

BARBARA MINKUS – BIOGRAPHY

Barbara Minkus, originally from Chicago, began show business in Julius Monk's New York review *Bits and Pieces*. She then went on to receive rave reviews touring as Fanny Brice in *Funny Girl* throughout the United States. She was the original Lucy in the recording and Off-Broadway production of *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, and continued her Broadway success in *The Education of Hyman Kaplan*, directed by the great George Abbott.

On television, she was a regular for six seasons of *Love American Style* and played Gittle the Witch in ABC's *Curiosity Shop*. She made many appearances on *The Tonight Show* and a record twenty times on *The Merv Griffin Show*. Barbara has numerous film and voice over credits, including playing the voice of Ms Pacman in the ABC cartoon series *Pac Man*.

After taking time out to raise her family, Barbara returned to the theater at the Santa Monica Playhouse in *Funny You Don't Look Like a Grandmother*, and went on to star there as Molly Picon in *Picon Pie*, a role she helped research. She then reprised Molly Picon Off-Broadway. Barbara Minkus starred in Los Angeles and Florida as Jennie Grossinger in Stephen Cole's delightful musical *Saturday Night at Grossinger's*. She will return to play Jennie Grossinger again Off-Broadway in the summer of 2010.

Barbara Minkus starred in December '08 in NYC in *Piano Bar*. She also presented *From This Moment On - Minkus Sings Porter* at The American Jewish University in Los Angeles and returned there in January '08 to present *The Songs of Irving Berlin*. In the summer of 2008, Barbara played Miss Lynch in *Grease* at the Muni Theatre in St. Louis, and came back to The Muni and Starlight Theater in Kansas City, to play Yente in *Fiddler on the Roof*. This past spring, Barbara starred in NYC in Saul Ilson's new Off-Broadway Musical *Don't Leave It All to Your Children*.

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