

## **Ivan Rutherford Concert – May 15 - 7:00 PM – FWMS**

We will be hosting a very special event on Friday, May 15 when Broadway star Ivan Rutherford returns to Fairfield for a show called "More Than Broadway." (Here is a link to some excerpts from the show: <http://youtu.be/2Y2JSAG4Wrk> ) Tickets are available by calling 203-414-4292.

Ivan Rutherford has performed the role of "Jean Valjean" in *Les Miserables* over two-thousand times on Broadway, on national tours and most recently in regional theatres across the country. He was honored with the role as part of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary company in New York, co-starred alongside Andrea McArdle (the original 'Annie') at the Ogunquit Playhouse in Maine, and with Lea Salonga on Broadway in the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Les Miz revival. Ivan was nominated for "Best Actor" for his portrayal of Jean Valjean at the first annual National Broadway Theatre Awards. Other favorite roles include "The Caliph" in *Kismet*, "Tony" in *West Side Story*, Lt. Joe Cable in *South Pacific* (Drama-Logue Award) and "2<sup>nd</sup> Officer Charles Lightoller" in the Broadway production of *Titanic*. Ivan moved to Fairfield in 2004 and quickly became a favorite guest artist of the FCCC.

We have just been informed that Ivan has invited another Broadway star, his friend Kate Loprest, to perform with him in this show. Kate Loprest began her professional career at age 15 starring as Young Vi in the Midwest Premier of *Violet* in her native Chicago. After graduating from The University of Michigan's prestigious Musical Theatre program in 2005, she found herself back home in Chicago 3 months later as part of the sit down production of *WICKED* (Glinda/Nessarose u/s). Broadway: *HAIRSPRAY* (Amber Von Tussle), *WONDERLAND*, *XANADU*, *DROWSY CHAPERONE*. Tours: *LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE* (Nellie Oleson) 1st National. Other regional favorites include: *THE SINGLE GIRLS GUIDE* (Emma) Capital Repertory, *SHOWBOAT* (Ellie Mae) Washington National Opera, *LEGALLY BLONDE* (Vivienne) North Shore Music Theatre and Cape Playhouse and *LES MISERABLES* (Cosette) Pittsburgh CLO. TV/Film: *Boardwalk Empire* ( Corrine), *Running Wilde*, *All My Children*, *Made For Each Other*. Last fall, Kate had the honor of originating the role of Lucy Grant in Steve Martin and Edie Brickell's new musical, *BRIGHT STAR*, at San Diego's Old Globe Theatre. This summer, Kate will be playing the role of Amneris in Music Theatre of Wichita's production of *AIDA*, and originating the role of Allison in Barrington Stage Company's new play, *ENGAGEMENTS*. Visit [www.KateLoprest.com](http://www.KateLoprest.com) for more.