



KRISTIN CHENOWETH

Emmy and Tony Award winning actress and singer, Kristin Chenoweth, takes the lead in a career that spans film, television, voiceover and stage, effortlessly.

She received an Emmy Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her work on the ABC series *Pushing Daisies* (*Pushing Daisies* was also nominated for a Golden Globe Award and Emmy Award for "Best Television Series – Musical or Comedy.") Chenoweth lit up the stage of McKinley High as a former student who returned to town with more than the baggage from her flight, on Fox's hit comedy, *Glee*. In her role as *Glee*'s quirky ex-songstress, April Rhodes, she was nominated for two Emmy Awards and a People's Choice Award in the category of "Favorite TV Guest Star." Though Kristin has often come into our living rooms on hit shows such as *The West Wing* (where she starred as Annabeth Schott), she may be most remembered by Broadway lovers everywhere for her origination of the role of Glinda the Good Witch in *Wicked*, which earned her a Tony Award Nomination, and her Tony-winning performance in *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown*, for which she stole the show and many hearts in the process. Kristin will be receiving a coveted star on The Hollywood Walk of Fame in the category of live performances on stage or in theatre.

Chenoweth is currently appearing on Broadway, playing the glamorous film star, Lily Garland, in the Roundabout Theatre Company's *On the Twentieth Century*, which has received rave reviews. As of April, Kristin's performance has won her the following awards: Drama Desk Award, Outer Critics Circle Award and Broadway.com Audience Choice Award. She has also earned nominations for the following awards: Tony Award in the category "Best Performance by an Actress in a Leading Role in a Musical" and Drama League Award. Earlier this year, she co-starred in the Universal film *The Boy Next Door*, alongside Jennifer Lopez. She was also seen in the film *A Bet's A Bet* (International title: *The Opposite Sex*.) She's completed production on the indie teen drama entitled *Hard Sell* and will be seen this summer in the Disney Channel's live-action original movie *Descendants*, in which she will play the classic *Sleeping Beauty* villain Maleficent.

In 2014, Chenoweth starred as a poisonous frog named Gabi in the hit animated film *Rio 2*. She also reprised her nominated role in the 100th episode of "Glee." Last May, she returned to the famed Carnegie Hall for a sold-out concert. Her first solo-concert at Carnegie Hall was in 2004, also to a sold-out audience. On stage, she performed songs from her album, *Some Lessons Learned*, as well as some of her most memorable songs from Broadway's *Wicked*, *Promises*, and TV's *Glee*. Last July, she performed "An Evening With..." show at London's grade one listed and highly prestigious concert hall the Royal Albert Hall, in which she received a record-breaking standing ovation from the sold-out crowd. Last September, she was featured in the *Star-Spangled Spectacular: Bicentennial of our National Anthem*, a concert special honoring the 200th anniversary of our national anthem, in Baltimore, Maryland. The event was televised live on PBS as part of the network's **Great Performances** series.

Last fall, Chenoweth hosted the PBS Arts Fall Festival, which featured classic Broadway hits, music from around the country and theatre performances. The festival included her own concert performance, *Kristin Chenoweth: Coming Home*, where she performed a career-spanning concert in her hometown of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma. The concert was released as a live CD and DVD, and aired as a PBS television special Thanksgiving weekend.

A veteran of the concert stage, Kristin has performed to sold-out crowds in concert halls across the country. In 2013, she made her Australian national touring debut, headlining the Adelaide Cabaret Festival and performing at the famed Sydney Opera House. She made national headlines with her stunning renditions of Hollywood's most beloved songs



from classic films, when she performed to a sold-out crowd at the Hollywood Bowl with the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Kristin was also inducted into the Hollywood Bowl's Hall of Fame. In 2013, Kristin also performed to a sold-out audience at The Allen Room in New York's acclaimed Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, with her show - *Kristin Chenoweth: The Dames of Broadway... All of 'Em!!!*, directed by Richard Jay Alexander, which also aired on PBS. Kristin will also resume her concert dates later this year.

