

# Tony Award-Winner and Singer Idina Menzel Teams Up With American Cancer Society during National Summer Concert Tour

ATLANTA – June 11, 2012 – Tony Award-Winning Actress Idina Menzel has teamed up with the American Cancer Society during her national summer concert tour to support cancer awareness. Fans can now bid to win two premium tickets to a concert during Menzel's 2012 U.S. tour, and proceeds from each auction will benefit local American Cancer Society programs and services that help save lives. To bid for tickets to select concerts across the country, visit [www.ebay.com/americancancersociety-southatlantic](http://www.ebay.com/americancancersociety-southatlantic).

"I am thrilled to be teaming up with American Cancer Society," said Menzel. "I love that the Society is fighting cancer so that we all can celebrate more birthdays. It is amazing that there are now almost 12 million cancer survivors in this country, and I hope we all have the chance to sing "Happy Birthday" to millions more!"

"We so are pleased that Idina Menzel is offering this amazing opportunity to help us create a world with less cancer and more birthdays," said Terry Music, chief mission officer for the American Cancer Society. "What an exciting way for our volunteers and supporters to fight cancer and have a once-in-a-lifetime experience to meet one of Broadway's brightest stars."

Idina Menzel's US summer concert tour kicked off in Seattle, WA on June 2<sup>th</sup>. Tour dates and locations are available on [www.idinamenzel.com](http://www.idinamenzel.com).

## About Idina Menzel

Tony Award winner Idina Menzel has a diverse career on the stage, in films and television, and in music.

This season, Menzel reprised her role on "Glee," FOX's smash hit television series, as Shelby Corcoran, Rachel's biological mother. Lauded for her strong yet emotional performances, she recently culminated a highly successful international orchestra tour. Accompanied by world-renowned symphonies, Menzel played to sold-out audiences and demonstrated why she is one of the great performers of her time. Her PBS concert special "Idina Menzel Live: Barefoot At the Symphony" aired nationally in March, followed by a CD and DVD release of the same name. The live concert featured Menzel backed by an orchestra led by legendary composer/conductor Marvin Hamlisch, filmed at The Royal Conservatory's Koerner Hall in Toronto, Canada. Menzel's latest headlining tour across North America boasts a new repertoire of classic pop and musical theater favorites, as well as the songs audiences world-wide know her best for.

Garnering huge critical acclaim, Menzel reached superstardom on Broadway with her Tony Award-winning performance as Elphaba, the misunderstood green girl, in the blockbuster WICKED and in her Tony-nominated role as Maureen in the revolutionary RENT. A skillful songwriter, Menzel also performs and records her own music. With three albums to her credit, she toured nationally last year, playing to sold-out houses to promote her most recent effort, "I Stand," which was produced by Glen Ballard and released by Warner Bros. Records.

On Broadway, in addition to WICKED and RENT, Menzel appeared as Sheila in the Encores! production of HAIR and starred as Amneris in Broadway's AIDA. In London, she premiered the Broadway hit WICKED in the West End and received the Theatregoers Choice Award for Best Actress in a Musical. She also starred in Michael John LaChiusa's musical SEE WHAT I WANNA SEE directed by Ted Sperling at The Public Theater. Other Off-Broadway credits include the pre-Broadway production of RENT and THE VAGINA MONOLOGUES.

Menzel's film credits include Disney's romantic fable, Enchanted where she appeared opposite Susan Sarandon, Patrick Dempsey and Amy Adams; Rent, in which she reprised her role as Maureen; and a co-starring role in Robert Towne's Ask the Dust, opposite Salma Hayek and Colin Farrell.

## About the American Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society combines an unyielding passion with nearly a century of experience to save lives and end suffering from cancer. As a global grassroots force of more than three million volunteers, we fight for every birthday threatened by every cancer in every community. We save lives by helping people stay well by preventing cancer or detecting it early; helping people get well by being there for them during and after a cancer diagnosis; by finding cures through investment in groundbreaking discovery; and by fighting back by rallying lawmakers to pass laws to defeat cancer and by rallying communities worldwide to join the fight. As the nation's largest non-governmental investor in cancer research, contributing more than \$3.8 billion, we turn what we know about cancer into what we do.

As a result, almost 12 million people in America who have had cancer and countless more who have avoided it will be celebrating birthdays this year. To learn more about us or to get help, call us any time, day or night, at 1-800-227-2345 or visit [cancer.org](http://cancer.org).

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