

Show Starters

All the world's a stage—especially for these TV actors who got their start on the boards of Broadway. **BY EMILY MAAS**



CARLOS VALDES

Cisco Ramon, *The Flash* (The CW)
Broadway credits: Andrej in *Once*, the U.S. National Tour of *Jersey Boys*

Playbill: Ramon studied at the University of Michigan and was part of StarKid Productions, which developed the super popular (and viral) *A Very Potter Musical*.



PATINA MILLER

Daisy Grant, *Madam Secretary* (CBS)

Broadway credits: Deloris Van Cartier in *Sister Act*, Leading Player in *Pippin*

Playbill: Miller—a Tony winner for her work in *Pippin*—stars in *Madam Secretary* alongside seasoned theater vet Bebe Neuwirth, who won Tonys for *Sweet Charity* and *Chicago*.

JEREMY JORDAN

Winn Schott, *Supergirl* (CBS)

Broadway credits: Swing in *Rock of Ages*, Tony in *West Side Story*, Clyde in *Bonnie & Clyde*, Jack Kelly in *Newsies*

Playbill: The Tony- and Grammy-nominated performer played Jimmy on *Smash*, but *Supergirl* is his first regular role on a nonmusical show.



CIARA RENEE

Kendra Saunders/Hawkgirl, *DC's Legends of Tomorrow* (The CW, midseason)

Broadway credits: The Witch in *Big Fish*, Leading Player in *Pippin*

Playbill: Renee replaced Patina Miller (above) in *Pippin* when Miller left the company.



DONNA LYNNE CHAMPLIN

Paula, *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend* (The CW)

Broadway credits: Mary Jane in *James Joyce's The Dead*, Honoria Glossop in *By Jeeves*, older Helen in *Hollywood Arms*, Pirelli in *Sweeney Todd*, Lesley in *Billy Elliot*

Playbill: It's no surprise that The CW's musical comedy tapped more than one Broadway star. In addition to Champlin, the cast includes Santino Fontana (Greg), who appeared in *Cinderella* (which earned him a Tony nomination), *Billy Elliot* and *Sunday in the Park With George*.



FOR THE RECORD

NEW GIGS

* *The Walking Dead* star **Norman Reedus** will be riding motorcycles in two AMC shows now. *Ride With Norman Reedus* (working title)

premiered in 2016 with six episodes, as he and a guest star celebrate motorcycle culture across the country.

* **Nathan Darrow** (*House of Cards*) will be joining Fox's *Gotham* as Victor Fries, aka Mr. Freeze, for a

multi-episode arc beginning November 30. Like his comic book counterpart, Fries will attempt to cryogenically freeze his wife, who suffers from a terminal disease.

* **Ricky Gervais** (right) has been tapped to host the

Golden Globes—again. This will be the comedian's first time back since a three-year stint from 2010 to 2012. The Globes air January 10 on NBC.



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