

Martin Short Live

Martin Short, comedian • **Jeff Babko**, piano

Special Presentation

Sunday, August 3, 2008, 7 pm

Orchestra Hall

This evening's program will be presented without intermission.

Comic chameleon **Martin Short** has brought dozens of memorable characters to life during a three-decade career ranging from late-night television to the Broadway stage. Best known as the scene-stealing wedding planner Franck from the *Father of the Bride* films, he is active as an actor, writer and producer, and has been recognized with two Emmy Awards and a Tony Award.

A native of Ontario, Short launched his career as a writer and actor for Canada's *SCTV Comedy Network*, then became a regular on *Saturday Night Live*, where he played such popular recurring roles as showbiz promoter Jackie Rogers, Jr., and the neurotic *Wheel of Fortune* fan Ed Grimley. Since his movie debut in *iThree Amigos!* in 1986 he has appeared in such films as *Mars Attacks!*, *Jungle 2 Jungle* and the miniseries *Merlin*, and has voiced characters in *The Prince of Egypt*, *The Spiderwick Chronicles* and other films.

In recent years Short has created several comedy specials and television programs, including *The Martin Short Show* and *Primetime Glick*. In 1999 he won a Tony for his performance in the Broadway musical *Little Me*, and in 2006 he starred in the musical comedy *Fame Becomes Me*, which he also wrote.



Jeff Babko is keyboardist and arranger for ABC's *Jimmy Kimmel Live* and regularly tours with Martin Short. He has collaborated with Julio Iglesias, Simon Phillips, James Taylor and others, and has performed on numerous film soundtracks, including *The 40-Year-Old Virgin* and *Garden State*. His most recent CD, *Mondo Trio*, was named one of 2007's best recordings by *DownBeat* magazine.

