

Lead Story....

*If you think Idina Menzel is just Elsa it's time to "Let it Go!"
Shayna interviews the Broadway Star and Frozen singer!!!!!!*

It's a hot, hot summer day. The snow from our crazy winter is long melted and just a memory! 2nd grade is a long time ago and 3rd grade is still two months away. Ice cream and air conditioning are on everyone's mind. Except for me of course, I am thinking about Frozen! I can't wait because in a few short hours I have my biggest celebrity interview yet! I'm going backstage to interview Idina Menzel. At first I couldn't believe it but as I sit in the backseat of our van it's becoming very real and I'm starting to feel some butterflies in my stomach. Not to mention I get to actually attend the concert before the interview! When we get to the arena I'm even more excited to find out we have great seats. My first concert!!!! As we walk closer and closer to the stage all I can think is "WOW" the stage has a big piano, tons of horns and drum sets and guitars and just WOW!!! As we sit the excitement starts to build. The show was supposed to start at 8:00, my normal bed time, and here I am my mother on one side my grandmother on the other and oh, another 10,000 people all around me. As the clock ticks it becomes 8:05, 8:10, 8:15, where is she...I can't take it anymore!!!! Then, the lights go out!!!! The next hour and a half is filled with amazing songs, funny stories, excellent music and better than anything I had ever seen. At one point she walked INTO the audience and even walked right past us and asked my brother who his favorite Frozen character was !!! Olef of course he said. Towards the end of the concert she sings

"Let it Go!" Everyone is singing and dancing and having an amazing time!!!! Then Idina announces she wants a little girl to sing with her! The next thing I know my father is practically throwing me in the air into the aisle. About 20 feet in front of me looking right at me is Idina Menzel!!!! She points at me and a 10 year old girl next to me and tells us to come up to her in front of the stage. She holds the microphone to us and away we go!!!! The three of us singing Let it Go for 10,000 people!!!! After the show we go backstage and wait. Only my mother and I can meet her so my mother is panicked that she won't be able to work my Dad's camera. I'm reviewing my questions and still overwhelmed at what just happened. The security guard calls us in and there she is. She is very pretty and very nice.



So without anymore build up, here is my interview with Ms. Menzel.....

Shayna: Do you like singing or acting better?

Idina Menzel: Both

Shayna: What will people be surprised to know about you?

Idina Menzel: Sometimes I'm actually shy

Shayna: What is your favorite song you sing?

Idina Menzel: It changes a lot but tonight at this show it was "Let it Go"

Shayna: Do you get nervous before a show?

Idina Menzel: Yes!!

Shayna: What is your favorite dessert?

Idina Menzel: Brownie with vanilla ice cream!

Shayna: What is your favorite color?

Idina Menzel: Orange because it is my son's favorite color!

Shayna: What is your favorite meal?

Idina Menzel: breakfast foods! Bagels, pancakes, eggs and so on!!!!



All in all it was a night I'll never forget.

We didn't get home until after

1:00AM!!!!!! Of course I slept all the way home. The show was so great my whole family really loved it! She sings some great songs from Broadway that my mother and grandmother loved like "Tomorrow" from Annie and songs from the plays "Wicked" and "Rent" and "If/Then" She also played some Rock and Roll my dad really liked! Songs from groups I

never heard of called "The Police", "Radiohead" and "The Red Hot Chili Peppers" I didn't know any of it but it was sure was AWESOME! Just so you know She is coming back at the end of the summer to places called TangleWood and the Pavillion in Boston. They are both outdoors and should be GREAT. It should still be beautiful warm nights in late August for a show but I would go see her even in October.... as Idina says the cold never bothered me anyway!!!!!!

Six Fun Facts About Idina Menzel

- 1) Idina sang the National Anthem at the 2015 Super Bowl!!!!
- 2) Idina played the character of Nancy in the movie "Enchanted"
- 3) Idina originated the role of Elphaba for the Broadway smash hit "Wicked"
- 4) Idina played the character of Shelby Corcoran on the hit show "Glee"
- 5) Idina Grew up on Long Island in New York
- 6) Idina went to New York University Tisch School of the Arts