

JOHN DAVIDSON

Born in Pittsburgh, PA, John graduated from White Plains High School, White Plains, NY, and then graduated with a BA in Theater Arts from Denison University. His Broadway debut was playing the juvenile lead in *Foxy*, starring Bert Lahr. He received a Theater Guild award for *Curly* in *Oklahoma!* More recently, he returned to Broadway starring as Able Frake in *Rogers and Hammerstein's State Fair*. Off-Broadway he has starred with Morgan Fairchild in *High Infidelity* and as Old Henry & Bellamy in *The Fantasticks*. In regional theatres John's favorite roles have been *The Wizard* in *Wicked*, *Father* in *Ragtime*, *Cervanted* in *Man of La Mancha*, *Harold Hill* in *The Music Man*, *Teddy Roosevelt* in *Bully!*, *King Arthur* in *Camelot*, and *Billy* in *Carousel* and most recently as *Captain Hook* in the national tour of *Finding Neverland*.

When John first arrived in NYC, television producer Bob Banner was responsible for broadening his career as a television variety host (*The Entertainers*, *The Kraft Summer Music Hall* and the *Golden Globe Awards*) Las Vegas headliner (*Las Vegas Hilton*, *Riviera*, *Desert Inn*, *MGM*, *Caesar's Palace*) and motion picture singer/actor (*Disney's The Happiest Millionaire*, and *The One and Only Genuine Original Family Band*). John has recorded 12 albums. John co-starred with Sally Field in the TV sitcom *The Girl With Something Extra*, and played the role of *Matt* in *The Fantasticks* on *The Hallmark Hall of Fame*. As a television host John's credits include numerous beauty pageants as well as *That's Incredible*, *The New Hollywood Squares*, *The 100,000 Pyramid*, and a total of 10 weeks of guest hosting *The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson*.

John is the author of the autobiographical play *Father, Son and Holy Ghost*, and the educational book *The Art of the Singing Entertainer*. John has 3 children and 5 grandchildren. His wife Rhonda is a watercolorist. They live in the Berkshires in western Massachusetts.