

**RYAN KNOWLES** is an actor who has starred in everything from musical comedy to children's television; from feature films to stand-up comedy. Most recently in 2019, he appeared on Broadway at the Longacre Theatre as "Chiron & Others" in *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical*, for which he received critical acclaim and a spot on the New York Times "Best Of Theatre 2019" list. Shortly before the National Tour and Broadway engagements of *The Lightning Thief*, he appeared as "Caliban" in *The Tempest* in Maine and "Frollo" in a symphonic concert production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* in Wisconsin.

On tour, Mr. Knowles originated the roles of "Buddy" in the World Tour of *We Will Rock You*, the Queen Musical and "Mister" in *For The Record: The Brat Pack*; "Grampa Who" in *Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas* and "Wicked Witch of the Westside" in *Todrick Hall's OZ: The Musical*. He has appeared in Workshop Productions of Nickelodeon's *Spongebob Squarepants* as "Squidward," and Dreamworks' *Prince of Egypt* as "Hotep" & *Shrek The Halls* as "King Julian."

Mr. Knowles starred in over 400 performances as "The Genie" in *Disney's Aladdin – A Musical Spectacular*, the multi-million dollar production at the Disneyland Resort directed by Tony nominee Francesca Zambello. Off-Broadway, he has appeared in *Bulldozer*, *NEWSical*, *What Do Critics Know?*, *Hound*, *The Tempest* and *Fools In Love*. Regionally, he has appeared as "The Dentist" in *Little Shop...*, "John Wilkes Booth" in *Assassins* and "The Devil" in *I Hate Musicals: The Musical*.

He spent time as a host of Nickelodeon's daily live 2-hour television show, *Me:TV* and made his feature film debut as "The Devil" in 2010's *Camp Hell*.

Mr. Knowles wrote and performed his critically acclaimed off-broadway solo show *DIG & BE DUG: The Gospel of Lord Buckley*, directed by David Kraft and produced by InterProd Theatre, winning the Planet Theatre Awards for Best Performance in a Solo Show and Best Production of a Solo Show. As a comic, he has performed at Gotham Comedy Club, New York Comedy Club, the Comic Strip, and Stand Up NY.