

Stephanie J. Block

Bio

Stephanie has established herself as one of the most relevant and versatile voices in contemporary musical theatre. She most recently starred as Trina in Lincoln Center Theatre's highly acclaimed revival of **FALSETTOS**. Ms. Block received both the 2013 TONY Award and Drama Desk nomination for Best Leading Actress in a Musical for her portrayal of Alice Nutting/Edwin Drood in The Roundabout Theatre's production of **THE MYSTERY OF EDWIN DROOD**. Other Broadway credits include Reno Sweeney in the 2011 TONY Award winning revival of **ANYTHING GOES, 9 TO 5:THE MUSICAL** playing the role of Judy Bernly for which she earned a Drama Desk nomination for Best Actress in a Musical. She created the roles of Grace O'Malley in **THE PIRATE QUEEN** and Liza Minnelli In **THE BOY FROM OZ** (opposite Hugh Jackman). Ms. Block is best known for her portrayal as Elphaba in the Broadway company of **WICKED** as well as originating the role in the First National Tour for which she won numerous awards including the prestigious Helen Hayes Award for Outstanding Actress in a Musical.

Ms. Block has sung with numerous symphony orchestras including the NY Pops at Carnegie Hall, Boston Pops, National Symphony Orchestra (under the baton of Marvin Hamlisch), Dallas Symphony, Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra, Utah Symphony, Columbus Symphony, Charlotte Symphony and the Cleveland Pops among many others. Her solo concert has been critically acclaimed and continues to sell out throughout the US and in London.

Some of her Off-Broadway and regional theatrical credits include **LITTLE MISS SUNSHINE** (Drama Desk nomination for Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical), **BY THE WAY, MEET VERA STARK** (Drama Desk nomination for Outstanding Featured Actress in a Play), **THEY'RE PLAYING OUR SONG** (starring opposite Jason Alexander), **CATS** (St Louis' Kevin Kline Award Nominee- Best Actress), **FUNNY GIRL, CRAZY FOR YOU** (L.A. Ovation Award Nominee), **OLIVER**

(Critics Award-Best Actress), James Joyce's **THE DEAD**, **TRIUMPH OF LOVE**, **THE GRASS HARP**, **SOUTH PACIFIC**, **WILL ROGERS FOLLIES** and the World Premiere of **WICKED**.

Stephanie's solo album, **THIS PLACE I KNOW** has been received with great praise, lauded by critics as "One of the best debut recordings to come out of the Broadway community in quite some time... 6 out of 5 stars". An array of award-winning songwriters assembled to help interpret their music on Stephanie's album. Composers such as Stephen Schwartz, Marvin Hamlisch and the legendary Dolly Parton join forces with Ms. Block to create a thrilling musical experience. Stephanie's voice can be heard on multiple cast recordings, including **THE BOY FROM OZ**, **THE PIRATE QUEEN**, **WICKED**'s 5th Anniversary Album and **9 TO 5: THE MUSICAL** (GrammyNomination).

Television credits include: **RISE** (upcoming; NBC), **MADAME SECRETARY** (CBS), **ORANGE IS THE NEW BLACK** (Netflix), **HOMELAND** (Showtime), **IT COULD BE WORSE** (HULU).