Additional concert highlights include: a sold-out Los Angeles solo debut at the Walt Disney Concert Hall, a sold-out solo concert at The Metropolitan Opera House – *and the third theater star ever to present a solo concert at the MET*, an evening at The Greek Theatre in Los Angeles, the Washington National Opera's 50th Anniversary Gala with Placido Domingo, a solo concert at Sam Mendes' acclaimed, Donmar Warehouse, as part of the *Divas at Donmar* series, and collaborations with renowned symphonies, including - The New York Philharmonic, Boston Pops, National Symphony Orchestra, Chicago Symphony and the San Francisco Symphony.

In addition to her starring roles on stage and screen, in 2009, Kristin also wrote an upliftingly candid, comedic chronicle of her life so far, in, *A Little Bit Wicked*, which was released by Simon & Schuster, and debuted on *The New York Times* Hardcover Non-Fiction Best Seller List.

It's no secret that Kristin wears her heart on her sleeve when it comes to her love of theater, which was the catalyst for her charity partnership with the Broken Arrow Performing Arts Center (BA PAC) Foundation in her home town in Oklahoma. The Kristin Chenoweth Theater at the BA PAC, renamed in 2012 to celebrate its biggest advocate, supporter and celebrated role model to aspiring hometown performers, welcomes internationally acclaimed concert artists and Broadway productions, provides educational outreach and master classes with touring artists, after-school and summer arts institutes, scholarship programs, community enrichment and opportunities for students to travel and perform on a national level.

Kristin is also a passionate supporter of charities which dedicate their time and efforts to helping those in need, such as: the Kristin Chenoweth Art & Education Fund, The Red Cross, Broadway Cares EFA, The Point Foundation, ASTEP, breast cancer awareness, adoption advocacy and organizations supporting animal welfare.

Chenoweth earned a Bachelor's degree in Musical Theater and a Master's degree in Opera Performance from Oklahoma City University. She was also presented with Honorary Doctorate degrees from both the University of North Carolina School of the Arts and her alma mater, Oklahoma City University. Kristin is an inductee into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, as well as the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame.

Additional Film Credits:

- *You Again*, with Jamie Lee Curtis and Kristen Bell
- *Deck the Halls*, with Danny DeVito and Matthew Broderick
- *RV*, with Robin Williams
- *Bewitched*, with Nicole Kidman
- *Running with Scissors*, with Annette Bening
- *The Pink Panther*, with Steve Martin
- *Stranger than Fiction* (cameo), with Emma Thompson
- *Space Chimps* (animated feature), with Cheryl Hines and Jeff Daniels
- *Into Temptation*, with Jeremy Sisto, directed by Patrick Coyle
- *Hit and Run*, with Kristen Bell, written by Dax Shepard
- *Family Weekend*
- *Tinkerbell* (animated feature)

Additional Television Credits:

- CBS's *The Good Wife*
- Carlene Cockburn in the ABC series, *G.C.B.*
- April Rhodes, in Fox's, *Glee*

- Brittany Gold, in TV Land's *Kirstie*
- Courtney, in TV Land's *Hot in Cleveland*
- E.J. Baxter, in the Lifetime Original Movie, *The Twelve Men of Christmas*
- Guest Judge on *American Idol*
- Guest Judge on *Project Runway*
- Marian Paroo, in ABC's movie version of Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man*
- Lily St. Regis, in the television adaptation of *Annie*, directed by Rob Marshall
- Mrs. Noodle, on *Sesame Street*
- Starring as herself, on her own series, *Kristin*, for NBC
- Guest Appearances on Fox's animated series, *Sit Down, Shut Up*
- Season Finale Guest Appearance on the ABC comedy, *Ugly Betty*

Additional Stage Credits:

- Broadway comedy, *Epic Proportions*
- Starred as Fran Kubelik in the Broadway revival of *Promises, Promises*, starring alongside Sean Hayes
- Nora Ephron's, *Love Loss and What I Wore*
- Off-Broadway Production of Moliere's *Scapin* for the Roundabout Theatre Company
- Kander and Ebb musical *Steel Pier* (for which Kristin won a Theatre World award)
- The highly-lauded, critically-acclaimed *Apple Tree*, limited engagement at Roundabout Theatre Company's Studio 54
- Kern and Hammerstein's rarely seen 1932 musical, *Music in the Air*
- The Second Encores! production of New York City Center's 2008-09 season
- *Stairway to Paradise*, an original Encores! production celebrating the great Broadway revue

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