

*Steven T. Fickinger*

Class of 1978



**STEVE FICKINGER** is a Theatrical Producer, Senior Creative Consultant, and 20-year veteran of The Walt Disney Studios. Under his stewardship as Vice-President of Creative Development for the Disney Theatrical Group, Fickinger developed and creatively produced the current two-time Tony Award winning Broadway hit “Newsies,” as well as the upcoming Broadway adaptation of “Aladdin,” set to open in 2014.

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Fickinger’s engagement in the arts began at New Trier, where he started in stage crew, went on to play the leads in several mainstage productions, traveled to Russia and Poland with New Trier’s “An Evening of American Musical Theatre,” and directed the student-written show “Potpourri.” Fickinger worked at the student-run radio station, WNTH, and was a member of the gymnastics team.

Fickinger attended UCLA, where he was the recipient of the Carol Burnett Musical Award for excellence in performance. In 1982, Fickinger relocated to New York where he spent the next several years performing in theatre.

In 1993, Fickinger turned his efforts towards developing and producing. He joined Walt Disney Studios, working on more than a dozen animated films, including “Mulan,” “Tarzan,” and “Lilo and Stitch.”

Other lead assignments included VP, Special Projects for Disney’s Studio Chairman, Motion Picture Market Marketing, and Original Cast Recordings for Walt Disney/Hollywood Records.

During his tenure with Disney Theatrical Group, Fickinger worked on the stage adaptations of “The Lion King” and “Aida,” and personally spearheaded the record-breaking stage adaptation of “Disney’s High School Musical on Stage.” Fickinger was also proud to oversee Disney Theatrical’s Education and Outreach efforts, including “Disney Musicals in Schools.”

Longtime charitable interests and endeavors include the national AIDS Walk program, Los Angeles Food Mission, Meals on Wheels, The Race to Erase MS, The Los Angeles Adult Literacy Program, and The Spiritual Care Department of Cedars-Sinai Hospital.

