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John Carrafa is a two-time Tony Nominated, Lortel Award, Drama Desk Award and Outer Critics Circle and Obie Award winning Broadway director/choreographer. He’s also a Media Choreography Award and World Dance Feature Film Award winning television and film choreographer. Recent television credits include Julian Fellowes THE GILDED AGE, ONLY MURDERS IN THE BUILDING, DEAD TO ME, SUCCESSION, BARRY, THE FLIGHT ATTENDANT, Stephen Soderbergh’s THE KNICK, TRANSPARENT, THE BLACK LIST, BLUE BLOODS, MANIAC, HAPPY! HAPPYISH, NURSE JACKIE, PRODIGAL SON and the Disney Musical FREAKY FRIDAY. He choreographed the Emmy winning “Eat Shit Bob” mega-musical number for LAST WEEK WITH JOHN OLIVER. He was series choreographer for six seasons of the ABC/CMT show NASHVILLE which he also directed and as well as Season 1 of EMPIRE. Upcoming television includes Season 4 of WESTWORLD, Season 2 of THE GILDED AGE, the new Scott L. Burns drama EXTRAPOLATIONS, starring Meryl Streep, Daveed Diggs, Toby Maguire, Forrest Whitaker and Marion Cotillard, THREE WOMEN starring Shailene Woodley, Betty Gilpin and DeWanda Wise, LOOT starring Maya Rudolph, and the new David E. Kelly crime drama, THE MISSING, directed by Barry Levinson. He pioneered the use of Motion Capture technology to create choreography on THE POLAR EXPRESS for to win the Media Choreography Award and received the World Dance Feature Film for SOMETHING BORROWED. Other films include THE THOMAS CROWN AFFAIR, BRIDE WARS, ANALYZE THAT, IF I STAY, LET’S BE COPS, THE OTHER GUYS, REBEL IN THE RYE, THE LAST DAYS OF DISCO and THE CHAPERONE. Broadway credits include: URINETOWN THE MUSICAL (Tony Nomination), James Lapine’s DIRTY BLONDE, Terrance MacNally’s LOVE! VALOUR! COMPASSION! DANCE OF DEATH with Ian Mckellan and Helen Mirren, DANCE OF THE VAMPIRES and GOOD VIBRATIONS, which he also directed. He received a TONY NOMINATION for his work collaborating with Stephen Sondheim on a new Broadway production of INTO THE WOODS starring Vanessa Williams and worked with Sondheim again on A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC at the Kennedy Center starring Kristen Bell and Blair Brown. Also at the Kennedy Center, he choreographed Richard Wagner’s RING CYCLE for the Washington Opera, starring Placido Domingo. He’s choreographed three musicals for the NY City Center Encores Series, OUT OF THIS WORLD, THE PAJAMA GAME and ON A CLEAR DAY YOU CAN SEE FOREVER. He’s been a collaborator both as a director and choreographer in the creation of countless original musicals. He won Best Director both at the NY MUSICAL THEATER FESTIVAL and the Daegu, Korea INTERNATIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL for his direction of the original musical ACADEMY and choreographed the original musical version of FINDING NEMO at Disneyworld. Other work includes Creative Director/Producer for the National Basketball Association, Director for concerts such as CAROLE KING AND FRIENDS at Madison Square Garden and the SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME CONCERT with Paul McCartney, Director/choreographer of the alternative circus, CIRQUE BERZERK at the Nokia Center and co-creator and director of the musical SHOWDOWN which has been running on Norwegian Cruise Lines since 2008. He has choreographed music videos for SARAH BAREILLES, EDITORS, GREG LASWELL as well as MACHINE GUN KELLY’s live Performance at the 2022 VMA Awards. Commercials for a countless top brands including VERA WANG, SWAROVSKI CRYSTAL, ATT, SPRINT, OLD NAVY, THE GAP, BARNES & NOBLE. He’s known for being equally comfortable choreographing both lead actors with little or no dance training, and highly trained technical dancers. With the philosophy that everyone can dance, his calm and methodical approach has brought out the inner dancer in a countless number of the biggest stars in our industry. Robert DeNiro, Tom Hanks, Emma Stone, Carrie Coon, Morgan Spector, Daveed Diggs, Anne Hathaway, Kate Hudson, Connie Britton, Kate Hudson are just a few.

