

No Reasonable Doubt: "Legally Blonde" at Laguna Hills Is Pink Perfection!  
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Malibu, California, is home to sun-soaked beaches, a chihuahua with a penchant for pink, and Elle Woods, the peppy president of UCLA's Delta Nu sorority. However, when her picture-perfect boyfriend, Warner Huntington III, unexpectedly dumps her in search of someone "serious", Elle leaves sorority parties and beach days behind and sets her sights on Harvard Law School. However, Harvard has surprises in store, begging the question—how far is she willing to go for love?

Aleena Estrada has the perfect amount of pep in her step as perky, pink-obsessed Elle Woods. Estrada is bubbly and bright-eyed, bouncing on the tips of her toes and pumping her fists in effervescent excitement, tittering across the stage with a blinding smile on her face. This excitement is exacerbated by Elisa Wager's Paulette, Elle's fiercely loyal yet brazen manicurist. Wagner performs Irish jigs and unfailingly supports Elle, stroking her back in encouragement and cheering her on with broad smiles. Estrada and Wager portray the unlikely friendship flawlessly.

Joseph Mulrooney is equal parts sleazy and slick as calculating Professor Callahan, Elle's law school professor. During "Blood in the Water," Mulrooney smirks slyly as he croons out warnings to his students about the cutthroat nature of the legal world. However, when his true colors begin to surface, Mulrooney transforms from the put-together professor into a predator, slowly putting his glasses on and shaking his head in cool disapproval after Elle rejects his unwanted advance, displaying his manipulative nature perfectly.

Lighting by the Laguna Hills Lighting Team stuns. The lighting reflects the mood of each scene, emanating across the background in bright pinks when Elle is excited and turning dark blue to represent her emotional lows. During "Whipped Into Shape", when Brooke Wyndham leads a workout class while awaiting her trial, vivid orange beams filter onto the stage to imitate prison bars, displaying the lighting team's creativity and technical prowess.

Hair and makeup by the Laguna Hills Hair and Makeup Team dazzles. Each fashion-forward Delta Nu sports vibrant, glittering eyeshadow and brightly colored lip gloss, capturing their glamorous and 2000-chic natures perfectly. Elle's hair is a wig of bouncy blonde curls, an exceptional display of her Malibu-born beach-babe disposition. Each decision made by the LHHS Hair and Makeup Team elevates the personality of each character excellently.

Laguna Hills High School performs a positively perfect production of "Legally Blonde"—what? Like it's hard?