

## IDINA MENZEL

Tony Award winner Idina Menzel has a diverse career on the stage, in films and in music. Idina is a powerhouse of talent, who constantly amazes audiences with her strong, emotional performances.

Menzel recently appeared in the television hit *Glee*, and is currently on a sold-out tour, performing with leading orchestras around the country. A skillful songwriter, Idina writes and performs her own music. She released the Glen Ballard-produced album for her record label, Warner Bros. Records, and played to sold out houses around the United States. Menzel performed her show in New York as part of the Mastercard Soundstage series, which aired on PBS. PBS also aired the concert version of *Chess: The Musical*, recorded at the Royal Albert Hall where Idina shared the stage with Josh Groban.

In film, Idina appeared opposite Susan Sarandon, Patrick Dempsey and Amy Adams in Disney's hit, *ENCHANTED*, directed by Kevin Lima. Prior to that, Idina was seen in director Chris Columbus' film version of the Pulitzer and Tony Award winning musical *RENT*, in which she reprised her role as Maureen. This was on the heels of her co-starring role in Robert Towne's *ASK THE DUST*, opposite Salma Hayek and Colin Farrell.

In television, Idina recently completed an arc on the *Grey's Anatomy* hit spin-off, *PRIVATE PRACTICE* on ABC.

In September 2006 Idina premiered the Broadway hit *WICKED* in the West End in London to rave reviews and received the Theatregoers Choice Award for Best Actress in a Musical. She starred in Michael John LaChiusa's musical *SEE WHAT I WANNA SEE* directed by Ted Sperling at The Public Theater. This role garnered Menzel a Drama Desk

Award nomination as well as a Drama League Award nomination. Menzel completed her Tony Award winning performance, for Lead Actress in a Musical, in WICKED in December 2005. Helmed by Tony Award-winning director Joe Mantello, WICKED played to packed audiences at the Gershwin Theatre since it opened in October 2003. Additionally, Menzel was nominated for a Drama Desk Award for her role as the misunderstood green girl.

Idina received a Tony nomination for her Broadway debut performance as Maureen, in the original production of the Pulitzer Prize-winning hit RENT. She also earned a Drama Desk nomination for her performance as Kate in Manhattan Theater Club's Off-Broadway original musical THE WILD PARTY. She appeared as Sheila in the Encores! production of HAIR and starred as Amneris in Broadway's AIDA. Her other Off-Broadway credits include the pre-Broadway, original, buzz-creating production of RENT and THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES.