

PRISCILLA QUEEN OF THE DESERT | TORONTO MEDIA QUOTES

“Priscilla Queen of the Desert the Musical is a grand, glorious and gorgeous piece of musical theatre!

This eye-popping, ear-pleasing, toe-tapping honey of a show moves like a cyclone from start to finish and will leave you gasping for breath on numerous occasions, thanks to its spectacular spectacle, its raunchy humour and its virtuoso performances.

The inimitable Tony Sheldon, gives a performance of sheer brilliance.

Will Swenson is totally masterful.

And Nick Adams is dazzlingly impressive.

The magical Priscilla will fill the heart of anyone who has ever loved — or wanted to be loved.

Richard Ouzounian, Toronto Star

“FANCY, FANTASTIC & FUN!

Simon Phillips’s exuberant production is infectious, giddy entertainment!”

J. Kelly Nestruck, The Globe & Mail

“Rambunctious North American premiere ... Contagious high spirits and slick professionalism.

Sympathetic performance by Will Swenson. Tony Sheldon is splendid. Nick Adams is kinetic.
C. David Johnson’s terrific performance.

A score that’s cheeky enough to embrace such disparate numbers as Madonna’s Like a Prayer, Jimmy Webb’s MacArthur Park and an aria from Verdi’s La Traviata.

Priscilla overflows with goodwill: it’s the most joyous of guilty pleasures.”

Jamie Portman, Postmedia

“Hits all the high notes!

A show that delights in the outrageous and the flouting of convention. Priscilla turns theatrical convention into theatrical confection – a show that gives you a good time!”

John Coulbourn, Toronto Sun

“Eye-popping!

Fabulous!

Tony Sheldon’s Bernadette has dignity and vulnerability, and bona fide realness. Will Swenson and Nick Adams have stamina, energy and physicality to show off. C. David Johnson has grace under pressure.”

Glenn Sumi, NOW

"It's the Folies Bergere and La Cage Aux Folles all rolled into one. Hunky guys, hot girls and everything in-between. Talk about your disco balls. Go see Priscilla and you'll twinkle all night.

Outrageous Extravaganza

Priscilla has heart and soul

Fabulous

Prepare to laugh yourself silly!"

Gary Smith The Hamilton Spectator

"Seriously, this show's a winner in all its glittery, glammy glory; it's fun, fabulous, and stuffed with real feelings. I can't think of a better way to light up a dark Toronto winter than to scamper down King Street, platform heels and all, to see it in all its disco-ball, swirling-bus glory."

Catherine Kustanczy, Play Anon

"If Salvador Dali met Ru Paul and Walt Disney on a stormy night in the outback it would look a lot like Priscilla Queen of the Desert."

"... Filled with eighties pop music, this high-powered show is graced by gorgeous costumes that are simultaneously of this world and out of this world."

"... Even the roadkill is in drag"

"... if you want to see it big, bold, and literally flying through the air, then don't miss this queenly tour de force."

"... a must see for both drag connoisseurs and drag-curious spectators."

David Bateman , IN Toronto

"Take some cotton candy, multiply it by rainbows, add a huge amount of glitter and put a feather boa on it. And then, throw in some dancing cupcakes. (Priscilla) is even more fun than that."

"The only downside to this show is that nothing in life will ever be as fun again."

"The three actors who play the main characters, Tick, Felicia and Bernadette, should be commended for the blur of choreography and costume changes that they go through every night."

Crystal Wood, Mooney on Theatre

"An absolute must-see"

Matt Mills, Xtra!

"If you need a pick-me up this is the show to see!"

Theatromania

"Slick entertainment that is a ridiculous amount of fun."

Mark Andrew Lawrence, Broadwayworld.com

"A mind blowing, technicolour spectacle!"

Andria Case, CTV Toronto News

"Non-stop laughter! A must-see!"

Chris Perez, CTV e-talk

"I can't say enough about this show. Highly entertaining from start to finish. Love the Movie...Love the Stage Show even More. It's a Feel Good Show!"

Jennifer Valentyne, City TV, Breakfast Television

I can't put to words how incredible this play is! Fierceolicious! I cried, I laughed! Wow!-the costumes!

"The most fabulous play to ever hit Toronto"

"Fab meets fierce! A Must See"

"An exhilarating drag race!"

-planet Maurie, 99.9 Virgin Radio

"From the outset, an explosion of fun, colour, great music and great talent!"

"From the big and bold scenes to the very quiet and touching moments, Priscilla is a hit."

Melissa Grelo, CP24 Breakfast

"Toronto has not seen a show like this! Wow! The music, the dancing, the spectacle -- plus an incredibly touching story with tons of laughs. Bravo!"

Steve Anthony, CP24 Breakfast

"Priscilla is the Feel FABULOUS show of the decade. It's ridiculously good fun, like your brain on Skittles. The music, the costumes, the performers - all perfection. Give our regards to Broadway, Priscilla - you're gonna knock 'em off their platforms!"

Erin Davis, CHFI

"Priscilla is a laugh out loud, dance in your seat, smile your face off all the way home kind of show! Just Brilliant! "

Michelle Butterly, 98.1 CHFI

"A stunning extravaganza of colour, costumes, and camp!"

Maie Pauts, boom 97.3

"A GREAT BIG SPARKLING TREAT! SO MUCH FUN YOU DON'T WANT IT TO END!"

"WHAT A SHOW! DON'T MISS THIS INCREDIBLE EXTRAVAGANZA."

"A NON-STOP BOOGIE WONDERLAND! IT WILL BLOW YOUR MIND!"

"ONE OF THE BEST MUSICALS IN TORONTO EVER!"

"THE EXUBERANT CAST SHAKES, SHIMMIES AND SPARKLES THROUGH ENORMOUS MUSICAL NUMBERS. YOU CAN'T TAKE YOUR EYES OFF THEM."

Gloria Martin, 680 News

"Priscilla storms Toronto with a bang. No longer is Priscilla the Queen of the Desert but she's become the Queen of Toronto and very soon to be the reigning Queen of Broadway."

Pearse Murray, Proud FM

"An eye and ear popping delight that dazzles the audience with spectacular costumes – some 300 or so plus disco song hits from the 1980's."

Michael Englebert, The New AM 740

"Priscilla" is an amazing spectacle that has big songs, big sets and a HUGE heart. The outrageous costumes make Lady Gaga look like an accountant by comparison.

Tom Jokic, CHUM FM

"Ouch ouch ouch...my cheeks are still hurting from laughing non-stop!
And it's hard to sooth my cheeks with hurting hands too...Clap Woop Clap Woop"

Terry Johnston, CKDO Mornings

On of the best musicals we have seen in years.

WARNING... you will want to get up and dance or sing out loud !

Steven Sabados & Chris Hyndman, Hosts CBC's Steven and Chris

"A BLAST OF JOY! A wonderful evening and the easiest way to get a lot of love. A story about friendship and finding the love of your life. The performances are stunning. The clever, over-the-top, eye-popping costumes leave you breathless. A show that is beautifully done and technically dazzling. Highly recommended!"

Lynn Slotkin, CBC Radio