

Menzel to perform at Pops by the Sea concert

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Actress Idina Menzel, who won a Tony Award as green witch Elphaba in "Wicked," will join the Boston Pops at the 25th anniversary TD Bank Pops by the Sea concert on Aug. 1 on the Hyannis Village Green.

She won't be the traditional guest conductor, though. That celebrity has yet to be announced. Keith Lockhart will be leading the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra.

Menzel starred as Maureen in Broadway's "Rent," earning her first Tony nomination. (She is married to "Rent" co-star Taye Diggs.) Other roles include movies "Rent," "Enchanted" and Robert Towne's "Ask the Dust"; on TV, Diggs' show "Private Practice" and upcoming on "Glee" (as the coach of rival team Vocal Adrenaline); and on stage in "The Wild Party," "See What I Wanna See" and the London concert version of "Chess" with Josh Groban and Adam Pascal, recently telecast on PBS.

Menzel, who has performed numerous concerts, is also scheduled to sing May 5 at Symphony Hall in Boston as part of the Boston Pops' 125th anniversary season.

For Pops by the Sea, the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod is accepting reservations for corporate sponsorships, VIP tables of ten, group tickets and program book advertisers. Festival seat tickets (\$50) and general admission lawn tickets (\$15 adults, \$5 children) are on sale online (www.artsfoundation.org) and by phone (508-362-0066) from the foundation, which supports area cultural programs with proceeds from the annual event.

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