

LEGALLY BLONDE



**FESTOON
THEATRE
COMPANY**

21 – 24 JUN 2023



DIRECTOR'S NOTE

Hello and welcome to Festoon Theatre Company's production of Legally Blonde!

When we decided to do this extremely popular show, we wanted to not only go in with our ethos of having a diverse company, but to do a version of the show that hasn't been done before! With the full support of MTI, we have been able to update the show and bring it to our 2023 audience (although you may spot a few old iPads!)

This show has been a massive team effort and this wouldn't have been possible without my most talented peers, George (Musical Director) and Aimee (Choreographer), who have elevated this show to new heights. I also want to take the opportunity to thank the Committee, everyone who has supported the show through the pre-production and rehearsal process, and those who have contributed financially.

Special thanks go to Cristina, Mel, Aimee and Millie for organizing two fabulous fundraisers, and Tasha for driving our amazing social channels. If you want to know how you can support us too, please visit our website for more details.

Now, prepare to enjoy the queerest version of Legally Blonde you've ever seen!

Snaps xx

NOREEN'S LEGACY

Noreen was a late bloomer when it came to theatre, discovering her voice well into her 30s. After losing her beloved husband Bernard, she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and unfortunately left us in 2021.

A lifelong supporter of theatre, she inspired her grandson, Matt, and many around her to support and take part in local musical productions and plays.

To honour her legacy, Noreen's family has donated a keyboard to Festoon Theatre Company which has been affectionately named 'Noreen'. We will also be giving away two tickets to every show in her name to those who have contributed to the values of our company.



FESTOON THEATRE COMPANY

Born in the age of COVID-19, Festoon Theatre Company saw a need in the non-professional theatre world for a company that focused on diverse and non-traditional casting, smaller casts, and lesser-performed shows. To complement this, we will be looking at performing at new and unconventional venues in London.

We formed Festoon Theatre Company with the aim of having majority casts of at least 50% people of colour. When we say people of colour we mean Black, Brown, South Asian, and East Asian descent actors* who wouldn't normally be considered for leading roles in musicals.

In an industry where non-white people make up 40% of West End casts (31.7% Black, 2.6% South Asian, 1.1% East Asian, 2.2% Other Ethnicity)** and a much smaller representation in amateur dramatics, we want to try to readdress this imbalance. Visual representation for our casts is at the heart of what we do. We want to give people who wouldn't see themselves in leading roles that chance, and are committed to fulfilling this in every single one of our productions.

*This list isn't exhaustive - if you would like to talk to us further about this then please get in touch

** Data from The Stage



LEGALLY BLONDE



Music and Lyrics by
Laurence O'Keefe and Nell Benjamin

Book by
Heather Hach

Based on the novel by Amanda Brown and the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer motion picture

ABOUT THE SHOW

A fabulously fun, award-winning musical based on the adored movie, Legally Blonde, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams.

The story begins as Elle, a sorority girl, enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend Warner. She discovers how her knowledge of the law can help others, and she successfully defends exercise queen Brooke Wyndham in a murder trial. Throughout the show, very few characters have faith in Elle, but she manages to surprise them when she defies expectations while staying true to herself.



This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International.

All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

"Omigod You Guys"	<i>Elle, Serena, Margot, Pilar, Salesgirls, and Delta Nus</i>
"Serious"	<i>Warner and Elle</i>
"Daughter of Delta Nu"	<i>Serena, Margot, Pilar and Delta Nus</i>
"What You Want"	<i>Elle, Serena, Margot, Pilar, Kate, Elle's Parents, Chad and Company</i>
"Harvard Variations"	<i>Emmett, Aaron, Enid, Song, Warner and Harvard Students</i>
"Blood in the Water"	<i>Callaghan, Aaron, Enid, Elle, Vivienne and Harvard Students</i>
"Positive"	<i>Elle, Serena, Margot, Pilar and Greek Chorus</i>
"Ireland"	<i>Paulette</i>
"Ireland" (Reprise)	<i>Paulette</i>
"Serious" (Reprise)	<i>Elle and Warner</i>
"Chip On My Shoulder"	<i>Elle, Emmett and Greek Chorus</i>
"Run Rufus Run/Elle Reflects"	<i>Elle</i>
"So Much Better"	<i>Elle, Greek Chorus and Company</i>

