

Michael L. Marra

Michael L. Marra has appeared on Broadway and in the Third National Tour of *Les Miserables* as the Bishop of Digne/Lesgles and also performed his understudy role of Thenardier over 70 times. Here he worked alongside Lea Salonga, Laurie Beechman, and Andrea McArdle. He was an originating cast member of the First National Tour of Frank Wildhorn's *Jekyll & Hyde* choreographed by Tony Award winner Jerry Mitchell and alongside Tony Award winner Kelli O'Hara where he played Bisset the Apothecary and understudied Proops, Pool, Glossop, and Stride. Off-off Broadway Michael was proud to be an ensemble member of The American Globe Theatre's production of *Shakespeare Off -Key*. He also created the role of Michael in *Choices: The Musical* presented at One Dream Theatre where he met and worked with a very young Natalie Portman, as well as the role of Aaron/Ryan in *The Redemption of Jamie Harris* which had productions at Florence Gould and CAMI Halls in NYC. He has also been seen at Don't Tell Mama's in Michael Shaw's *Curious Love Songs*. After spending 18 years in New York Michael moved back to his home town of Butler, Pa. where he now lives and is raising his family. While here he took part in Pittsburgh CLO's production of *The Producers* with Joey Fatone where he played Mr. Marks, Kevin, Jason, Rolf and a host of other characters. He has become a favorite at The Strand Theatre in Zelienople starring as Harold Hill in *The Music Man* and Bill Sykes in *Oliver*. He most recently took part in their concert *Heroes & Villains* alongside Broadway's Libby Servais and played The King in *Big River*. Johnstown audiences may remember Michael's portrayal of Judge Turpin in *Sweeney Todd* at the Pasquerilla Arts Center and Molokav in *Chess* at the Richland Performing Arts Center. Other regional credits include Weathervane Playhouse's productions of *Carnival* where he played Marco the Magnificent, Harry Beaton in *Brigadoon*, Alan in *Come Blow Your Horn*, and his favorite role of Flint the Caretaker in *Something's Afoot*. He also worked at the Mountain Playhouse in Jennerstown, Pa. where he played Larry in *Cheaper by the Dozen* and was an ensemble member in *Annie Get Your Gun*. While at the Harlequin Dinner Theatre in Fl. he played Don Lockwood in their production of *Singin' in the Rain*. He can be seen and heard in numerous industrial videos, commercials, photo shoots and voice overs in the Pittsburgh and Cleveland areas. In addition to his acting credits Michael is an accomplished Technical Director, Master Carpenter and Set Designer having created sets for off-Broadway, as well as private high schools and most recently The Butler Little Theatre. He is currently a faculty member at The Butler Center for the Performing Arts serving as their acting instructor.