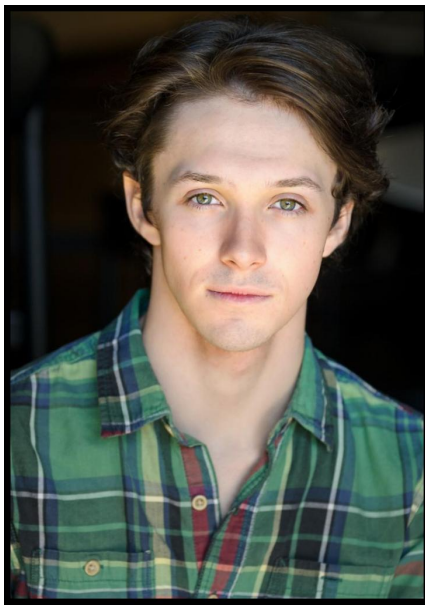




Artist Profile: Max Pink Growing Up in the Performing Arts



Your gift to UPAF is helping generations of artists in Greater Milwaukee. Max Pink, son of Milwaukee Ballet Artistic Director, Michael Pink, has built his acting foundation in Milwaukee, and looks forward to pursuing a career in the performing arts.

Max's involvement in the performing arts began at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater eight years ago with a role in *A Christmas Carol*. He then began training as an actor with First Stage's Young Company in 2013, and performing on the First Stage main stage that same year.

Portraying many roles in school and professional theater has gained Max recognition; so much so that he was invited to represent our state at the National High School Musical Theatre Awards in New York for his portrayal of Sweeney Todd at Shorewood High School last year.

Following one of his performances in *Sweeney Todd*, Theater Director Laura Gordon asked him to audition for Renaissance Theaterwork's upcoming season; specifically the production of *Russian Transport*, which Max describes as an unforgettable experience.



Max Pink in Russian Transport.

Photo by Ross Zentner.

"Laura Gordon masterfully and generously guided the cast to this incredible piece of art. The cast was so cohesive and supportive of each other, and Renaissance Theaterworks couldn't have been any more welcoming to me. I owe them my deepest thanks and hope to work with them all again in the future," Max said as he recalled his involvement with *Russian Transport*.

After high school graduation, Max hopes to study acting and music, in either London or New York.

Being a part of the Milwaukee arts scene has been key to Max's development as a performer; he appreciates the number of people who share a genuine work ethic, value creativity and learning, and show unwavering support. He believes that these people are what makes Milwaukee such a vibrant performing arts city.

Thank you for creating an environment for Max Pink and many other young performers to flourish!

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