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**Artistry Announces the Cast of *Legally Blonde***

(Bloomington, MN) Artistry is excited to announce the upcoming production of *Legally Blonde*, taking place in the Schneider Theater July 21 – August 19, 2018 directed by **Angela Timberman**.

Don't judge a blonde by her hair color. Whip-smart sorority sister Elle Woods blasts beyond expectations in this fast-paced, energetic musical based on the hit 2001 movie. After being left by her ambitious boyfriend, Warner, Southern California belle Elle decides to follow him all the way to Harvard Law School. Dead-set on the marriage proposal she thinks she wants, Elle stumbles upon something in Harvard's halls she never thought she'd discover: her own potential. With a rollicking score that blends traditional musical theater with exuberant pop style, *Legally Blonde* is the most fun you'll have in a theater all summer.

*Legally Blonde* will be the third show **Angela Timberman** has directed at Artistry. She helmed last fall's hit, sold-out production of *The Music Man*, as well as 2016's *Talley's Folly*. These two productions also featured scenic design by the decorated **Joel Sass**, who will return for *Legally Blonde*. Angela is a renowned actress and director in the Twin Cities, with myriad credits spanning from the Guthrie Theater to Park Square, the Jungle, and more.

Artistry's resident Music Director **Anita Ruth** returns for *Legally Blonde*.

**Angela Steele** will star as Elle Woods. This will be her fifth show at Artistry – notable past roles include Amber von Tussle in *Hairspray* and Janet Van de Graff in 2016's *The Drowsy Chaperone*. "Angela Steele crackles as Janet," said Lavender Magazine's John Townsend. "Steele is a singer-actress to watch out for. She's a bundle of talent." Her other credits include Theatre Latte Da and The History Theatre. Winner of the 2014 Triple Threat Spotlight Award, Ms. Steele emigrated to the U.S. from New Zealand in 2011. **Paul Coate**, (who recently garnered accolades for his performance as Buddy Plummer in Artistry's *Follies*) will play Professor Callahan.

Artistry is an independent theater and visual arts nonprofit that serves a regional audience of more than 94,000 people annually. In pursuit of artistic excellence, Artistry engages our region's most talented artists in work that welcomes and develops audiences and opens hearts and minds. Our vision: a diverse, distinctive, and progressive community widely recognized for making art and artists essential to a vibrant social fabric and civic life.

*Legally Blonde* Fast Facts

**Music and Lyrics by:** Laurence O'Keefe & Nell Benjamin  
**Book By:** Heather Hach  
**Based On:** The novel by Amanda Brown & the Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Motion Picture

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**Director:** Angela Timberman  
**Music Director:** Anita Ruth  
**Choreographer:** Heidi Spesard-Noble  
**Scenic Designer:** Joel Sass

CAST

Angela Steele – Elle Woods

Benjamin Rubenstein – Emmett Forrest  
Alec Leonard – Warner Huntington III  
Mary Palazzolo – Paulette Bonafone  
Paul Coate – Professor Callahan\*  
Dorian Brooke – Brooke Wyndham  
Maggie Mae Sulentic – Vivienne Kensington  
Caitlin Featherstone – Margot  
Mari Holst – Serena\*\*  
Brittany Marie Wilson – Pilar  
Katie O’Halloran – Enid Hoops  
Lars Nisswandt – Chad/Dewey/Kyle  
Abigail Rose Sharp – Kate/Chutney

ENSEMBLE: Michael Conroy, Bryan Garcia, Michael Terrell Brown, Deidre Cochran, Emily Thorkildson, David Beukema, Antonia Perez, Sarah DeYong, Nicholas Ohren, Zach Hays, Riley Parham

\* Member of Actor’s Equity Association

\*\* Dance Captain

**Location:** Schneider Theater in the Bloomington Center for the Arts  
1800 W Old Shakopee Rd  
Bloomington, MN 5543

**Admission:** \$15 - \$46

**For Tickets:** Call the Artistry Box Office at 952-563-8575  
Or go online at [artistrymn.org](http://artistrymn.org).

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Legally Blonde Performance Schedule

Friday, July 20 at 7:30pm (Preview)  
Saturday, July 21 at 7:30pm (Opening Night)  
Sunday, July 22 at 2:00pm  
Thursday, July 26 at 7:30pm  
Friday, July 27 at 7:30pm  
Saturday, July 28 at 7:30pm  
Sunday, July 29 at 2:00pm  
Monday, July 30 at 7:30pm (Pay-What-You-Can)  
Thursday, August 2 at 7:30pm  
Friday, August 3 at 7:30pm  
Saturday, August 4 at 7:30pm  
Sunday, August 5 at 2:00pm (Talk Back, ASL-Interpreted Performance)  
Wednesday, August 8 at 7:30pm  
Thursday, August 9 at 7:30pm  
Friday, August 10 at 7:30pm  
Saturday, August 11 at 7:30pm  
Sunday, August 12 at 2:00pm (Talkback, Audio Described Performance)  
Wednesday, August 15 at 7:30pm  
Thursday, August 16 at 7:30pm  
Friday, August 17 at 7:30pm  
Saturday, August 18 at 7:30pm  
Sunday, August 19 at 2:00pm (Closing)

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