

Gavin Lee, Musical Theatre Dance

The IAMT students are VERY excited and very fortunate to have the incredible and incomparable Gavin Lee joining the IAMT faculty!!! Gavin has been an actor, choreographer & director for 25 years – his career has spanned 2 continents and all mediums. As a teacher he is able to draw on a wealth of incredibly diverse experience from across a broad spectrum of entertainment. He trained at Bird Theatre College in south London before beginning a 14-year career in London's Westend. During that time he worked with the best choreographers & directors theatre has to offer including Sir Richard Eyre, Sir Trevor Nunn, Susan Stroman (in 3 productions), Matthew Bourne, Peter Darling, Stephen Mear, Sergio Trujilo & Bill Deamer. He has been a dance captain, & resident director for Susan Stroman (*Crazy For You*) and assistant choreographer for Peter Darling (*Phantom of the Opera* film). Gavin has been delighted to choreograph for Sir Cameron Mackintosh & Sir Alan Ayckbourn. He was on the original team with director Stephen Daldry to scour the UK and eventually find the first 3, brilliant *Billy Elliot* boys who went on to delight audiences & win the Olivier Award! But perhaps the highlight of his directing & choreographic career was directing a private concert for HRH Queen Elizabeth II and the entire Royal family at St James Palace. He has also tap danced on the roof of Buckingham Palace as part of a tribute to Queen Elizabeth!!! Other London directing & choreography credits include productions of *GOOD NEWS*, *INTO THE WOODS*, *SMILE!*, & *HOT MIKADO* as well as numerous Masterclasses for drama schools across London and the UK.

Mr. Lee has recently finished playing *Thenadier* in **Les Miserables** on Broadway. He has also been enjoying a lovely stint of Fred Astaire roles such as, *Ted Hanover* in **Holiday Inn** at Goodspeed (World Premiere) and *Jerry Traversin* in **Top Hat** at the Aldwych Theatre in London (Olivier Award for best musical). In 2006, Mr. Lee originated the role of *Bert* in both the West End and Broadway productions of **Mary Poppins** for which he was a **Olivier and Tony award nominee**, as well as winning a **Drama Desk** and **Theatre World award**. Mr. Lee will next be seen on Broadway playing *Squidward* in the upcoming **SpongeBob Musical**. While in NYC, Mr. Lee has appeared at Carnegie Hall in **Showboat**. On TV he played Woodford in season 6 of *White Collar*, and guest starred in *Law and Order SUV* and *The Good Wife*. His other London credits include **Crazy For You**, **Peggy Sue Got Married**, **Me and My Girl**, **Over My Shoulder**, **Oklahoma** and **Contact**. His regional UK theatre credits include **Singin' In The Rain**, **Snoopy**, **Noel Coward's Masterpieces**, **Of Thee I Sing**, **Saturday Night**, Alan Ayckbourn's **Whenever** and **Chicago**.