



Tim as Sid Sorokin in "The Pajama Game" at Arena Stage. Photo by Tony Powell.

# Tim Rogan Stars in **THE PAJAMA GAME** at Arena Stage

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Tim as Lancelot du Lac in "Camelot" National Tour. Photo by Mark Minnick.



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"It's simply fun to play make believe for a living," claims actor Tim Rogan. The Avenel native says, "Getting to put yourself into someone else's shoes for a bit and live out these exciting moments is a blast. There is an amazing, almost hypnotic effect that you can have with an audience that is hard to describe. When audiences talk to me after a performance, and they say that you took them someplace else for a moment in time, I find that genuinely magical."

Tim's passion for performing began while growing up in Avenel and singing in choirs throughout the area, including Our Lady of Mercy in Potomac, the National Cathedral and St. Paul's on K Street. His family moved to Avenel in 1992, and his parents, Kevin Rogan and Pamela Sears-Rogan, have motivated his success. "They are some of the hardest working people I know. Whenever I am feeling rundown or overwhelmed, they are able to provide the pep talk about being completely exhausted and yet somehow finding a way to push through." Tim's siblings, Michael Rogan and Katherine Roberts, and brother-in-law, Austin Roberts, are also very supportive.

Tim attended St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Potomac and The Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. During his middle school years, he tried out for a play written by his class called *The Lion Amulet*. He says, "I got the theatre bug. Then, I auditioned for *Oliver!* in seventh grade and never looked back." Tim also enjoyed playing soccer and lacrosse and participated in student government at St. Andrew's.

When asked to describe some highlights of his acting and singing career, Tim responds, "The most incredible thing has been getting to the point where I am meeting, working with and befriending the people that I grew up watching. The first on-camera job I ever had was a scene with Sutton Foster, and all of a sudden I'm acting in a scene with her. There are also guys who I grew up listening to on soundtracks over and over again, who are now friends of mine. It's wonderfully surreal, and I find myself still getting starstruck frequently."

Balancing acting with a personal life can be a challenge. Tim says, "It's a constant juggling act. I find myself feeling like I should be spending more time with family and friends, and then I will immediately swing back the other way and feel like I need to be more focused and training more. My only simple advice (for what it is worth from a 27-year-old) is just to let people know you are thinking of them. We can't always meet up in person but sometimes just letting them know you hope they are well and in your thoughts, can go a long way."

In the future, Tim would love to keep diversifying between the stage and screen. "I think the dream for me would be to be working on a TV show or movie for 'X' months of a year, then turn around and do a show in an amazing theatre somewhere for 'Y' months, and to be able to go back and forth."

Displaying a strong work ethic and a team player attitude are important characteristics to Tim. He says, "There will always be someone who can do what you do better than you. However, if I know I am doing everything within my power to elevate and help the people on my team, in my show and in my cast, eventually, I will win out, and people will want to continue working with me down the road."

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Tim as Trevor Graydon in "Thoroughly Modern Millie" at The Engeman Theatre. Photo by Jessie Epeleimer



Tim as Miles Gloriosus in "A Funny Thing Happened on the way to the Forum..." at The Geva Theatre. Photo by Ken Huth.



Tim as Cornelius Hackl in Hello Dolly in 2006 at St. Andrew's.



Tim at age 13 starring in *Oliver!* at St. Andrew's.



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