



# David Beck

Actor

Noted for his "emphatic and nuanced" (*TimeOut NY*), "charming" (Talkin' Broadway and Show Business Weekly), and "well acted" (New York Times) performances, David Beck excels in playing characters who are vulnerable, highly sensitive, and intellectual. Recently, he performed as Dan Roche in *The Touch of the Poet* at Irish Repertory Theatre and starred in an episode of The History Channel's *The Food That Built America* as Henry Rudkin, the famed cofounder of Pepperidge Farm. This year, David co-stars in episode 6 of the first season of FX's *Fleishman is in Trouble*. Other recent credits include Sherlock Holmes in a reading of *Sherlock Holmes and the Case of the Fallen Giant* with American Lyric Theater; Horatio in The Mirror Repertory's production of *Hamlet*, directed by Sabra Jones; and Michael in The Actor's Chapel's production of *The Piano Teacher*.

For the screen, David wrote and starred in the award-winning short films *For Francis* (executive produced by *Project Runway*'s Tim Gunn) and *Backup Plan*, the latter is currently being developed into a feature film. You can also catch him on YouTube starring in the Streamy award-nominated and International Online WebFest nominated series *Spring Street*.

David is at home in the theatre, appearing in nearly 40 productions in New York and throughout the country. Significant theatre credits include Albert Innaurato's *Doubtless* (59e59 Theaters, directed by Tony Award winner Jack Hofsiss), critically-acclaimed New York revival of Rajiv Joseph's *Animals Out of Paper*, *The More Loving One* (LaMama & SoHo Playhouse, NY Fringe Award for Best Play), *On a Bench* (59e59 Theaters), and George Gibbs in *Our Town* (Mirror Repertory). He worked with Emmy winner Brian Cox, Tony winners Jack Hofsiss and Randy Graff, and Tony nominee Marla Schaffel. He is currently studying with Brad Calcaterra.

For the screen, David wrote, co-produced, acted in, and composed the score to the multi award-winning short film *For Francis*, which played in festivals and schools worldwide.

In 2015, David began a non-profit film company [The Great Griffon](#). Its latest project, the short film *Backup Plan*, premiered in 2019, and is available for streaming on Amazon Prime. In addition to being the writer-director, David stars in it alongside Jennifer Bobbi (Aunt Barbara and



Pose) and Valeria Cotto (The Florida Project). It won Best LGBT Film at KAPOW Intergalactic Film Festival, and was nominated for Best Drama.

The Great Griffon's first major project, [the web series \*Spring Street\*, is now streaming online](#) in which David plays a reclusive piano teacher who finally gets a shot at love. The web series was nominated for Best Screenplay at the International Online WebFest in London. Tubefilter calls it "a complex, eye-catching show...the show is a lot like the classical music it uses as its soundtrack. Give it time to piece itself together and it will impress you."

Born and raised in Dayton, Ohio, David has been devoted to creating art his whole life. He is classically trained in piano since the age of eight and can be heard on seven audio book recordings. David pursued acting at Marymount Manhattan College, graduating magna cum laude, trained by Kathleen Turner, Fay Simpson, Jenn Thompson, Ted Sluberski, and at Primary Stages.