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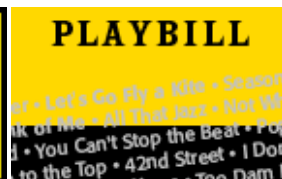
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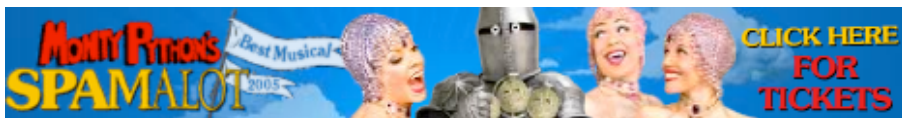
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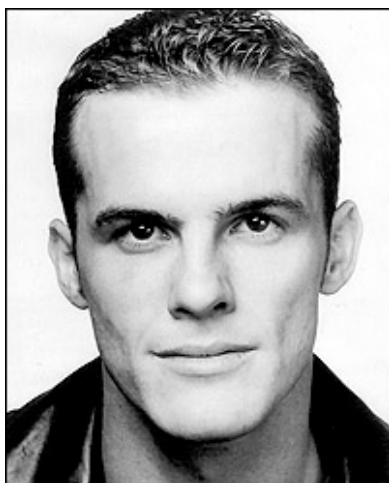
Turner Steps in for Lopez in Broadway's *A Chorus Line* Beginning May 13

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Grant Turner

Grant Turner will assume the role of Zach in the Broadway revival of *A Chorus Line* May 13. Turner is stepping in for Mario Lopez, who is going on a book tour with his new work-out book, "Mario Lopez Fitness Workout."

Turner – an ensemble member who covers the roles of Zack, Larry, Don and Greg – will serve as the ever-present, but seldom-seen director Zach through June 1. Turner is no stranger to the role of Zach, having previously covered for Michael Berresse during Berresse's hiatus

from the musical. *A Chorus Line* marks Australian native Turner's Broadway debut.

Well known for his role on "Saved By the Bell," "Dancing with the Stars," "America's Best Dance Crew" and as the current host of "Extra TV," Mario Lopez joined the Broadway revival on April 15. He will return to the role of Zach on June 3; his contract with the Broadway company concludes Sept. 7.

The Broadway cast currently features Nick Adams (Larry), Tommy Berklund (Greg), Natalie Cortez (Diana), Charlotte d'Amboise (Cassie), Dena Digiacinto (Bebe), Jessica Lee Goldyn (Val), Deidre Goodwin (Sheila), Bryan Knowlton (Paul), James T. Lane (Richie), Melissa Lone (Maggie), J. Elaine Marcos (Connie),

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Completing the cast are Todd Anderson, Michelle Aravena, Mike Cannon, E. Clayton Cornelious, Joey Dudding, Jenifer Foote, Lyndy Franklin, Nadine Isenegger, Jessica Lea Patty, Grant Turner and Deone Zanolto.

Michael Bennett's 1975 production was restaged by Bob Avian and Baayork Lee, opening at the Schoenfeld Oct. 5, 2006, following a six-week run at San Francisco's Curran Theatre.

Produced by John Breglio, who also serves as the legal representation for the estate of the late Michael Bennett, *A Chorus Line* has a book by James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante, music by Marvin Hamlisch and lyrics by the late Edward Kleban.

The design team for the 2006 restaging reunited much of the original creative team, including Robin Wagner (sets), Theoni V. Aldredge (costumes), Natasha Katz and Tharon Musser (lighting) and Acme Sound Partners (sound). Musical direction and supervision is by Patrick Vaccariello, with updated orchestrations by Jonathan Tunick, Billy Byers and Hershey Kay and vocal arrangements are by Don Pippin.

The original production of *A Chorus Line* opened at the Public Theater's Newman Theater on May 21, 1975, and transferred to Broadway's Shubert Theatre on July 25. The musical won the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, along with nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Book. It ran for nearly 15 years, closing on April 28, 1990, after 6,137 performances.

For tickets visit www.telecharge.com or call (212) 239-6200. For more information visit www.achorusline.com. The Gerald Schoenfeld Theatre is located in Manhattan at 236 West 45th Street.

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