

From the Editor's Desk: Introducing Associate Editor, Alex Lubet

We are pleased to announce that Alex Lubet has joined *RDS* as Associate Editor. Alex is charged with managing *RDS* forums. If you are interested in guest editing a forum, please contact Alex at lubet001@umn.edu.

Alex Lubet, Ph.D., is Morse Alumni/Graduate & Professional Distinguished Teaching Professor of Music at the University of Minnesota. He holds additional appointments as Director of Undergraduate Studies in the U of M Center for Jewish Studies and as Adjunct Professor of American Studies. He is also chair of the system-wide Senate Disability Issues Committee.

Alex is a founding member of the Editorial Board and frequent contributor to *RDS*. His writings also appear in publications including *Disability Studies Quarterly*, *Medical Problems of Performing Artists*, *Ethnomusicology*, and *Annual Review of Jazz Studies*. His essay "Richard Wagner and Disability Studies" will appear in September 2007 in *Richard Wagner for the New Millennium* (Palgrave), which he is co-editing with Matthew Bribitzer-Stull and Gottfried Wagner.

Alex is also a composer, performer, and writer for the stage. His musical and dramatic works have received over 400 performances on six continents. He is currently recording two CD's of original music for solo acoustic guitar for the MMC label.

Welcome Alex, in your new capacity as Associate Editor of *RDS*!