## **Asmeret Ghebremichael**

**Asmeret Ghebremichael** is an American actress and singer, known for her work in *Submissions Only*, *Legally Blonde*, and *The Book of Mormon*.

Asmeret Ghebremichael		
Nationality	American	
Occupation	Actress, singer	
Years active	<b>e</b> 1999–present	

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### **Education**

As a child, she trained in dance and musical theatre at the Abby Lee Dance Company and was taught by Abby Lee Miller. Ghebremichael has a B.S. in communications from New York University.

#### Career

Ghebremichael made her Broadway debut in 1999, playing Rusty, Wendy Jo, Urleen, and the Ensemble (varying) in *Footloose*. She later appeared in the ensembles of *Wicked* and *Spamalot* (she also played the minstrel) on Broadway, as well as *Lone Star Love* and *In the Heights* (for which she won a Drama Desk Award) off-Broadway. In 2007, she played Pilar in *Legally Blonde* on Broadway. The show was filmed for TV, and in 2008 she began also understudying the roles of Shandi and Brooke Wyndham. She also appeared on the reality competition show *Legally Blonde: The Musical – The Search for Elle Woods* twice. The show closed in 2008, and after appearing in the film *Confessions of a Shopaholic*, Ghebremichael began playing Raina Pearl in the web series *Submissions Only*. She also played Shawanda in the original Broadway cast of *Elf: The Musical*, and in 2011 she appeared in the ensemble of *The Book of Mormon* on Broadway. She later played Nabulungi in the show, and is currently playing the role in the West End production, which she started in February 2016. In 2015, she appeared as a munchkin in *The Wiz Live!* on NBC. In 2017 she joined the West End cast of Dreamgirls as Lorrell Robinson. [1]

### Theatre credits

Year	Show	Role	Notes	
1999	Footloose	Rusty (u/s)/Wendy Jo (u/s)/Urleen (u/s)- (replacement)	Broadway, Feb 14 – August 25, 1999 <sup>[2]</sup>	
2004	Lone Star Love	Ensemble	off-Broadway	
I halva av va	Wicked	Ensemble- (replacement)	Broadway	
Unknown	Spamalot	Minstrel- (replacement)	Broadway <sup>[3]</sup>	
	In the Heights	Ensemble	off-Broadway <sup>[2]</sup>	
2007	Legally Blonde	Pilar/Shandi (u/s)/Brooke Wyndham (u/s)	Broadway, July 2, 2007 – October 19, 2008	
2010	<u>Elf</u>	Shawanda	Broadway, November 14, 2010 – January 2, 2011 <sup>[4]</sup>	
2011		assistant dance captain/Nabulungi (u/s)	Broadway, March 24, 2011 – November 25, 2012	
2013	The Book of Mormon	Nabulungi	Broadway, Aug 6 – December 1, 2013 <sup>[2][3]</sup>	
2015			West End, Nov. 2015–2016	
2016	Sweet Charity	Nickie	Off-Broadway, November 2, 2016 – January 8, 2017	
2017	Dreamgirls	Lorrell Robinson	West End, March 23, 2017–present	

## Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes	
2007	Legally Blonde: The Musical	Pilar	Filmed stage production	
2008	Legally Blonde: The Musical – The Search for Elle Woods	Self	2 episodes	
2010–14	Submissions Only	Raina Pearl	14 episodes	
2014	Los Feliz, 90027	Self	unaired pilot	
	Trevor Moore: High in Church	Singer	TV movie	
2015	The Adventures of Lillian Kate	Alexi	3 episodes	
	The Wiz Live!	Munchkin	TV movie	

## Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2008	The Drummer	lvy	Short
2000	Confessions of a Shopaholic	Alette Receptionist	
2009	Red Hook	Asmeret	
2014	Russian Broadway Shut Down	Lesbian	Short
2015	Sad Studs	Blood Donor	Short

# Discography

Year	Title	Notes	
2010	Elf (Original Broadway Cast Recording) <sup>[4]</sup>	Featured vocals	

#### **Awards and nominations**

Year	Award	Category	Nominee	Result
2007	Drama Desk Award	Outstanding Ensemble Performance	In the Heights	Won
2017	Lucille Lortel Awards Outstanding Featured Actress in a Musical	Swoot Charity	Nominated	
2017	Chita Rivera Awards	Outstanding Outstanding Female Dancer in an Off-Broadway Show	Sweet Charity	Nominated

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