

Program Bio 2026 - Ryan Knowles

Ryan was last seen on Broadway playing 9 characters in *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*, for which he received a spot on the New York Times “Best Of Theatre” yearly list. Off-Broadway credits include *Love + Science* at City Center, a long stint with *NEWSical: The Musical*, *Caligula Maximus*, *The Tempest* and *Fools In Love*. National Tours include *The Lightning Thief*, *Queen's We Will Rock You*, *The Grinch*, & *Todrick Hall's OZ*. He is currently a Broadway Guest Artist for Disney Cruise Line.

Ryan is also an internationally renowned concert headliner, having performed at some of the world’s premier nightclubs and venues including New York’s 54 Below, Birdland, Town Hall, & Green Room 42 and California’s Cinegrill & Feinstein’s. He recently made his European concert debut with a sold-out engagement at Budapest Jazz Club.

Ryan has performed at some of the country’s most respected theaters, having worked in 47 of the 50 states (Alaska and the Dakotas, you’re next!). He has played everything on two legs (and occasionally four), with a particular fondness for villains: From *Aladdin*’s Jafar to The Wicked Witch of the West; *Hunchback*’s Frollo to *Little Shop*’s Dentist; Shakespeare’s Caliban to Dickens’ Scrooge; Hades, Satan, the Devil and Mr. Applegate (he’s played some variation of the Prince of Darkness over a dozen times). He does frequent VoiceOver work working for companies such as Disney, Dreamworks and Universal. He starred on TV as host of Nickelodeon’s daily live show *Me:TV*. Ryan has danced with the Rockettes, tangled with a 60-inch Python in the woods, grappled in the ring with Lucha Libre wrestlers in Mexico City, and recited Shakespeare while skydiving (without missing a line). @ImRyanKnowles. RyanKnowles.com