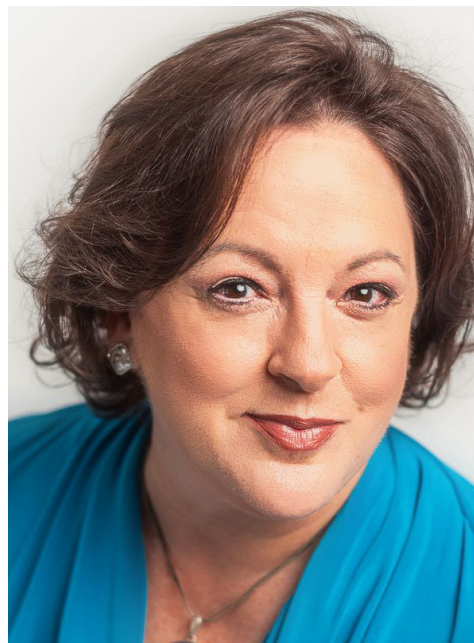




2024
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI RECIPIENT

KIM STENGEL

Humble High School, Class of 1983



Kim Stengel is a proud 1983 graduate of Humble High School. Kim is an extraordinary force and has soared to unimaginable heights through her exceptional talents, unwavering dedication, and a wealth of diverse skills. Two years after graduation she followed her dream to New York City with only \$200 in her pocket. Through multiple jobs and occasional singing on the street corners, she graduated from the American Musical and Dramatics Academy in 1987. Kim's commitment to education and personal growth stands as a testament to her endless pursuit of knowledge and led to her decision to pursue a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Musical Theater from The New School in 2018.

Within the vast realm of artistic excellence, Kim Stengel stands as a true luminary. Her ethereal voice, enchanting the hearts of audiences on both Broadway and the silver screen, emanates from a wellspring of undeniable talent and raw emotion. Every performance, each role she inhabits, be it the iconic Phantom or any other, bears witness to her prowess as a seasoned performer with an indomitable spirit. Her career has led her to working with several prestigious directors: Steven Spielberg, Peter Jackson, Hal Prince, Ruth Mitchell, Annie Allen, Stephen Pickover, and Cecil Pickett.

Her imprint on Broadway history is awe-inspiring. Her portrayal of "Carlotta" in "The Phantom of the Opera" shattered records, as she delivered over 5,500 extraordinary performances not only on Broadway but also across the United States, Canada, and Asia. Her immense talent as a soprano and her commanding stage presence captivated audiences worldwide.

Beyond the theater lights, Kim has proven herself to be a force in various leadership and community roles. Her remarkable dedication to charitable causes and her hands-on involvement in running homeless shelters and soup kitchens for the Episcopal Archdiocese of New York exemplify her unwavering devotion to serving others. Kim's tireless volunteer work for Broadway Cares, Equity Fights Aids, and the Phyllis Newman's Cancer Research Foundation demonstrates her deep-rooted commitment to supporting health initiatives, particularly breast cancer research.

Kim Stengel possesses unparalleled leadership and organizational skills that have left an indelible mark on countless communities and organizations. As President of Women of Vision Express Network (WOVEN), Chair of the Houston Area Council, and currently as the 2023-2024 District Vice President of the American Business Women's Association (ABWA), she has guided these entities to unparalleled heights of success. Her innate ability to inspire, motivate, and unite others has garnered her the unbridled admiration and respect of all who have had the privilege to work with her. In 2022, she was named one of the Top Ten Business Women in America by ABWA.

Within the realm of professional speaking and leadership training, Kim's wisdom and experience become the compass that guides others to reach the pinnacle of their potential. Her involvement in Toastmasters and her triumphs in prestigious public speaking competitions are the unanimous testament to her unrivaled communication skills. Through her profound insights and captivating delivery, she empowers individuals to find their own voices and embark on their unique journey toward greatness.

In 2016, she returned to her hometown to give back to the community that helped guide her to so many great adventures and blessings in life. Kim says "Through all my journeys and successes, I am still that humble girl from that small town of Humble, Texas, who was encouraged to go for my dreams and make a difference in the world."