

Richard Link

Since moving to California 6 years ago, Richard has worked throughout the Bay Area as a composer, arranger, teacher and performer. For 4 years he taught at San Francisco State University where he composed the music for productions of *Mother Courage* and *The Good Person of Szechuan*, and as music director, for *Sweeney Todd*, *Company*, *Cabaret* and the musical review *And The World Goes Round*. Richard has been music director of over 150 productions including the Canadian premieres of *Into the Woods*, *Marry Me A Little*, *City of Angels* and the jazz musical *Song of Singapore*.

As a composer Richard has written for film, TV, video, dance, choral ensembles as well as numerous theatrical productions. His films include the Canadian cult favorite *Blood Clan* and the National Film Board documentary *Born at Home*. His theatre company *ArtLink* has produced a number of award-winning works, most notably *The Painter's Dream*, which toured across Canada. He has just finished composing his third musical, *Perséphone*, for the San Jose Children's Musical Theatre. His newest musical *Dream World* will have its first performance this fall in San Francisco.

Richard recently returned from performing his choral work *Watch Me Shine*, at sold out choral concert at the world famous Sydney Opera House. The Lesbian/Gay Chorus of San Francisco recently performed *Watch Me Shine*, which was written for the Gay Games, May 10 and 11. This song is also being featured in a documentary about the Gay Games entitled *Let the Games Begin*.

As a performer, Richard credits include the 1996 Canadian tour of *Les Misérables* and the Broadway production of *Fool Moon*. Richard has extensive experience teaching music and theatre to students of all ages. In addition to teaching privately and in workshop form, Richard has been on staff at San Francisco State University, the University of Alberta, Grant McKewan College, Red Deer College, and the Medicine Hat College. He also taught for many years in the summer theatre programs, *Artstrek* and *Dramaworks*. This summer Richard will be leading his own Summer Youth Program entitled *Giving Voice*.