gonzalez,

Rachel York, and Will & Anthony (The Nunziata Twins). He has worked with many Broadway stars, including Audra McDonald, Brian Stokes Mitchell, Chita Rivera, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Renee Goldsberry, Leslie Odom Jr., Billy Porter, Shirley Jones, Betty Buckley, Kelli O'Hara, Norm Lewis, Megan Hilty, Kristin Chenowith, Laura Benanti, Melissa Errico, Karen Ziemba, LaChanze, James Monroe Iglehart, and of course, Karen Mason and Craig Schulman, to name a few...