

THE PHANTOM UNMASKED: THE SONGS OF BROADWAY

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FRANC D'AMBROSIO, BROADWAY'S "PHANTOM," STARS IN *THE PHANTOM UNMASKED: THE SONGS OF BROADWAY* NOVEMBER 11TH - 8:00 PM AT WCCCD'S HEINZ C. PRECHTER EDUCATIONAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

**Local Singers to Have Opportunity to Perform the Duet "All I Ask of You,"
On Stage with D'Ambrosio**

DETROIT, Mich. – August 31, 2017 – Award-winning tenor and renowned "Iron Man of the Mask," Franc D'Ambrosio will reclaim the role of the "Phantom" from Andrew Lloyd Webber's Tony Award winning musical, *The Phantom of the Opera*, in *The Phantom Unmasked: The Songs of Broadway* on November 11th at 8 p.m. at Wayne County Community College District's Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center. . The Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center is located on WCCCD's Downriver Campus at 21000 Northline Road in Taylor, Michigan.

D'Ambrosio is best known for his performance as the Phantom, a role that won him the distinction of the World's Longest Running Phantom, for his 2,300 Broadway performances over 11 years. Born in the Bronx and a graduate of the Hartt School of Music in Hartford, D'Ambrosio made his Broadway debut in the first revival of *Sweeney Todd*. His resume includes the role of Anthony Corleone, the opera-singing son of Al Pacino and Diane Keaton, in the film *Godfather III*, and the male lead, Tony, in the pre-Broadway, national tour of Barry Manilow's *Copacabana*.

An exciting part of the evening will be the opportunity for two local singers to perform the duet “All I Ask of You” with D’Ambrosio as a part of the show. Local singers will compete for 6 semi-finalist spots to attend a two-hour master class with Franc on November 10th. Two finalists will be selected, one to perform the role of Christine and Raoul at the November 11th show. For information on the auditions, contact Steve Wildern, Theatre Operations Dean at 734-374-3232.

Tickets are \$20.00 and available by calling 734-347-3200 or online at www.wcccd.edu/about/PerformingArtsCenter.htm , simply click on the “Buy Tickets” tab.

About the Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center: The 78,000 square foot Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center features an 812-seat theatre, state-of-the-art technical amenities, studio/rehearsal space, a gallery for the visual arts and up to 12 classroom or seminar rooms, all located at the beautiful, wooded, 97-acre Wayne County Community College District’s Downriver Campus. www.wcccd.edu/about/PerformingArtsCenter.htm

About WCCCD: WCCCD, the largest urban community college in Michigan, is a multi-campus district with six campus locations, University Center and the Michigan Institute for Public Safety Education (MIPSE), serving 32 cities and townships, spanning more than 500 square miles. WCCCD is committed to the continued development of new programs, hosting community-based training sessions, improving student facilities and services. www.wcccd.edu .

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