

ROB SCHIFFMANN

Rob Schiffmann has worked and toured as a professional improviser and musician for over seventeen years. As a two-time MAC (Manhattan Association of Cabarets and Clubs) Award winner and the recipient of the 2011 INNY (Improvisation News) Award for Best Improv Coach, Rob's musical and improv talents are known across the country. He has taught and directed improv at The School for Film and Television, Weist-Barron, and the Perry-Mansfield Performing Arts School in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. A graduate of Oberlin College, Rob worked regularly with Chicago City Limits as a performer, teacher and director from 1994 to 2011. Rob joined Broadway's Next Hit Musical in 2001. BNHM's master improvisers started their success at the famous NYC cabaret club Don't Tell Mama as well as with the New York Musical Theater Festival. Rob became Co-Artistic Director in 2009, and continues to perform with the hysterical troupe throughout the country and at their resident theater The Triad in NYC. Called "sharper than a pound of cheddar cheese" by reviewfix.com, Rob has showcased his skills on The Daily Download and The CBS Early Show. Rob's musical talent is also evident with the New York based acoustic-pop band, The Hillary Step; he is the main writer, lead singer, guitarist, and Music Director. For more information, please visit <u>www.robschiffmann.com</u>.

DEB RABBAI

Deb Rabbai is an improviser, singer, teacher, corporate facilitator/role player, actor and voice actor who has been working successfully in these mediums for twenty five years. She spent ten years performing and teaching improvisation with TheatreSports New York, five years performing with ComedySportz NY and six years performing with Chicago City Limits. Deb has appeared on Late Night with Conan O'Brien and in national commercials for MasterCard, Wendy's and Zyrtec. Deb has done countless voiceovers, ranging from radio and TV advertisements, to video games and has made a name for herself in the world of Japanese anime having voiced characters in over 45 anime films which are listed on her Wikipedia page. A graduate of The American Academy of Dramatic Arts in NYC and a highly experienced teacher of improvisation and acting, she's had the pleasure of teaching at NYU, Marymount Manhattan College, The American Comedy Institute, The New York Film Academy and American Musical and Dramatic Academy in NYC. As a facilitator/role player she has worked with companies from the pharmaceutical world to finance to beer! Her great joy has been taking on the role of co artistic director of Broadway's Next Hit Musical in 2009 and in watching the show and its performers flourish. She's also a tap dancer/hoofer and periodically brings her shoes on the road so you may get to see her hoof! For more information visit: www.debrabbai.com.