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WICKED TAKES ITS FINAL BOW IN AUSTRALIA THIS SUNDAY

More than three years after its spectacular Melbourne Premiere, the curtain will come down on **WICKED** in Australia for the last time on September 11, 2011, at the Burswood Theatre, Perth.

WICKED has achieved a record breaking run in Australia, becoming one of the most successful musical theatre shows ever staged in this country. The Australian production began at Melbourne's Regent Theatre on June 27, 2008, finishing up on August 9, 2009. It transferred to Sydney's Capitol Theatre on September 5, 2009, and ran until September 26, 2010. An Australian tour to Brisbane, Adelaide and Perth followed, with the show smashing numerous records during its Australian run, including box office records in every city it has played. Over 1.5 million people have seen **WICKED** during its Australian season.

Currently in its 8th year on Broadway, **WICKED**'s North American and international companies have cumulatively grossed over \$2.4 billion and have been seen by nearly 30 million people worldwide.

"After more than three astonishing years in Australia, 1144 glorious performances seen by over a million and a half people, it is time for **WICKED** to close," said John Frost, Australian Co-Producer of **WICKED**. "It is going to be a very emotion day on Sunday for cast, crew and fans.

"Right from the start this show has been an overwhelming hit. Audiences have been captivated by the soaring ballads, the spectacular sets, costumes and lighting, and been draw into the emotional richness of this beautiful story. It has exceeded all expectations in every theatre market in the country. Australians have taken **WICKED** to their hearts, and we've been thrilled by the response. **WICKED** has brought a whole new audience into the theatre for the first time; they have loved their experience and will come back for more.

"**WICKED** is unique, a phenomenon, the winner of 35 major awards including the Grammy® Award, three Tony® Awards and six Helpmann® Awards including Best Musical, a musical that enchants audiences around the world and right across the spectrum. We are so proud of our extraordinarily talented cast and crew, many of whom have been with the show for the whole run."

WICKED will now prepare for its forthcoming Asian tour, which opens in December 2011 at the Grand Theatre Marina Bay Sands, Singapore.



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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