

Howard Solomon – Assistant Director

Howard Solomon has been a part of the MET2 family since 1997 when his son Jason performed in his first MET2 show, *The Secret Garden*. Howard has done just about everything there is to do at MET. He has assisted with props, set building and stage management. He has also been a flying Dad, a show announcer, and one of the few and proud “Back Stage Moms”. Howard has also been the co-chairperson of the VIP receptions for the past 6 years. Recently Howard has helped direct *Beauty & The Beast* and *The Wizard of Oz*. Prior to directing he has performed in several MET2 shows such as *Big River*, *Annie*, *Bye Bye Birdie* and *The Sound of Music*. Howard’s most memorable performance was when he played Mr. Bundles in *Annie*, while MET2 Director and Choreographer, Alison Bretches, played the part of Miss Hannigan. He has also had the joy of performing in MET2 shows with his entire family including wife, Debra, and daughter Samantha.

Howard has always loved the stage and theatre, performing in many musicals and dramas throughout high school and college including (among many shows) *Guys & Dolls* and *Hello Dolly*. He has also been an extra on several motion pictures such as *The Color of Money*, *Something About Last Night* and *Honey I Shrunk the Kids* and TV shows including *Cheers*.

In addition to working with MET2, Howard and his wife, Debra, have built a successful restaurant consulting company, The Solomon Group, which is based in San Diego. They have successfully opened over 30 restaurants over the past 9 years for their clients. Howard is often called upon to lecture at Food & Beverage Conferences and Restaurant Associations. He also sits on the Board of Directors of several restaurant chains, hospitality related businesses and The San Diego Chapter of the Food & Beverage Association. During the school year, Howard has also taught Restaurant Management courses at San Diego State University. Outside of work and theater, Howard is a Board Member at his temple, Adat Shalom, in Poway. He also enjoys football and baseball and has season tickets to both the San Diego Chargers and San Diego Padres.