ACT 2

"Whipped into Shape"	<i>Brooke, Callaghan and Company</i>
"Delta Nu Nu Nu"	<i>Elle and Brooke</i>
"Take It Like a Man"	<i>Elle, Emmett and Salespeople</i>
"Bend and Snap"	<i>Elle, Paulette, Serena, Margot, Pilar, Hairdressers, Kyle and Company</i>
"Gay or European"	<i>Elle, Callaghan, Emmett, Brooke, Vivienne, Warner, Enid, Judge, Nikos, Carlos and Company</i>
"Legally Blonde"	<i>Elle and Emmett</i>
"Legally Blonde Remix"	<i>Vivienne, Elle, Paulette, Kyle, Enid, Elle's Parents, Margot, Serena, Pilar, Brooke and Company</i>
"Scene of the Crime"	<i>Elle, Judge, Serena, Margot, Pilar and Company</i>
"Omigod You Guys" (Reprise)	<i>Elle, Brooke, Margot, Serena, Pilar, Judge and Company</i>
"Find My Way/Finale"	<i>Elle, Paulette, Emmett and Company</i>



CLASS OF '23



ELLE WOODS
GEORGIA BLESSITT

*Toner? I hardly know her!
#NaturalBlonde*



EMMETT FORREST
ALVIN ZAPATA

*I'm not an early bird or a night owl.
I'm sort of an exhausted pigeon.*



PAULETTE BONAFONTÉ
NICOLE VASSELL

Breaking hot men's noses since 2023



WARNER HUNTINGTON III
JAMES MARSH

*When life gives you lemons,
pursue a modelling career!*



VIVIENNE KENSINGTON
CHARLIE WALKER

*Someone once told me I have
'bitch eyebrows' and now
I don't sleep at night*



PROFESSOR CALLAGHAN
SERGIO ALTAMIRANO

*Actors will be emotionally hurt
during the Kiss and Slap*



BROOKE WYNDHAM
GEMMA DAVIES

*Apparently not good enough
at it to be a Drama Queen
so just a Drama Peasant*



MARGOT
LUCY DICKSON

*Comprehensive list of Delta Nus
with bigger boobs than me:*



SERENA
CALLUM ELSON

Live, Laugh, Leave me alone.



PILAR
MELISSA CHITURA-BIDWELL

If lost, return to Margot and Serena



BRUISER WOODS
VELMA

woof woof woof



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ENID HOOPES
RACHAEL MAILER

*Dismantling the patriarchy
by stealing your girl*



AARON WHITE
KILLIAN LINES

*More than three Yachts required
to sign my yearbook*



SONG YUAN
FINN WANG

*'From dictator dreams to law school schemes,
I'll rule courtrooms with wit and memes'
- ChatGPT*



KATE
CRISTINA DUFFY

Bend and Schnapps



LEILANI
ELLA CARTER

But I'm A Cheerleader



CECE
GIA BENJAMIN

I'm cuter in person



KRISTINE
NIKOLA HUGHES

*If I tripped in Whipped Into Shape
it was Millie Tyson x*



GABBY
SIENNA O'CONNOR

*They sit me at the kids table
for every social*



VERONICA
EVINE KANDEEM

This Barbie is in Legally Blonde!



GAELEN
MILLIE TYSON

*If I tripped in Whipped Into Shape
it was Nikola Hughes x*



KYLE B. O'BOYLE
CRISTOBAL GOMEZ VERA

*Are you expecting a delivery?
'Cause I see you checking out my package.*



CLASS OF '23



WINTHROP
JULES COLLINS

There is little in life so reassuring as a genuine "Welcome to Harvard."



WHITNEY
TARA NOONAN

I saw Vivienne wearing army pants and flip flops, so I wore army pants and flip flops.



CARLOS
RUBEN ONDO

Peoples, remember: 'What you want is what you get'. So choose fabulousity and don't be a bastard.



NIKOS
ZSOLTI SZABO

This man is gay AND European.



CHUTNEY
TASH BERG

Hannah Montana said nobody's perfect, yet here I am.



JUDGE
ANITA HAMMERTON-REID

Secretly judging you based on your coffee order



STORE MANAGER
VICKY JONES

If you weren't in my top MySpace friends.... Thank you, and remember no one loves you or your money more than JetBlue.



