



Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7:30pm
Zellerbach Hall

Kristin Chenoweth
For the Girls

Emmy and Tony Award-winning actress and singer Kristin Chenoweth's career spans film, television, voice-over, and stage. In 2015, Chenoweth received a coveted star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. In 2009, she received an Emmy Award for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for her role in *Pushing Daisies*. In 1999, she won a Tony Award for *You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown* and she was also nominated for her original role of Glinda the Good Witch in *Wicked* in 2004. Chenoweth was also nominated for two Emmy Awards and for a People's Choice Award for her role on *Glee*. In 2009, she wrote an upliftingly candid, comedic chronicle of her life up to that point, *A Little Bit Wicked*, which debuted on the *New York Times* hardcover nonfiction Best Seller list.

Chenoweth recently teamed up with Kenny Ortega and Monarch Media Team to produce the docu-series, *1300 Miles to Broadway*, inspired by her theater program, *Broadway Bootcamp*. *1300 Miles* follows schoolchildren in grade 8–12 as they navigate the world of performing arts through master classes in acting, singing, and dancing as they prepare for a future as performers and artists. Chenoweth also recently co-starred in Apple TV+'s acclaimed musical-comedy series *Schmigadoon!* alongside Cecily Strong, Keegan-Michael Key, and Ariana DeBose. *Schmigadoon!* recently concluded its second season. For her role as Mildred Layton, Chenoweth received a Critics' Choice Award nomination for Best Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series.

Chenoweth recently released her first picture book *What Will I Do with My Love Today?* The heartwarming story is a sweet tale about a young girl named Kristi Dawn, who shares her love through acts of generosity around New York City. Chenoweth has also joined Kathy Najimy, Linda Perry, Chely Wright, and Lauren Blitzer as an editor of *My Moment: 106 Women on Fighting*

for Themselves. Just released, the essay collection is inspired by—but not limited to—the #MeToo movement and provides a way for women from the entertainment industry and other walks of life to describe a crucial point of adversity that propelled them into forward motion. Additionally, Chenoweth has signed with Harper Celebrate, HarperCollins Focus' gift book imprint. Her hilarious and insightful gift book, *I'm No Philosopher, But I Have Thoughts: For Saints, Sinners, and the Rest of Us*, with Harper Celebrate, was released last January.

In 2021, Chenoweth released her latest holiday/Christmas album, *HAPPINESS is... Christmas!* Comprised of a wide range of holiday classics both old and new, it begins with a Christmas adaptation of the Peanuts favorite "Happiness Is..." moving appropriately into the popular "Christmastime." The 12-song set shows Kristin in a festive but classy light as she rings one of the best times of year.

In 2021, Chenoweth was seen starring alongside Stephan James and JK Simmons in the STXfilms sports drama *National Champions*. Previously, in 2020, she starred in the Netflix film *Holidate*, voiced the character Daisy in the HBO Max film *The Witches*, and hosted the Food Network competition series *Candy Land*.

In 2019, Chenoweth starred alongside Scott Wolf in the holiday film *A Christmas Love Story*, which premiered on Hallmark Channel. During the holiday season, she released a stand-alone Holiday e-single of "White Christmas." Chenoweth also released her album *For The Girls*, debuting at Number 3 on the Current Pop Albums chart and Number 11 on the *Billboard* Top Albums chart. The recording is a heartfelt tribute to the great female singers throughout history, particularly some of Kristin's heroes and friends. Guest artists include Ariana Grande, Dolly Parton, Jennifer Hudson, and Reba McEntire. The album includes Chenoweth's personally charged

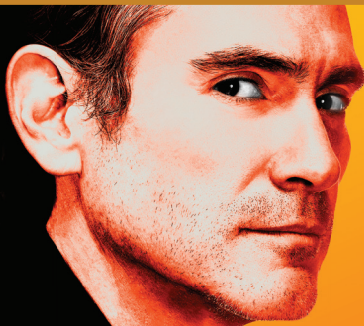
interpretations of classic songs identified with such iconic artists as Barbra Streisand, Lesley Gore, Linda Ronstadt, Dinah Washington, and Dolly Parton. To celebrate the release of her *For The Girls* album, Chenoweth returned to the Broadway stage in November 2019 for an eight-performance concert engagement at the Nederlander Theatre.

Chenoweth has performed to sold-out audiences around the world, including performances at Carnegie Hall and Royal Albert Hall. When she released *The Art of Elegance*, her album of American Songbook classics, via Concord Records, the album debuted at No. 1 on *Billboard's* Current Jazz and Traditional Jazz charts, and No. 1 on Amazon's Vocal Pop chart. Chenoweth also returned to the stage in her limited engagement *My Love Letter to Broadway* at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre, receiving rave re-

views. In 2014, she released a CD and DVD of her own live concert performance, *Kristin Chenoweth: Coming Home*. Additionally, Chenoweth performed with iconic Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square in their annual Christmas concert. The concert aired on PBS and BYUtv in December 2019.

In 2015, Chenoweth earned a Drama Desk Award, Outer Critics Circle Award, and Broadway.com Audience Choice Award for her lead role in the Roundabout Theatre Company's production of *On the Twentieth Century*. She also earned nominations for a Tony Award and a Drama League Award.

Chenoweth appeared in the second season of NBC's comedy series *Trial & Error*, receiving critical acclaim for her performance as Heiress Lavinia Peck-Foster. She was seen in the Starz original series *American Gods*, where she reunited with executive



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producer Bryan Fuller in the role of Easter. Notable television roles include appearances in *The West Wing*, Disney's *Descendants*, and *The Muppets*. In film, Chenoweth voiced the role of Gabi in the animated film *Rio 2* and Fifi, Snoopy's beloved French poodle girlfriend, in *The Peanuts Movie*. She starred in the indie teen drama *Hard Sell* and additional film credits have included *The Boy Next Door*, *Deck the Halls*, *Twelve Men of Christmas*, *Four Christmases*, *RV*, *Bewitched*, *The Pink Panther*, *Hit & Run*, and *Family Weekend*. She also starred in NBC's *Hairspray Live!* as Velma Von Tussle in December 2016. Chenoweth voiced the role of Princess Skystar in Lionsgate/Hasbro's *My Little Pony: The Movie*, and can also be heard in the Sony Pictures animated film *The Star*.

Chenoweth is a passionate supporter of charities that dedicate their time and efforts to helping those in need. She formed a charity partnership with the Broken Arrow Per-

forming Arts Center (BAPAC) Foundation in her home state of Oklahoma. Chenoweth's accomplishments were honored by her hometown with BAPAC naming the Kristin Chenoweth Theatre in 2012. Partnering with BAPAC in a labor of love, Kristin launched an annual *Broadway Bootcamp* in 2015, providing young Broadway hopefuls with the opportunity to take classes, give performances, and learn from top mentors (including Kristin herself) in the entertainment industry. As part of her lifelong mission to cultivate arts education across the globe, Chenoweth has also created Places! The Kristin Chenoweth Tour Experience, a unique educational program for young singers that puts them right next to her performing on stage.

Chenoweth is a graduate of Oklahoma City University with a master's degree in opera performance. She is an inductee into the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, as well as the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame.