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## **WICKED FLIES WEST TO OPEN IN PERTH ON 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011**

Western Australia's most anticipated musical theatre extravaganza, **WICKED**, is officially set to fly west to Perth to open in all its emerald glory in the **Burswood Theatre on 19th June 2011**.

**Tickets to the emerald extravaganza will go on sale to the public from 9am on Monday 8th November, 2010 through TICKETEK on 132 849 or on line at [www.ticketek.com.au](http://www.ticketek.com.au) Premium, dining and Hotel packages are available from showbiz on 1300 WICKED or on line at [www.showbiz.com.au/wicked](http://www.showbiz.com.au/wicked) And for those wanting to be the first in line for tickets, it is possible to register on the waitlist now at [www.wickedthemusical.com.au](http://www.wickedthemusical.com.au)**

WICKED Australia Co-Producer John Frost said, "Right from the start this show has been an overwhelming hit so we are absolutely thrilled to be able to bring her, in all her emerald beauty, to Perth".

"WICKED is a phenomenon, the most successful musical in the world today, and appeals to everyone from 8 to 80. People love it for so many different reasons – some people come to see WICKED for the engrossing story inspired by The Wizard of Oz, some for the astonishing sets and costumes, some for the soaring ballads, some for the deeper messages, and some to see the life-affirming friendship between the two girls who grow up to be Glinda the Good Witch and Elphaba the Wicked Witch of the West. Melbourne and Sydney audiences have been blown away by WICKED and now it's Perth's turn".

WICKED's record-breaking Australian run began in June, 2008 at Melbourne's Regent Theatre, where it broke the city's box office record and ran through August, 2009. The production transferred to Sydney's Capitol Theatre on September 5, 2009 and concluded its record-breaking run on September 12, 2010. Since opening in Australia WICKED has played more than 866 performances and has been seen by well over 1.1 million people – almost 1 in 20 Australians!

WICKED is the most successful musical in the world today. Currently in its seventh year on Broadway, WICKED's four North American and four international companies (including Australia) have cumulatively grossed \$2 billion and has been seen by 25 million people worldwide. WICKED is the winner of 35 major awards including the Grammy® Award, three Tony Awards® and six Helpmann Awards® including Best Musical.



WICKED relates the untold story of the witches of Oz. Long before Dorothy drops in, two other girls meet in the land of Oz. One, born with emerald green skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. WICKED tells the story of their remarkable odyssey, how these two unlikely friends grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good.

WICKED, with music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz (*Godspell*, *Pippin*, Academy Award-winner for *Pocahontas* and *The Prince of Egypt*) and book by Winnie Holzman (*My So Called Life*, *Once And Again* and *thirtysomething*), is produced by Marc Platt, Universal Pictures, The Araca Group, Jon B Platt and David Stone, with John Frost as Australian Co-Producer.

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