



## **JOSHUA BARON**

Joshua Baron is passionate about finding and cultivating talented singers from around the world. He has gained around a decade of experience in producing singing competitions, and training performers from all over the country in all different styles of music through his experiences with the KWC organization. Beginning his college years with studying Opera at Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois, then moving on to Musical Theatre at Columbia College, he has taken pieces of these experiences over the time to develop a dynamic understanding of many varied types of musical genres. Utilizing the skills learned from the time during these college years allowed him to stage manage multiple productions in Chicago working with Second City and The Theater Building on Belmont. After taking a brief hiatus from performing himself, he went back to school and earned his degree in Animation and Film from the International Academy of Design and Technology. With that degree he was able to become the Head Artist and Art Director at Studio Laser in Chicago, IL. He continued at that position until moving to Seattle where he inevitably found his way back to the microphone through hosting karaoke shows. This unknowingly would lead to the creation of his karaoke company, and then eventually being named the Washington State director of KWCUSA from 2010 to 2012 and 2015 to 2016. At the end of 2016 the KWC World Organization offered Josh the Directorship of the 2017 Karaoke World Championships for the United States of America and to be the official US Partner to the KWC. In accepting this role he has led the team to a series of medals year after year as the US has shown to be a serious contender in the World Finals events. He hopes to share his experience and expertise with each individual artist and build on their existing talent, while searching the Nation for the next KWC Champion.