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WICKED TO RETURN TO CLEVELAND'S PLAYHOUSE SQUARE DECEMBER 9 – JANUARY 3

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TICKETS ON SALE TUESDAY, JULY 28



BY STEPHEN SCHWARTZ AND WINNIE HOLZMAN
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY GREGORY MAGUIRE

CLEVELAND, OH – WICKED, Cleveland's most *popular* musical, **will return to Playhouse Square Wednesday, December 9 – Sunday, January 3. Tickets for the return engagement go on sale Tuesday, July 28 at 10 a.m.**

In Cleveland, **WICKED** will play Tuesdays through Fridays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1:00 p.m. & 6:30 p.m. Additional matinee performances are scheduled for Thursday, December 10; Wednesday, December 23; Thursday, December 24; Wednesday, December 30; and Thursday, December 31. Tickets are available online at playhousesquare.org or by phone at 216-241-6000. Orders for groups of 10 or more may be placed by calling 216 -640-8600.

Currently the 4th longest-running show in Broadway history, **WICKED** is currently in its 23rd year on Broadway.

Winner of over 100 international awards including the Grammy Award and three Tony Awards, **WICKED** has been performed in over 100 cities in 16 countries around the world (U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Japan, Germany, Holland, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, The Philippines, Mexico, Brazil, Switzerland and China) and has thus far been translated into six languages: Japanese, German, Dutch, Spanish, Korean and Portuguese. **WICKED** has been seen by over 72 million people worldwide and has over \$6.2 billion in global sales.

In addition to the Broadway production, **WICKED** in North America has enjoyed unprecedented record-breaking sit-down engagements in Chicago, where it ran for nearly four years; Los Angeles, where it ran for two years; and San Francisco, where it ran for nearly two years, as well as two North American Tours.

The Broadway sensation **WICKED** looks at what happened in the Land of Oz...but from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin, who is smart, fiery, misunderstood, and possessing an extraordinary talent. When she meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships...until the world decides to call one “good,” and the other one “wicked.”

With a thrilling score that includes the hits “Defying Gravity,” “Popular” and “For Good,” **WICKED** has been hailed by *The New York Times* as “the defining musical of the decade,” and by *Time Magazine* as “a magical Broadway musical with brains, heart, and courage.” NBC Nightly News calls the hit musical “the most successful Broadway show ever.”

Based on the novel by Gregory Maguire, **WICKED** has music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, and a book by Winnie Holzman. The production is directed by Tony Award winner Joe Mantello with musical staging by Tony Award winner Wayne Cilento. **WICKED** is produced by Marc Platt, Universal Stage Productions, The Araca Group, Jon B. Platt and David Stone.

The blockbuster film version of **WICKED** opened on November 22nd, 2024, and is the highest grossing film based on a Broadway musical in history. The second film, **WICKED: FOR GOOD**, opened on Friday, November 21st, 2025, and is currently the third highest-grossing film based on a Broadway musical.

WICKED is an Encore Collection performance at Playhouse Square, playing the KeyBank State Theatre for 32 performances, Wednesday, December 9 – Sunday, January 3. Show times are Tuesday – Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1:30 and 7:30 p.m., and Sunday at 1:00 and 6:30 p.m. Additional matinee performances are scheduled for Thursday, December 10; Wednesday, December 23; Thursday, December 24; Wednesday, December 30; and Thursday, December 31. Tickets are available at playhousesquare.org or by phone at 216-241- 6000. Groups of 10 or more are encouraged to call 216-640-8600.

For more information about **WICKED**, please visit www.WickedTheMusical.com.

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*As a note to all calendar listing editors, the title of the show is **WICKED** (not **WICKED: A New Musical** or **WICKED, the untold true story of the witches of Oz**). In addition, this is not a new production of WICKED. This is the same touring production that opened in March 2009.

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