

Max von Essen

Max recently completed a successful run in the Broadway revival of *Evita*, playing the role of Agustin Magaldi and covering Ricky Martin in the role of Che. Max recently appeared as Corrado Montelli in the acclaimed world premiere of Maury Yeston's *Death Takes A Holiday* at the Roundabout Theater Company.

Prior to those shows, Max spent over a year roller skating across the country as Sonny Malone in *Xanadu*. He then returned to New York and immediately delved into several new projects. The first allowed him to play The Duke of Windsor in *Only A Kingdom* at the York Theater, then Alexander the Great in *The History of War* at The New York Music Theater Festival, and more recently, The Soldier in the Transport Group's acclaimed revival of Michael John LaChiusa's *Hello Again*.

On Broadway, Max played Enjolras in the revival of *Les Misérables*, Alfred in *Dance of the Vampires* starring alongside Michael Crawford, Jean Prouvaire in the closing company of the original *Les Misérables*, and a disciple in the 2000 revival of *Jesus Christ Superstar*. In that production, Max understudied the role of Jesus and performed it many times. Other notable New York credits include Tremont in *Jerry Springer: The Opera at Carnegie Hall*, Woody in *Finian's Rainbow* at the Irish Repertory Theatre, and Matt in *The Fantasticks* at the Sullivan Street Playhouse.

Regionally, Max starred in the Paper Mill Playhouse production of *The Baker's Wife* and the Kennedy Center's staging of *Mame*. Other favorites include Danny Churchill in *Girl Crazy*, Anthony in *Sweeney Todd*, Dorian Gray in *Dorian*, Fredric in *Pirates of Penzance*, Freddy in *My Fair Lady*, Claude in *Hair*, and Joseph in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Max's first professional job after graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was touring as a back up singer for the legendary Liza Minnelli. He has also toured Europe as Tony in *West Side Story* and the USA as Mary Sunshine in *Chicago*.

Television and film appearances include *Gossip Girl*, *The Beautiful Life*, *The Today Show*, *The Rosie O'Donnell Show*, *Sex and The City 2*, a recurring role on the hit web series *Submissions Only*, and numerous commercials. Recordings include *Evita*, *Finian's Rainbow*, *Death Takes A Holiday*, *The Love Songs of Andrew Lloyd Weber* and *Broadway Musicals of 1928*.

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