PHILLIP BOYKIN is a 2012 Tony Award, Drama Desk Award and Outer Critics Circle Award Nominee for his work in PORGY AND BESS on Broadway. He is the 2012 Winner of a Theatre World Award as well as the 2012 International Reviewers of New England Award and The Distinguished Alumni Award from The Hartt School. Phillip is a native of Greenville, SC who now resides in NJ. Mr. Boykin portrayed the role of Big Hand in the movie FREEDOM starring Cuba Gooding Jr., and Sharon Leal. Recently The Driver in TOP FIVE a movie starring, written and directed by Chris Rock, Caiaphas in John O'Boyle's EASTER MYSTERIES and was featured as the cover story of Classical Singer Magazine. He's a graduate of the University of Hartford's Hartt School of Music in CT; he also studied Jazz and Vocal Performance at SC State University, Howard University and the NC School of the Arts. Phillip has toured throughout Europe, Asia, Australia, Russia, Poland and North America. Some other performances include the roles of Joe in the National Tour SHOW BOAT and at several Regional theaters including Sacramento Music Circus Ca., The Pirate King in PIRATES OF PENZANCE, Ken in AIN'T MISBEHAVIN', Crown/Jake in PORGY AND BESS, Tarquinius in THE RAPE OF LUCRETIA, Caiaphas in JCS, and JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR GOSPEL, the HARLEM GOSPEL SINGERS, Fred in SMOKEY JOE'S CAFÉ, and Don Alfonso in COSI FAN TUTTI to name a few. Phillip performed in the Anniversary Concert of RAGTIME at Lincoln Center. He also made is Carnegie Hall debut in Broadway Classics. Mr. Boykin is the Director and Manager of the NYGOSPEL BROTHERS. For more information or to buy his CD/DVD entitled "You Believed In Me" please visit www.PhillipBoykin.com.