**ROBERT J TOWNSEND BIO**

Robert has been a professional actor for almost 30 years. His appearances range from Broadway, Off-Broadway, National Tour, and countless regional theaters across the country. Robert is the proud recipient of LA Ovation Awards for his portrayal of the title role in Jekyll and Hyde, and for his performance as Thomas Weaver in The Story of My Life. In San Diego, he has appeared on many of the stages of our thriving theater community, taking part in productions at The Globe, San Diego Rep, Moonlight, Starlight, and of course his home away from home, San Diego Musical Theatre. Robert has been nominated for numerous San Diego Critic Circle Awards and has received the Outstanding Lead Performance award for his portrayal of Georges in La Cage Aux Folles at SDMT. Robert’s other performance skills include voice overs, commercials, television, and big band crooning with Ray Conniff and His Orchestra. He has devoted the last five years (and counting) to Westview High School and the Westview Theatre Company as the Theater Director and Advisor. WVTC has grown to over one hundred acting and technical student collaborators and received much acclaim and acknowledgment for the performances and quality of the productions. Robert is beyond excited to continue to help SDMT bring incredible instruction and guidance to the wonderfully talented youth and adult performers in San Diego.