

James W. Gruessing Jr. (Director) James is delighted to be returning for another directing project at the Norris Theatre. Norris Theatre directing credits include: *A Christmas Story*, *Leading Ladies*, *Over the River*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *A Funny Thing ...Forum*, *Singin' In The Rain*, *The Odd Couple*, *Guys & Dolls*, *Boeing-Boeing*, *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Noises Off*, *The Drowsy Chaperone* and *The Full Monty*. Mr. Gruessing is also an accomplished performer; he most recently appeared here on-stage as Franz Liebkind in *The Producers*. Other favorite credits include Jerry Sloan in *Squabbles*, Nicely-Nicely Johnson in *Guys & Dolls*, Theanardier in *Les Miserables*, Cogsworth in *Beauty & the Beast*, Bert Barry in *42nd Street* and The Genie in *Aladdin: A Musical Spectacular* at Disney California Adventure to name a few. By day James is the Managing Director for Palos Verdes Performing Arts and can also be seen playing several roles at Disneyland.