

# Michael Berkowitz

## Conductor

Michael Berkowitz is currently the Principal Pops Conductor of the Santa Rosa Symphony in Santa Rosa, Ca. Previous posts have included the Carolina Pops in Greensboro, NC and the Paducah Pops. Most recently he served as Music Director/Conductor for Liza Minnelli, working with her on her Tony Award Winning, "Liza's At The Palace" on Broadway and in concerts around the World. Michael was seen on PBS stations all over the country as Liza's Conductor/Drummer when "Liza's at the Palace" was aired.

Michael served as Marvin Hamlisch's Music Director for 9 years, appearing with him at the White House, the London Symphony and the Academy Awards as well as virtually every Symphony in the US. Michael also had a 13 year working relationship with arranger Nelson

Riddle, as his Drummer, Assistant Conductor and Musical Contractor. Michael worked closely with Riddle on projects with Dame Kiri Te Kanawa, Linda Ronstadt, Television Specials and recordings.

On Broadway, Michael has collaborated with Theatre Legends such as Harold Prince, Stephen Sondheim, Jule Styne, Michael Bennett, Bob Fosse, Jerome Robbins and Michael Kidd.

Jerome Robbins requested Michael for the Premiere of his West Side Story Suite for the New York City Ballet. Michael performed this Ballet with the NYCB over 50 times, including two tours to Japan and the Kennedy Center.

Michael's recordings include the Original Cast Albums of Jerome Robbins Broadway, Liza's At The Palace, Follies with the NY Philharmonic, My Favorite Broadway, Anyone Can Whistle, Betty Buckley at Carnegie Hall, Tribute To Stephen Sondheim at Carnegie Hall, Route 66 with the Cincinnati Pops and many more.

In addition to Ms. Minnelli, Michael has appeared with Elaine Paige, Michael Crawford, Beyonce, Harry Connick Jr., Steve Lawrence, Helen Reddy, Jon Bon Jovi, Chuck Berry, Ringo Starr, Roger Daltrey, Hal Linden, Sting, and Billy Joel, to name a few.

Symphony Orchestra appearances include The London Symphony, The New York Philharmonic, The Baltimore Symphony, The California Symphony, The Silicon Valley Symphony, The Naples Symphony, The Lexington Symphony, The New Mexico Symphony, The Virginia Symphony, The Colorado Symphony, The Hollywood Bowl Orchestra, The Symphony Orchestra of Guatemala, The Elgin Symphony, Santa Rosa Symphony, The Hartford Symphony as well as Orchestras throughout Italy, France, Sweden and Germany.

