

Scott Keiji Takeda is a Japanese American professional actor of film, television, commercials, and theater. He is most known for starring as Brian Kurihara opposite comedian Gad Elmaleh in the Netflix Original Series *Huge in France*. Scott's other on-screen credits include HBO Max's *Made for Love*, ABC's *Grey's Anatomy*, Disney's *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, *Evergreen*, *MDMA*, and *Carrie Pilby*. Onstage, he has had the opportunity to work with theater companies such as Center Theatre Group (Luis Valdez's *Valley of the Heart*), East West Players (*Mysterious Skin* and the Ovation Award-winning production of *Next to Normal*), and Cygnet Theatre (*The Great Leap*), to name a few. You may also recognize Scott from commercials for brands such as Allstate, Chase, Bank of America, Xfinity, and McDonald's.

Scott spent the entirety of his youth in Temple City and is a proud alumnus of La Rosa, Cloverly, Oak Avenue, and Temple City High School. As a student of TCUSD, he found his passion for performing thanks to his older sister Allison's initial involvement in the annual TCHS spring musicals, which he then participated in from fourth grade on. To this day, some of Scott's favorite performing experiences are from these annual musicals, where he had the opportunity to play roles including J. Pierrepont Finch in *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* (2005) and Lumiere in *Beauty and the Beast* (2006). Scott was very active in other extracurricular activities as well: He played the alto saxophone for eight years in band, performed with the Brighter Side Singers, and participated in ASB, holding a leadership position in each.

Having performed at the festival and marched in the parade countless times (often multiple times in one parade), Scott is unbelievably grateful and humbled to now be serving as the 78th Temple City Camellia Festival Grand Marshal. He is especially proud to be sharing the honor alongside two of his mentors, Matt Byers and Bert Ferntheil. Scott now resides in nearby Pasadena with his fiancée, Andrea Somera, a supremely gifted performer in her own right. His sister, Allison, also a TCHS graduate, recently returned to the SGV from New York and maintains a successful career in writing and editing. Scott's parents, Norm and Suzy Takeda, are both retired and still live in Temple City, as Suzy continues to serve on the boards of both the TC Schools Foundation and TC Youth Development.