

# John Scott

## Class of 1986

**After I graduated** from CBHS in 1986, I attended the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in NYC where I eventually graduated. I obtained my Actor's Equity status doing regional theatre shortly thereafter.

**The big break** was playing the role of Mark in the 1990 national tour of *A Chorus Line* which, incidentally, stopped in Florida not far from CBHS! After that I performed with the NYC Opera at Lincoln Center in the *Merry Widow* and following it with the Broadway revival of *110 in the Shade*. *My Fair Lady* starring Richard Chamberlain was next, and after a long tour finished on Broadway. I closed the show playing the role of Harry. During that time I was married to another performer, and we worked together in the original Broadway cast of *State Fair* with John Davidson and Kathryn Crosby.



**In between** all these theatre jobs, I was working bit roles in the *Guiding Light* and a CNBC short soap opera called *Cable Crossings*. When I landed *State Fair*, they wrote me off the show as leaving my wife and running away with another love interest. Gotta love soaps, huh?

**I finished** my theatrical career at the Radio City Music Hall in their *Christmas Spectacular*. At the time, I was contemplating leaving “the biz” to get into computer graphics. Playing a dancing Santa and bicycle-riding Panda was about all I could bear (no pun intended). But I had accomplished what I set out to do (most of my CBHS friends will remember that getting on a Broadway stage was my “dream”). My marriage was over and it was time for me to move on.

**After intensive training** in graphic design, I was hired to do a page layout in a pre-press house where I put together ads for Calvin Klein, Coach, Burberry, Estee Lauder, and the NY Times. Laborious, but I learned a lot. This led to a designer position in a big corporation where I learned that design was frustrating to me, and what I really liked was the computer. Suddenly, less than 2 miles away, two planes crashed into the World Trade Center and everyone's life changed. I decided to move out west, where I could begin anew.

**I now reside** in Tucson, Arizona now. I live in a small house surrounded by mountains and have a backyard filled with lizards, rabbits, and various cacti whose very existence befuddles me. I do business-to-business sales for a computer company and embrace the geekiness every day. Remarried—to the right person this time! Her name is Rita and she is a second grade teacher. In our free time, we belong to a group of performers who put on old west stunt shows for the public.

So, the acting bug gets released yet again. Only this time—it's all for fun!

Editor's Note: Here's John's Senior Picture ... note his Senior Description: Computers 1st on the list ... and his early talent at acting!



John A. Scott. Computer Club, Drama Club, Pep Club, Spanish Club, Class Council 11, 2nd Place at Thespian Competition 1985.