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BROADWAY @ THE WALLIS

SIX-TIME TONY AWARD-WINNING STAR

# AUDRA McDONALD

WITH SPECIAL GUEST SIRIUS XM RADIO STAR

## SETH RUDETSKY

AS PIANIST & HOST

THURSDAY, MAY 11 AT 7:00 & 9:30PM

Bram Goldsmith Theater

Running Time: 90 minutes with no intermission.

### About the Artists



**AUDRA MCDONALD** holds the record for more Tony Best Performance wins than any other actor in history, and is the only person to win all four acting categories. She became a three-time Tony Award winner by the

age of 28 for her performances in *Carousel*, *Master Class* and *Ragtime*, placing her alongside Shirley Booth, Gwen Verdon and Zero Mostel by accomplishing this feat within five years. She won her fourth in 2004 for her role in *A Raisin in the Sun*, a role she reprised for a 2008 television adaptation, earning her a second Emmy Award nomination. On June 10, 2012, McDonald scored her fifth Tony Award win for her portrayal of Bess in Broadway's *The Gershwin's Porgy and Bess* thus tying a record held by Angela Lansbury and Julie Harris for most Tony Awards won by an actor. This past June she made history by winning her sixth Tony Award for her role as Billie Holiday in *Lady Day* at Emerson's Bar and Grill. She also maintains her ties to classical repertoire with an active concert and recording career, performing song cycles and operas as well as concerts throughout the US. Audra's many television appearances include four seasons as Naomi Bennett in "Private Practice," as well as "Homicide: Life on the Street," "Law & Order: SVU," "Having Our Say," "Mister Sterling," "The Bedford Diaries," "Kidnapped," the TV remake of the musical "Annie," and HBO's "Wit" with Emma Thompson and more recently as a cast member of "The Good Wife." In December 2013 Audra won critical acclaim for her performance as the Mother Abbess in NBC's live

telecast of "The Sound of Music" with Carrie Underwood. Her film roles include *Cradle Will Rock*, *Object of My Affection*, *It Runs in the Family*, *Best Thief in the World* and *Seven Servants*. Ms. McDonald just returned to the Broadway stage this spring and summer of 2016 with director George C. Wolfe and dancer/choreographer Savion Glover in the musical *Shuffle Along, Or, The Making of the Musical Sensation of 1921 and All That Followed*, a new retelling of an original musical by Eubie Blake and Noble Sissle, for which she was nominated for a Tony Award. Audra McDonald married Will Swenson in 2012, and this past October they became new parents to a baby girl.



**SETH RUDETSKY** is the afternoon host on Sirius/XM Satellite Radio's "On Broadway" as well as the host of Seth Speaks on Sirius/XM Stars. As a pianist, Seth has played for more than a dozen Broadway shows including *Ragtime*, *Les Misérables* and *The Phantom of the Opera*. He was the Artistic Producer/Music Director for the first five annual Actors Fund Fall Concerts including *Dreamgirls* with Audra McDonald (recorded on Nonesuch Records) and *Hair* with Jennifer Hudson (recorded on Ghostlight Records, Grammy Nomination). In 2007 he made his Broadway acting debut playing Sheldon (singing "Magic to Do" in a devastating unitard) in *The Ritz* directed by Joe Mantello for The Roundabout Theater. As an author, he penned the non-fiction *Q Guide to Broadway*, the novel *Broadway Nights* and

the recently published *My Awesome/Awful Popularity Plan* (Random House). Seth played himself on "Kathy Griffin; My Life on the D-List," was the vocal coach on MTV's *Legally Blonde* reality show and starred opposite Sutton Foster in "They're Playing Our Song" for the Actors Fund. He co-wrote and starred in *Disaster!* (which the *New York Times* called a "triumph") this past season on Broadway. *Disaster!* also premiered to rave reviews in London's West End in November. Seth writes a weekly column on Playbill.com and tours the country with this Broadway concert series and performing his one-man show *Deconstructing Broadway*. For more information visit [sethrudetsky.com](http://sethrudetsky.com).

#### ABOUT THE BROADWAY SERIES:

The Art House in Provincetown, MA, under the leadership of Producing Artistic Director Mark Cortale, is the original home to the internationally acclaimed Broadway @ The Art House series hosted by Seth Rudetsky. In its sixth season this past summer, the series presented Broadway superstars including Audra McDonald, Kristin Chenoweth, Patti LuPone, Matthew Morrison, Cheyenne Jackson and Vanessa Williams. The Broadway @ series premiered in 2013 in New Orleans, in Australia (Sydney and Melbourne) with Megan Mullaly and in London's West End with Patti LuPone at the Leicester Square Theater. The series has travelled to Fort Lauderdale (The Broward Center), Philadelphia (The Kimmel Center), San Francisco (The Nourse Theatre) and launched this month in Arizona with Audra McDonald (Scottsdale Center for the Performing Arts). More information at [markcortalepresents.com](http://markcortalepresents.com)