Film

JOB	POSITION	COMPANY
Yes Day	Choreographer	Dir. Miguel Arteta
21 Bridges	Choreographer	Dir. Brian Kirk
The Kitchen	Choreographer	Dir. Andrea Berloff

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The Chaperone	Choreographer	Dir. Michael Engler
Freaky Friday	Choreographer	Disney Channel
The Newlywed Game	Writer/Director	ABC
The Week Of	Choreographer	Dir. Robert Smigel
Rebel in the Rye	Choreographer	Dir. Danny Strong
If I Stay	2nd Unit Producer/Choreographer	Dir. RJ Cutler
Let's Be Cops	Choreographer	Dir. Luke Greenfield
The Other Guys	Choreographer	Dir. Adam McKay
Something Borrowed	Choreographer	Dir. Luke Greenfield
Bride Wars	Choreographer	Dir. Gary Winick
The Polar Express	Choreographer	Dir. Robert Zemeckis
The Thomas Crown Affair	Choreographer	Dir. John McTiernan
Analyze That	Choreographer	Dir. Harold Ramis
Love! Valour! Compassion!	Choreographer	Dir. Joe Mantello
The Last Days of Disco	Choreographer	Dir. Whit Stillman
Who's The Top? (short)	Choreographer	Dir. Jennie Livingston

Television

JOB	POSITION	COMPANY
Three Women	Choreographer	Showtime
The Missing	Choreographer	NBC
Only Murders in the Building	Choreographer	HULU
Westworld - Season 4	Choreographer	HBO
The Gilded Age - Season 1, 2	Choreographer	HBO
Dead to Me - Season 1, 2, 3	Choreographer	Netflix
The Flight Attendant - Season 1	Choreographer	HBO
Prodigal Son - Season 1	Choreographer	FOX
The Blacklist - Season 7	Choreographer	NBC
Last Week Tonight w/John Oliver - SLAPP Suits	Choreographer	HBO
No Activity - Season 3	Choreographer	CBS
Blue Bloods - Season 9	Choreographer	CBS
Barry - Season 2	Choreographer	HBO
Maniac - Season 1	Choreographer	Netflix
Happy! - Season 2	Choreographer	SYFY
Succession - Season 1	Choreographer	HBO
Master of None - Season 2	Choreographer	Netflix
Nashville - Seasons 1-5	Series Choreographer/Director	CMT

JOB	POSITION	COMPANY
Empire - Season 1	Choreographer	FOX
Transparent - Season 1	Choreographer	Dir. Jill Soloway
The Knick - Season 2	Choreographer	Dir. Steven Soderbergh
Z: The Beginning of Everything - Season 1	Choreographer	Amazon
Bull	Choreographer	CBS
The Blacklist	Choreographer	NBC
Elementary	Choreographer	CBS
Blue Bloods	Choreographer	CBS
Royal Pains	Choreographer	USA Network
Falling Water	Choreographer	USA Network
The Comedians - Season 1	Choreographer	Dir. Larry Charles
Limitless	Choreographer	Prod. Kati Johnston
Nurse Jackie	Choreographer	Dir. Brendan Walsh
Big Love	Choreographer	HBO
Ugly Betty	Choreographer	ABC

Theatre

JOB	POSITION	COMPANY
Urinetown The Musical - Tony Nomination	Choreographer	Dir. John Rando
Into The Woods - Tony Nomination (w/Vanessa Williams)	Choreographer	Dir. James Lapine
Good Vibrations	Director/Choreographer/Co-Writer	
Dirty Blonde	Choreographer	Dir. James Lapine
Dance of the Vampires	Choreographer	Dir. John Rando
Love! Valour! Compassion! (w/Nathan Lane)	Choreographer	Dir. Joe Mantello
Dance of Death (w/Sir Ian Mckellan And Helen Mirren)	Choreographer	Dir. Sean Mathias
A Thousand Clowns (w/Tom Selleck)	Choreographer	John Rando
Indian Ink - Tom Stoppard	Choreographer	Roundabout Theater Company
The Rocky Horror Picture Show	Director	American Conservatory Theater
Cirque Berzerk	Director/Choreographer	Nokia Theater, Los Angeles
King Lear - Shakespeare	Choreographer	Theater For A New Audience
Measure for Measure - Shakespeare	Choreographer	Theater For A New Audience
Three Sisters - Anton Chekhov	Choreographer	Dir. Ilene Lewis, Arena Stage
Happy End - Brecht/Weill	Choreographer	Dir. Carey Perloff, ACT
Eurydice - Sarah Ruhl	Choreographer	Dir. Les Waters, Second Stage NYC
The Long Christmas Ride Home	Choreographer	Dir. Mark Brokaw, Vineyard Th.

