

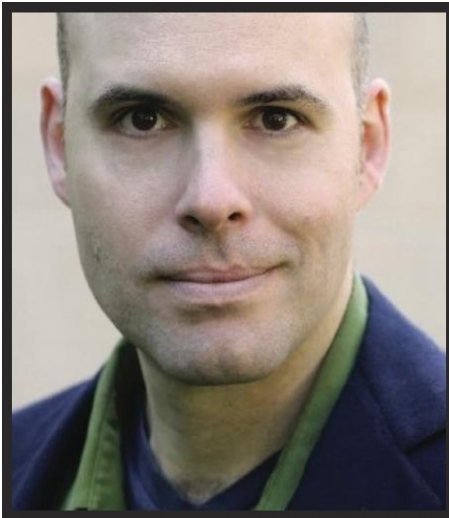


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Your donation helps area performers realize their life dreams!

It can be a rough road making a living as an actor, musician or dancer. Your donation to UPAF supports our diverse performing arts culture and provides opportunities for these skilled individuals.

Read on for a profile of the very talented Matt Daniels!



Matt Daniels can't remember a time he didn't want to be an actor. He was president of the drama club in high school and active in school plays and choir activities.

Raised in the suburbs of Los Angeles, Matt had the opportunity to go on field trips to tapings of TV sitcoms and awards shows and was further immersed in the world of performance. He was even in the feature film *Child's Play 3* (of Chucky, the killer doll, fame). However, his love of Shakespeare and all things Renaissance prevailed.

On to Juilliard

Matt was accepted to the Juilliard School Drama Division as the youngest member of his class, graduating in 1996. In New York, he found work acting mostly with small independent companies, teaching private Shakespeare, or a performance in a soap opera here and there, all while supporting himself with restaurant or office work.

Milwaukee, Here I Come

A move to the Midwest landed Matt in Chicago and eventually Milwaukee, where he is able to make a living as a full-time actor, director and teacher. (Plus, he gets a ukulele gig or two!)

"I'm incredibly fortunate to be a full-time theater practitioner. Milwaukee has a surprising breadth of theater institutions for a city of its size," said Matt. "I really love the variety of work that I'm able to do here, plus I can own a house as a full-time artist! I tend to know what my entire season looks like from year to year, so as a freelancer, there is great peace of mind with that."



Matt Daniels as "Jeeves"

Supporting the Performing Arts

Matt is active with a number of groups supported by UPAF: [First Stage](#), [Milwaukee Chamber Theatre](#), [In Tandem Theatre](#) and [Sunset Playhouse](#). He also performs at many UPAF Workplace Giving Campaigns to spread the word about the importance of the performing arts to our region.

"I love the broad sense of community that UPAF is able to foster," said Matt. "I feel certain that without UPAF, many of our theater groups would not be able to produce as much work, and that would directly affect my employment. More significantly, though, UPAF guides people to see the importance of the performing arts in our community, and that's special."



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