JET BLUE PILOT
JET NA SUN



HARVARD STUDENT
CHARMAINE AU-YEUNG

Will trade my first born child for more plant cuttings



PFORZHEIMER
EMMA FLEMING

Actually, I'm exactly like other girls



RUFUS
LEILA

woof



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DIRECTOR
MATTHEW PIMM

We'll take natural breaks when people faint or wee themselves



MUSICAL DIRECTOR
GEORGE WHEATLEY

Wow baritones, you go both ways!



CHOREOGRAPHER
AIMEE FINNERTY

Choreographing Legally Blonde was a dream come true, and what a cast to do it with! SNAPS

PAST SHOWS



Image by Juan C A Alonso

RENT - October 2021



Image by Juan C A Alonso

Toxic Avenger - April 2022



Image by Aneka Rai.

Louder Than Words - July 2022



Image by Aneka Rai.

Bonnie & Clyde - September 2022





CAST

Elle Woods
Emmett Forrest
Paulette Bonafonté
Warner Huntington III
Vivienne Kensington
Professor Callaghan
Shandi/Brooke Wyndham
Margot
Serena/Dance Captain
Pilar/Dance Captain
Bruiser Woods
Rufus
Enid Hoopes
Aaron White
Song Yuan
Kate/Dana
Leilani/Bookish Client
Cece/Cashier
Kristine/Ensemble
Gabby/Ensemble
Veronica/Assistant D.A./Ensemble
Gaelen/Kiki the Colourist/Ensemble/Dance Captain
Kyle B. O'Boyle/Ensemble
Winthrop/Dad/Ensemble
Whitney/Court Stenographer/Ensemble
Chad/Carlos/Ensemble
Dewey/Nikos/Ensemble
Courtney/Chutney/Ensemble
Lowell/Judge/Ensemble
Store Manager/Mom/Ensemble
Jet Blue Pilot/Guard/Ensemble
Harvard Student/Second Perfume Girl/Ensemble
Pforzheimer/TV Reporter/Ensemble

Georgia Blessitt
Alvin Zapata
Nicole Vassell
James Marsh
Charlie Walker
Sergio Altamirano
Gemma Davies
Lucy Dickson
Callum Elson
Melissa Chitura-Bidwell
Velma
Leila
Rachael Mailer
Killian Lines
Finn Wang
Cristina Duffy
Ella Carter
Gia Benjamin
Nikola Hughes
Sienna O'Connor
Evine Kandemir
Millie Tyson
Cristobal Gomez Vera
Jules Collins
Tara Noonan
Ruben Ondo
Zsolti Szabo
Tash Berg
Anita Hammerton-Reid
Vicky Jones
Jin Na Sun
Charmaine Au-Yeung
Emma Fleming



CREATIVES

Director
Musical Director
Choreographer
Additional Choreography
Producer
Set Designer
Lighting Designer
Sound Designer
Costume Team
Stage Manager
Technical Director
Delta Nu Crew

Social Media and Marketing
Photography
Animations
Props
Elle's Wig

Melissa Chitura-Bidwell, Rachel Peplow, Emma Fleming
Tim Williams, Jess Sullivan, Aneka Rai,
Megan Fortune, Susie Griffin

Matthew Pimm
George Wheatley
Aimee Finnerty
Millie Tyson
Cristina Duffy
Matthew Pimm
Lee Sansom
Lawrence Williams
Elaine Griffin
Michelle Spencer
Tasha Msanide
Zain Ahmed
Matthew Pimm
Finn Wang
Lovina Sandy

BAND

Keys 1
Keys 2
Keys 3
Guitar
Bass
Reed 1
Reed 2
Trumpet 1
Trumpet 2
Trombone
Violin
Drums
Percussion



George Wheatley
Dominic Veall
Camilla Jeppeson
Harry Travis
Chris Nelson
Lucinda Dunne
Kate Wilson
Dan Francis
Dolma Chiodak
Lexi Turvey
Jade Cuthbert
Jacob Slade
Jack Davis

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We'd also like to thank everyone who has supported us financially through what is still an uncertain time in theatre.



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Different Strokes is a UK-based charity raising money and awareness for younger stroke survivors. Different Strokes strives to break the stigma around strokes and give a voice to the 'young and healthy' people who have had their lives unexpectedly uprooted due to a stroke. Often younger people who have had strokes are told they are 'very lucky', but the reality is that no stroke victim young or old is lucky, and the road to recovery is a long and daunting experience.

We are raising money for this incredible cause, so please scan the QR code to be taken to a donation page. And remember FAST - Face Arms Speech Time to call 999.





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