

HILARY AUSTIN, 2003, Hilary Austin is a theatrical and corporate event stage manager based in New York City. After graduating from New York University's Tisch School of the Arts, Hilary worked at Aurora Productions and Roy Gabay Theatricals, where she assisted on over 25 Broadway shows. One of those productions was FELA!, which Hilary stage-managed throughout the original work-shops, the off-Broadway production and the Broadway show which ran at the Eugene O'Neill Theater for a year and a half. Hilary also stage-managed the most recent Broadway revivals of A Streetcar Named Desire and Hedwig and the Angry Inch.

In 2011, Hilary began working on Radio City' Music Hall's Christmas Spectacular starring the Rockettes. In addition to working on numerous concerts, graduations and events at Radio City, Hilary has work-shopped, developed and stage managed three new shows starring the Rockettes at Radio City. Most recently, she was the first assistant stage manager of the New York Spectacular, where in addition to assisting the production stage manager, she designed and staged the scene changes and led a crew of 85 stagehands in executing them.

Hilary's favorite annual job has been assisting the production supervisors of the Tony Awards, where she coordinates the precise movement of all 200 performing cast members blending the theatrical performances to the precision of a live television broadcast.

When not working at Radio City, Hilary is a stage manager for corporate events all over the country. These include car shows, pharmaceutical drug launches, consumer electronic shows, national meetings and conventions, fundraisers and television network upfronts for companies such as Chrysler, Pepsi, State Farm, Volkswagen, Toyota, Yahoo, Disney, ESPN, Johnson & Johnson, NuSkin, Samsung, T-Mobile, Blackberry, The New York Times, JC Penny, Hermes, Novartis and Allergan.

Hilary would like to thank her mother for giving her the love of the "stage", her father for his love "management" and Stephanie, Samantha and Robin for all their love and support. And a very special thank you to Mrs. Barkin for teaching her first technical theater class!

DARREN M. HAYNES, 1999, Darren M. Haynes is an award-winning sports anchor at ESPN.

His career coverage includes the Super Bowl, NBA Finals, Stanley Cup Finals, Nascar Sprint Cup Chase, World Series and more. His work in the ‘field’ has taken him around the world.

Darren is a graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit Michigan earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Media Arts and Studies. Prior to a career in broadcasting, Darren received numerous NCAA football accolades from the University of New Haven and Wayne State University. At Amity High School, he was All-State in football and track and field.

As a sports anchor and reporter, Darren has won numerous awards and received several Emmy nominations. In 2008 and 2009, Darren received the Sportscaster of the year award in Texas. He accomplished that same feat winning the Texas AP of Broadcasters Best Sportscaster Award in 2011 and 2012. Darren has also *been* recognized in New England receiving the Media Recognition Award in 2013. He was inducted into the New Haven Gridiron Club Hall of Fame, Class of 2016. He was also awarded the 1998-99 Amity Versatility Award.

Darren’s work goes beyond sports. He is passionate about serving in his church and community with organizations such as Special Olympics, Muscular Dystrophy Association, U.S. Armed Forces and INROADS, Inc. He received the “Outstanding Leadership Award” for his work with the Pregnant and Parenting Teens Program as well as the “Media Recognition Award” for his fight against domestic violence with the Love Life Now Foundation.

Darren has been recognized as one of the “Most Influential Blacks in the State of Connecticut”. In 2007, he launched the Junior Broadcast Program that has helped hundreds of aspiring journalists achieve their dreams in the media industry. His motivational speeches help individuals increase confidence and use personal power to activate their ideal life. His mantra is “The future is the gift even though this is the present.” Darren continues to host seminars across the country, especially in Connecticut, teaching and motivating high school and college students to never give up on their dreams.

Darren’s work within the community continues with his services to the Second Chance Prison Ministry where he helps create a plan for success for inmates at local prisons and recovery houses.

Darren is a native of Woodbridge, Connecticut. He’s a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. and the National Association of Black Journalists. Above all of Darren’s professional awards and accomplishments, his greatest achievement is being a father.

VICTOR W. HURST IV, Ph.D., 1985, Victor was born in Dayton, Ohio on May 23, 1967. His interest in the study of space, and desire to travel there, developed at a very young age and guided much of his life. He started a Space Club at Amity High School in Woodbridge, CT where he graduated in 1985. He went on to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY where he received his BS in Physics in 1989 and received his PhD in Physiology from Albany Medical College in 1999.

That same year he moved to Houston, TX where he devoted himself to his career as a research scientist and instructor at Wyle Labs for NASA. There he worked to advance space-relevant medical procedures and equipment—authoring/co-authoring more than 50 scientific journal articles and published abstracts, and training 67 ISS astronauts and cosmonauts from 8 different countries. In 2007, he participated in The Science Channel documentary “Mars Rising” and had many adventures doing scientific research aboard NASA’s Zero Gravity Aircraft (known affectionately as the ‘vomit comet’). He was chosen as one of four participants in HERA (Human Exploration Research Analog) in 2014—a project to simulate the flight operations and isolation associated with a space mission to a very far-away asteroid.

Victor was a certified sky diver and avid cyclist and runner who ran both half and full marathons, and was due to complete the final race of the 2015 Texas Bridge Series benefiting The Bridge Over Troubled Waters, an organization dedicated to the prevention of domestic violence, on November 15th, 2015, but he passed away suddenly on October 27th, 2015 at the age of 48. A campaign called “Finish it for Victor” resulted in its completion by his friends and family in his honor. Always willing to lend a helping hand when needed, Victor was active in countless community and charity projects, most particularly the Hugh O’Brien Youth Leadership Foundation (HOBY) and the BP MS 150, a fundraising bike ride that benefits the National MS Society.

A passionate fan of music and concert going, Victor never missed an opportunity to catch Metallica, Kiss or any tour of the 1980’s “hair” bands. Victor was an avid fan of UConn Husky Sports and the Hartford Whalers.

Victor had hundreds of friends and no one was peripheral—everyone mattered. He attended every wedding, birth, graduation, christening and special event he could. He remembered every birthday and anniversary and, while we are all so grateful for the 48 years we were blessed to share with him, it was not nearly enough for a man who epitomized love, joy, compassion and so much humor. Victor’s amazing ability to find humor in most any situation was his most precious gift of all. To quote one of the many wonderful Facebook posts that immediately followed the news of his death: "Victor was the type of person that could single handedly restore people's faith in humanity should it be needed. What an overwhelming loss for us and gain for the heavens."

DEREK J. MITCHELL, 1982, Ambassador Derek Mitchell currently serves as CEO of Shwe Strategies LLC, as well as Senior Advisor to both the Albright Stonebridge Group and the U.S. Institute of Peace. Ambassador Mitchell was confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 29, 2012, as the first U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar (Burma) in 22 years, ending his service in March 2016. In 2011, Ambassador Mitchell was appointed the U.S. Department of State's first Special Representative and Policy Coordinator for Burma, with the rank of ambassador. From 2009 to 2011, Ambassador Mitchell served as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense, Asian and Pacific Security Affairs (APSA), in the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), overseeing the Department of Defense's security policy toward Northeast, Southeast, South, and Central Asia, for which he received the OSD Award for Distinguished Public Service. From 2001 to 2009, Ambassador Mitchell was Senior Fellow and Director of the Asia Division of the International Security Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS). He was Special Assistant for Asian and Pacific Affairs in the Office of the Secretary of Defense from 1997-2001. In the 1990s, Ambassador Mitchell served as Senior Program Officer for Asia and the former Soviet Union at the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs in Washington, D.C. Ambassador Mitchell began his work in Washington as a foreign policy assistant in the office of Senator Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA) from 1986-88.

Ambassador Mitchell has authored numerous books, articles, and policy reports on Asian security affairs, and co-authored *China: The Balance Sheet – What the World Needs to Know about the Emerging Superpower* (Public Affairs, 2006).

He received a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Virginia, and served as a visiting scholar at Peking University in 2007.

JOSEPH NATARELLI, 1982, Joseph Natarelli is the Partner-In-Charge of Marcum LLP's New Haven office as well as the National Construction Industry Group Leader. In addition, he is a member of the Marcum's Management Committee.

Joseph helped found the Hamden firm of Scillia, Dowling & Natarelli over 23 years ago and it became part of one of the nation's 15th largest firms largest accounting firms, Marcum LLP, a New York based accounting powerhouse. He brings more revenue into the firm than anyone else in New England.

Mr. Natarelli is one of the region's most respected accountants and he is considered indispensable by his clients. He brings to the office high energy, a joyful approach to hard work and what one partner calls "that hungry quality." Says a colleague, "Joe loves the hunt for new client opportunities. He is extremely focused, diligent and creative in winning a new client. If a door opens, he can be relentless. And that's not a negative. He has a passion, desire and focus for the next opportunity."

Mr. Natarelli has more than 30 years of experience with international accounting and consulting firms. He frequently serves as the Lead Audit Engagement Partner for a variety of consulting matters. Mr. Natarelli is experienced in providing auditing and consulting services related to corporate acquisitions, divestitures, and mergers and refinancing. He is highly-trained in the accounting and structuring of these transactions. In addition, he is a valuable resource on various construction projects, offering his expertise on job performance and enhancing profitability as well as expert testimony in claims arbitration and litigation.

Mr. Natarelli frequently speaks on accounting and auditing matters. For nearly a decade, he has served as a Technical Reviewer for the AICPA's Audit Risk Alert for Real Estate and Construction Industry Developments and the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide – Construction Contractors. In November of 2012, Mr. Natarelli, with the assistance of Marcum's Chief Economist, Anirban Basu, launched the Marcum Commercial Construction Index. This index is published quarterly.

Mr. Natarelli has also authored several articles including the most recent "How Long Will the Recovery Last?", Construction Accounting and Taxation, March/April 2016 and is a member of numerous professional and civic affiliations including Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc., Board of Directors and Membership Committee and Easter Seals Goodwill Industries Rehabilitation Center, Inc., Chairman.