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Fiddler on the Roof

Conceived and Directed:

- **RAISING THE ROOF: A Gala Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of *Fiddler on the Roof*, Town Hall, NYC**
(with: Topol, Joshua Bell, Andrea Martin, Sheldon Harnick, Chita Rivera, Karen Ziemba, Fyvush Finkel, Jackie Hoffman, Jerry Zaks, Austin Pendleton, Pia Zadora, Jeffrey Lyons, Adrienne Barbeau, Mike Burstyn, Hal Prince and more than two dozen members of the Original Broadway and the 1971 Motion Picture casts. With an ensemble of 50 additional *Fiddler* alumni.)
- **WONDER OF WONDERS: FIDDLER AT 50! SCW Cultural Arts, Great Neck, NY**
(Concert with commentary - with author Alisa Solomon and a cast including Bill Nolte and Lori Wilner)

Director/Choreographer:

- **THE MUNY**, St. Louis, MO / **STARLIGHT THEATRE**, Kansas City, MO (with Lewis J. Stadlen)
(Kevin Kline Award nomination; Judy Award – Best Musical Production)
- **BARRINGTON STAGE COMPANY**, Pittsfield, MA (with: Brad Oscar)
(BroadwayWorld Awards – Best Direction - Large Theatre / Best Choreography – Large Theatre)
- **FULTON THEATRE**, Lancaster, PA (with Stephen Berger)
(HIGHEST GROSSING SHOW IN THE 150-YEAR HISTORY OF THE THEATRE)
- **STAGES ST. LOUIS**, St. Louis, MO (with Bruce Sabath; St. Louis Circle Award nomination)
- **MAINE STATE MUSIC THEATRE**, Brunswick, ME (2016 season – Vicki Award: Best Director; with: Bill Nolte; also 1995)
- **VIRGINIA STAGE COMPANY**, Norfolk, VA (w/ John Payonk)
(HIGHEST GROSSING SHOW IN THE 45-YEAR HISTORY OF THE COMPANY)
- **CAPE FEAR REGIONAL THEATRE**, Fayetteville, NC (with: Bill Nolte)
- **WESTCHESTER BROADWAY THEATRE**, Elmsford, NY (with: Mike Burstyn)
- **WEST VIRGINIA PUBLIC THEATRE**, Morgantown, WV (with Spiro Malas)
- **PLAYHOUSE ON THE SQUARE**, Memphis, TN (3 Ostrander Award nominations.)
- **NEW YORK UNIVERSITY**, NYC (with Neal Benari)
- **UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO**, Boulder, CO (w/ Ami Dayan)
- **MONTCLAIR MUSICAL THEATRE**, Montclair, NJ (with Joel Kramer)
- **LANDMARK MUSICALS**, Albuquerque, NM
- **COEUR d'ALENE SUMMER THEATRE**, ID (2004 and 2024 seasons)
- **SURFLIGHT THEATRE**, Beach Haven, NJ
- **HAMPTON PLAYHOUSE**, Hampton, NH
- **COUNT BASIE THEATRE**, Red Bank, NJ

Performed:

- **THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY BROADWAY PRODUCTION** starring **Topol** (Swing / “Mendel” Understudy [Played] -- Gershwin Theatre, NYC, Directed by Ruth Mitchell / Overseen by Jerome Robbins.)
- **THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY NATIONAL TOUR** starring **Theodore Bikel** (“Yussel” / “Motel” Understudy [Played] -- 29 cities in the USA & Canada, Directed and Choreographed by Sammy Dallas Bayes)
- **ANATEVKA - EUROPEAN TOUR** of the show performed in the German language (Ensemble / Dance Captain -- more than 25 Cities, Directed by Carin Piontek)
- **GATEWAY PLAYHOUSE / CANDLEWOOD PLAYHOUSE** (“Mendel,” Directed by Robert Durkin)
- **HAMPTON PLAYHOUSE**, Hampton, NH (“Mendel” / Dance Captain, Directed by Alfred Christie)

Appeared:

- **FIDDLER: A MIRACLE OF MIRACLES** – A documentary film by Max Lewkowicz, released nationwide. Features interviews with: Lyricist Sheldon Harnick, Producer Hal Prince, Broadway figures Lin-Manuel Miranda, Joel Grey, Chaim Topol, and Harvey Fierstein, and authors Fran Lebowitz, and Calvin Trillin. La Rosa appears talking about Jerome Robbins and his choreography.

Note:

Mr. La Rosa is fully versed in the original Jerome Robbins choreography and can reproduce it faithfully while adapting it to the size of your cast and your venue. He is extremely knowledgeable in the traditions, history and culture of the characters depicted, as well as the development and creation of the musical itself. **Reviews, references upon request.**

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