

ARIANA DEBOSE

Biography

Ariana DeBose is a Tony-nominated actress and 2021 Forbes 30 under 30 honoree known for her varying roles on stage as well as on screen. DeBose is perhaps best known for her role as “Disco Donna” in *Summer: The Donna Summer Musical*, which earned her a 2018 Tony Award nomination for *Best Featured Actress in a Musical*. For the same role, she was nominated for a Drama League Award for “Distinguished Performance” and won a Chita Rivera Award for “Outstanding Female Dancer in a Broadway Show.”

Most recently, DeBose starred in Ryan Murphy's Netflix adaptation of the hit-Broadway musical THE PROM, which premiered on December 11th, where she played the role of Alyssa alongside Meryl Streep, Nicole Kidman, Kerry Washington and James Corden. In December 2021, DeBose will be seen in Steven Spielberg's highly anticipated reimagining of the Academy Award-winning musical WEST SIDE STORY. DeBose was chosen from thousands of actresses to portray the iconic role of Anita, which earned Rita Moreno an Oscar in 1962. DeBose recently joined the cast of Lorne Michaels' untitled Apple TV+ Brigadoon-inspired musical comedy series starring Kristin Chenoweth, Keegan-Michael Key and Cecily Strong.

In 2015, DeBose appeared alongside Lin-Manuel Miranda in the groundbreaking, Tony-winning musical *Hamilton* as a member of the original cast in both the Broadway and off-Broadway productions. A film version of the production was released on Disney+ on July 3rd. After her departure from *Hamilton* in 2016, DeBose completed a run as Jane in the original Broadway cast of *A Bronx Tale*.

Her additional theater credits include: Leading Player in the Tony Award-winning revival of *Pippin*, Mary Wilson of the Supremes in *Motown The Musical*, Nautica in Andy Blankenbuehler's *Bring It On: The Musical* and ensemble in Stephen Sondheim's *Company*. Other credits include: *The Breaks* (VH1), *Blue Bloods* (CBS), OLTL's Star Crossed Lovers Series and Season 6 of *So You Think You Can Dance* (FOX), where she was a top-20 finalist.

DeBose currently sits on the International Board of Covenant House advocating for homeless youth, many of whom identify as LGBTQ. She is also a board member of A is For, a reproductive rights organization started by Martha Plimpton that works to ensure that all women have access to reproductive and abortion care free of stigma.

DeBose resides in New York.