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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Celebrated musical theatre actor Ron Raines and Tony Award-winning conductor and musical director Don Pippin will present a master class March 26 at 4 p.m. for Illinois Wesleyan University musical theatre students.

Raines was nominated for a Tony Award for his role as “Ben Stone” in *Follies*. Most recently he appeared in *Newsies* and as “Daddy Warbucks” in the Broadway revival of *Annie*. Raines also earned three Emmy nominations for his portrayal of “Alan Spaulding” during the long-running CBS daytime program *Guiding Light*.

As a concert performer, Raines has appeared as a soloist with symphony orchestras across the country, and has performed with the Boston Pops, the BBC Concert Orchestra in London, and the Royal Philharmonic.

Pippin has conducted, directed the music and served as vocal arranger for more than two dozen Broadway shows, including the original production and 2006 revival of *A Chorus Line*, *Applause*, *Cabaret*, *Mame*, *La Cage aux Folles* and *Applause*. His musical direction has earned him a Tony Award for *Oliver!*, an Emmy Award for *Great Performances: Broadway Sings Jules Verne*, the Drama Desk special award, and a gold record for the original cast album of *A Chorus Line*. Pippin has guest conducted major symphonies and Pops orchestras, and was musical director for 10 years with Radio City Music Hall.

Raines and Pippin will visit central Illinois to present their show “Legends of Broadway” March 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Peoria Civic Center. That appearance is a production of InterArts Management, Inc., in association with Opera Illinois League. IWU Visiting Assistant Professor of Theatre Arts Sandra DeAthos is president of InterArts Management and arranged for the IWU master class, which will be held 4-6 p.m. March 26 at Evelyn Chapel.



Ron Raines

