

MAUREEN MCGOVERN

THEATER BIO

Ms. McGovern, whose career spans 35 years, made her Broadway debut in 1981 as 'Mabel' in the Joseph Papp production of **The Pirates Of Penzance** and was hailed by then New York Times critic Frank Rich as "...a winning comedian... a real find for the musical theatre." After 14 months in '**Pirates**,' she moved across the street to the 46th Street Theatre to play the role of 'Luisa Contini' in the Tony Award winning production of **Nine** with the late Raul Julia, and in 1989 she played 'Polly Peachum' opposite Sting in **3 Penny Opera**. Off-Broadway, Maureen originated the role of 'Mary' in **Brownstone**.

Maureen returned to Broadway's 2005 season, originating the role of 'Marmee' in **Little Women, The Musical** for which she received a Drama Desk nomination. Maureen later reprised her role as 'Marmee' in the 2005-2006 Broadway National Tour of **Little Women**. Critics and audiences alike were equally delighted with her definitive portrayal of 'Mrs. Anna' in the Broadway National Tour of **The King and I**. Maureen performed in the West Coast Premiere of William Finn's **Elegies** at the Canon Theatre, and starred as 'Countess Aurelia' in an historic revival of the Jerry Herman musical **Dear World** (an adaptation of **The Madwoman of Chaillot**) at The Sundance Institute Theatre. She originated the role of 'Eleanor Bridges' in the world premiere of **Letters From 'Nam** at Boston's North Shore Music Theatre. Other performances include her dramatic debut role as 'Eleanor of Aquitaine' in **The Lion In Winter** at the Carpenter Square Theater, 'Madame Emery' in **The Umbrellas Of Cherbourg** at the Sundance Theatre, as 'Mary Turner' in George Gershwin's **Of Thee I Sing** in the 'Reprise' series at UCLA's Freud Playhouse, and in a historic, concert revival of **Of Thee I Sing/Let 'Em Eat Cake** at the Brooklyn Academy of Music and The Kennedy Center.

Ms. McGovern also starred in touring productions of **The Sound of Music**,

South Pacific, Guys & Dolls (playing both 'Sarah' and 'Adelaide') and **I Do, I Do**. Her children's musical, **The Bengal Tiger's Ball**, premiered in 1999. Maureen wrote the captivating music, co-created and starred in the production.

Maureen's feature film roles include **Airplane!** (playing 'Sister Angelina,' the guitar-strumming nun), **Airplane II: The Sequel, The Towering Inferno**, and the independent film **The Cure for Boredom** (aka **Sex and Bullets**.) Maureen also is heard as the voice of 'Rachel' in the DreamWorks animated video/DVD **Joseph: King of Dreams** with Ben Affleck. Her television roles include, **One Life to Live, The Tracey Ullman Show, Pacific Blue, Duckman**, and **Beyond Belief**.

Maureen recorded four highly-acclaimed albums for CBS Records: **Another Woman In Love, State of the Heart, Naughty Baby: McGovern Sings Gershwin** a live, in-studio concert and **Christmas with Maureen McGovern**. Ms. McGovern's CD, **With A Song in My Heart: The Great Songs of Richard Rodgers** with the late Skitch Henderson and The New York Pops, was released in 2000 as part of the Reader's Digest Centennial Series.

Other notable recordings include the RCA Victor release **Baby I'm Yours**, the Grammy nominated TELARC recording **Amen! A Gospel Celebration** with Erich Kunzel and the Cincinnati Pops and Fynsworth Alley Records' re-released **Out of This World: McGovern Sings Arlen** and **The Music Never Ends: The Lyrics of Alan & Marilyn Bergman** (both CDs feature new bonus cuts produced and recorded by Maureen.) Ms. McGovern was also Grammy nominated for her CD, **The Pleasure of His Company** on Sterling Records. She is featured singing a Brazilian jazz version, "**This Is Just The Day**" on the Grammy winning, "Best Musical Recording for Children" CD/DVD, "**Songs from the Neighborhood: The Music of Mister Rogers**." Aside from the #1 Grammy-nominated, chart-topping, Oscar winning International Gold Record "**The Morning After**," other hit records include the John Williams and Leslie Bricusse love theme "**Can You Read My Mind**," (Billboard Top 10 and #1 AC hit) from the motion picture **Superman** and "**Different Worlds**," (Billboard Top 20 and #1 AC hit) the theme from the ABC television series **Angie**.

Maureen released **Works Of Heart: Songs Of Hope** featuring a newly recorded 30th Anniversary version of her signature song "**The Morning After**," which launched the **Maureen McGovern Works of Heart Foundation for Music and Healing** to address the emotional and inspirational needs of patients and caregivers. Her current **Works of Heart** release (in partnership with Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS) is "**Help is On the Way**." Maureen is a National Board Member of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and an Artist Spokesperson for The American Music Therapy Association.

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