



**ROBERTA DUCHAK** is a member of the Hinsdale South High School Class of 1983.

Roberta is an award winning musical director, Chicago-based vocal coach and Broadway Actress. She was the on-set vocal coach for Russell Crowe and Hugh Jackman for the feature film *Les Misérables* as well as the 2013 Academy Award performance. Herself, a former Broadway and National touring performer, Roberta teaches privately at her two voice studios in Chicago and Westmont, IL. She is the resident Musical Director at the Drury Lane Theatre in Oak Brook Terrace, IL.

### **Career Accomplishments**

#### **Feature Film/TV**

*Les Miserables* 2012 - Directed by Tom Hooper  
Vocal Coach (On Set), Piano Accompanist (On Set)  
Private Vocal Coach to Russell Crowe & Hugh Jackman

#### **Direction (Selected Credits)**

South Pacific dir. Victor Moag  
Taming of the Shrew dir. Barbara Gaines (*Jeff Nomination*)  
Rock of Ages dir. Scott Weinstein  
42nd Street (*original arrangements*)  
Smokey Joes Cafe (*Jeff Nomination music direction*)  
Brigadoon (*Jeff Nomination/Original arrangements*)  
Saturday Night Fever (*Original arrangements*)  
Crazy For You dir. Matt Crowle  
Chicago (*Jeff Nomination*)  
Les Miserables (*Jeff Nomination*)  
West Side Story (*Jeff Nomination*)  
Billy Elliott dir. Rachel Rockwell  
Oliver dir. Rachel Rockwell  
La Revolution Française  
Sunset Boulevard dir. William Osetek  
The Sound of Music (*Jeff Nomination Music Direction*)  
Sweeney Todd (*Jeff Nomination Music Direction*) dir. R. Rockwell  
A Little Night Music (*Music Supervisor*) dir. William Brown  
The Original Grease (*original vocal arrangements & Jeff Award Best Musical*) dir. P.J. Paparelli  
Spamalot (*Jeff Nomination Music Direction*) dir. William Osetek  
Ragtime (*Jeff Award Best Music Direction*) dir. R. Rockwell  
The Story of My Life dir. Richard Maltby Jr.  
Murder for Two (*Midwest Premiere*) dir. David Bell  
Miss Saigon (*Jeff Nomination Music Direction*) dir. Rachel Rockwell  
Married Alive (*Conductor/Pianist*) dir. Victoria Bussert  
The Rocky Horror Show dir. S. Hildebrant/Brenda Didier  
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers dir. William Jenkins  
Xanadu  
Singing in the Rain dir. William Jenkins  
Gypsy dir. William Osetek

Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre  
Chicago Shakespeare Theatre  
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Goodman Theatre Chicago  
Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre  
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Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre  
Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre  
Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre  
Northwestern University  
Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre  
Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre  
Writers Theatre - Glencoe, IL  
American Theatre Company - Chicago, IL

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Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre  
Victory Gardens Theatre  
Chicago Shakespeare Theatre  
Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre  
Marriott Theatre-Lincolnshire, IL  
Mercury Theatre Chicago  
Drury Lane Oakbrook Theatre  
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#### **Theatre for Young Audiences (Selected Credits)**

Marriott Theatre- Lincolnshire, IL  
Pinocchio, High School Musical,  
You're a Good Man Charlie Brown,  
Alice in Wonderland, The Wizard of Oz,  
Princess and the Pea, Aladdin

## **Vocal Instruction**

Columbia College Chicago - Adjunct Faculty Member

2007-2014 Instructor-Fundamentals of Musical Theatre - Created Syllabus- Required course

Instructor- Techniques in Singing

Private Vocal Studio for Musical Theatre and Vocal Majors

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Teach all ages and styles (musical theatre, pop, rock, jazz)

Recording Artist/CD's Intersections -Debut Album

Live at the Mercury Theatre - Second City Divas

Women of the Chicago Theatre- Second City Divas

Season of Carols - Arranger/Music Director Carols for a Cure - 2000

American Girls CD- Voice of Aunt Cornelia

American Girls Cd- Circle of Friends

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## **Selected Acting Credits**

RAGTIME BROADWAY dir. Frank Galati / Mother u/s

RAGTIME Nat'l Tour dir. Frank Galati / Mother

25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (Nat'l tour) / Rona Lisa Peretti

SCROOGE Nat'l Tour (starring Richard Chamberlain) / Ghost of Christmas Past

SHOWBOAT NATIONAL TOUR dir. Hal Prince /

Magnolia u/s, Ellie u/s

(Chicago & Canadian companies)

The Visit (Original Company) Goodman Theatre

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## **Education**

1987 Indiana University, Bloomington, IN.

B.A. Telecommunications/Theatre

## **Roberta's legacy message to the students**

Get involved! Join a club, a band or a choir. Get involved in music! Is there ever going to be another time in one's life when they can spend a whole hour singing or playing a musical instrument? Playing with a band or singing in a choir makes you feel part of something bigger than you. Nothing beats the feeling at the end of the concert or any type of performance when the baton goes down and the audience erupts in applause. It's a great sense of collective achievement and one of the best feelings you'll ever have. Music is also healing. In an era when so many young people feel isolated, the sense of belonging is even more necessary in their lives. High School is still a time in your life where you don't have to specialize. I am amazed how students are being reassured to choose what they want to do for the rest of their lives at such a young age. I would encourage them all to try something that they've never done before. I see daily how music inspires and influences people's lives. You don't have to be the best singer or musician to get involved. Just try it...it might change your life!