



MASTER OF CEREMONIES

ALAN MURAOKA

Alan Muraoka is most recognizable for his role in the Emmy-winning series, *Sesame Street*, where he has played Alan, the proprietor of Hooper's Store for 23 seasons. With *Sesame Street* Alan has performed at the White House (for President Obama and the First Lady Michelle Obama), the Pentagon, Carnegie Hall, the Hollywood Bowl, the NY Public Library, and with the Boston Pops, Alan has appeared in 7 Broadway shows; Disney's *Aladdin*, the Roundabout Theatre revival of *Pacific Overtures*, *The King and I*, *My Favorite Year*, *Shogun*, the Musical, *Mail*, and most notably *Miss Saigon*, where he played the lead role of the Engineer. He is featured in the films, *It Could Happen to You*, and *Day of Independence*. Other television credits include *City on the Hill*, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*, *30 Rock*, *Brotherhood*, *Late Night With David Letterman*, and *The Tonight Show*, as well as numerous commercials.

As a director: Television: Alan has directed episodes of *Sesame Street* and in November co-directed, co-produced, and co-starred in a Sesame AAPI Special called *See Us Coming Together*. Last year he co-directed another Sesame Special called *The Power of We*, which received an Emmy Award for Outstanding Preschool, Children's or Family Viewing Program. He also received an NAACP Image Award nomination for his co-direction of that special.

As a theatre director, Mr. Muraoka received critical praise for his Off-Broadway revival of *Falsettoland* (National Asian American Theater Company). Other New York credits include: *The Report* (NY Fringe Festival), *Avenue Q* (Resident Director New World Stages), *Elizabeth Ward Land in Still Within The Sound of My Voice* (Green Room 42), *Jennifer Barnhart: It's About Time* (Laurie Beechman) *Kung Fu* (Signature Theatre-Assistant Director), *Ann Harada: American Songbook* (Lincoln Center), *Awesomer & Awesomer!!!* (Triad Theatre), *Telly Leung: Playlist and What Makes a Man?* (54 Below), *Grand Hotel* (NYU/Cap 21), *John Tartaglia AD-LIBerty* (Joe's Pub), & *Christmas Eve With Christmas Eve* (BC/EFA Benefits). For the past 2 years he has been a director for the ABC Talent Showcase, Regionally: *Gold Mountain* (Utah Shakespeare Festival), *Elf* (Pioneer Theatre Company), *South Pacific* (Olney Theatre), *Once On This Island* (Olney Theatre), At the Lyric Theatre in Oklahoma City: *The King and I*, *Xanadu*, *Disney's High School Musical* and *Disney's High School Musical 2*. Other regional credits include *Disney's High School Musical* (MUNY, Casa Manana), *Urinetown* (Trinity University), and Associate Director for *Up In The Air* (Kennedy Center).

Mr. Muraoka is a graduate of UCLA, where he received the Carol Burnett Musical Comedy Award for performance. He was also the 2004 recipient of the APEX Inspiration Award and the FCC's 2007 Role Model of the Year Award.

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