JOB	POSITION	COMPANY
Finding Nemo - Disney World	Choreographer	Dir. Peter Brosius
The Pajama Game, Out of this World, On a Clear Day You Can See Forever	Choreographer	City Center Encores!
A Little Night Music (Kristen Bell)	Choreographer	Kennedy Center Sondheim Festival
Wagner's "Ring" (Placido Domingo)	Choreographer	Dir. Francesca Zambello
Animal Crackers (Marx Brothers Comedy)	Choreographer	Dir. Francesca Zambello
Academy	Director/Choreographer	NY Musical Theater Festival / Daegu Int. Music Th. Fest.

Commercials/ Digital

JOB	POSITION	COMPANY
NY Lotto	Choreographer	
Intel "IDF" MSHIP	Choreographer	
White House/Black Market	Choreographer	
Locite	Choreographer	
Charter	Choreographer	
Reliant Energy	Choreographer	
"Neon"	Choreographer	Gap Kids
"Color Denim"	Choreographer	Macy's
Macy's "Week Of Wonderful"	Choreographer	Macy's
Acura Featuring Bette Midler	Choreographer	Acura
Barnes And Noble Featuring Jane Lynch	Choreographer	Barnes And Noble
Lays Potato Chips Featuring Eva Longoria	Choreographer	Lays
Justin Bieber's Someday Perfume	Choreographer	
Sonic Burger "This Is How You Sonic"	Choreographer	Sonic Drive-In
Propel Zero	Choreographer	Coca-Cola
State Farm Insurance	Choreographer	
Walmart	Choreographer	
Las Vegas Tourism	Choreographer	
Nippon Ham	Choreographer	
NY Lotto "Little Bit Of Luck"	Choreographer	
Truth Anti-Smoking Campaign	Choreographer	
Stride Gum	Choreographer	
Vera Wang - Kohl's	Choreographer	
Reliant Energy	Choreographer	
Aspen Cologne	Choreographer	
Milton Bradley Games	Choreographer	
Met Life Featuring Snoopy	Choreographer	

JOB	POSITION	COMPANY
NBA "It's All Good"	Choreographer	
WNBA "We Got Game"	Choreographer	
Sprint	Choreographer	
Miller Beer "Football"	Choreographer	

Movement Coaching

JOB	POSITION	COMPANY
Emma Stone		
Tiffany Haddish		
Nick Hoult		
Kate Hudson		
Christopher Walken		
Vanessa Williams		
Kristin Chenowith		
Kate Beckinsale		
Jenna Elfman		
Gregory Hines		
Jerry Stiller		
Mandy Patinkin		
Mark Linn Baker		
Mary J. Blige		
Kristin Davis		
Jonah Hill		
Christina Ricci		
Robert DeNiro		
Mark Wahlberg		
John Turturro		
Bridget Fonda		
Chloe Sevigny		
Annabella Sciorra		
Josh Gad		
Matthew Broderick		
Anne Meara		
Mary Steenburgen		
Craig Bierko		
Blair Brown		
Tom Cavanaugh		
Melissa McCarthy		

JOB**POSITION****COMPANY**

Christopher Meloni

Tom Hanks

Kristen Bell

Sir Ian McKellan

Rene Russo

Mira Sorvino

Tim Roth

Jane Krakowski

America Ferrara

Jason Alexander

Jeanne Tripplehorne

Betty Buckley

David Straithairn

Julie Bowen

Clive Owen

Aziz Ansari

Anne Hathaway

Mark Ruffalo

Helen Mirren

Pierce Brosnan

Val Kilmer

Ginnifer Goodwin

Robert Sean Leonard

Harry Belafonte

Seymour Cassell

Andrea Martin

Christine Ebersole

Kim Cattrall

Snoopy

Elizabeth Moss

Ann-Margret

Connie Britton

Hayden Panettiere

Nathan Lane

Justin Kirk

Nicholas Cage

Sarah Jessica Parke

Mia Farrow

JOB

Rosie Perez

Lorraine Bracco

B.D. Wong

Harry Connick Jr.

Cynthia Nixon

POSITION**COMPANY****Music Videos****JOB**

Sara Bareilles "Armor"

POSITION

Choreographer

COMPANY

Dir. Bryan Mir