

# John Cudia

*"John Cudia as The Phantom is superb - a vocal powerhouse who delivers a heartbreaking performance perfectly balanced between longing and revenge."*

The San Francisco Chronicle

*"Broadway veteran John Cudia is a mesmerizing Jean Valjean. His soaring tenor voice and serene stage presence are all ideally suited to this demanding assignment."*

Chicago Stage Style

*"The vocally-powerful performer creates moments of pulse-raising epiphany!"*

The Washington Post

*"The easily graceful John Cudia brings a golden voice to the role of Curly."*

Chicago Sun Times



John Cudia holds the distinct honor of being the first and only actor to have performed both as the The Phantom in ***The Phantom of the Opera*** and Jean Valjean in ***Les Misérables*** on Broadway. John's most recent Broadway run counted him as only the 12th performer to play the Phantom in its historic, record-breaking, 25 years. John recently played Jean Valjean at the Marriott Theater in Chicago where his performance not only earned him critical acclaim but also the Joseph Jefferson Award for "best actor in a musical." John proudly made his Broadway debut in ***Les Misérables*** and enjoyed a long and successful relationship with both *Les Miz* and *Phantom*. John toured the United States and Canada as the *Phantom* and also has the role of Raoul to his credit.

John is now emerging as classical crossover artist. He sang his first Alfredo in ***La Traviata*** with Lyric Opera of the North and proudly made his Lyric Opera of Chicago debut this Spring as Curly in their production of ***Oklahoma!*** As a featured tenor soloist John has sung in concert across the country with THE BROADWAY TENORS, The Music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, The Omaha Symphony and also with the Orchestra of Saint Peter by the Sea in his home state.

John was raised in Tom's River, NJ, and was a musical performer from a very early age. He earned his B.A. from Fordham University and then went on to perform leading roles including Jesus in ***Jesus Christ Superstar***, Lieutenant Cable in ***South Pacific*** and Tony in ***West Side Story*** in theaters across the country including The Paper Mill Playhouse, North Shore Music Theater, Pioneer Theater, Portland Stage, St. Louis Repertory, and Casa Mañana.

John is happily married to Broadway actress Kathy Voytko and the proud father of Alena Joyce and Evelyn Rose.