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WICKED SMASHES WEEKLY BOX OFFICE RECORD FOR THE CAPITOL THEATRE

Sydney has taken **WICKED** to its heart with huge numbers flocking to the greenified Capitol Theatre to experience this world-wide musical sensation. **WICKED** has broken all previous weekly box office records for a musical at the Capitol Theatre, grossing \$1,473,775.70 in the past week. General Manager of the Capitol Theatre, Graeme Kearns, said "The Capitol Theatre has a long history of hosting hit musical productions, and we're thrilled that the current production of **WICKED** has outgrossed previous record holders. There's no doubt that Sydneysiders are queuing to see this wonderful musical, and loving it. We've already had people come back for a second time, even though it has only been open for a month."

The Australian production's Co-Producer John Frost, said, "I'm thrilled that Sydney has fallen in love with this wonderful production. **WICKED** is unique, a phenomenon, quite unlike any other musical. Its success around the world proves it is one of those rare shows that touch people deeply, as well as entertain them; a show for all ages from 8 to 80."

WICKED tells the untold story of the witches of Oz. Long before that girl from Kansas arrives in Munchkinland, two 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. How these two grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch makes for the most spellbinding new musical in years.

As well as spell-binding audiences, **WICKED** has won 26 major awards including three Tony Awards®, a Grammy® Award and six Helpmann Awards® including Best Musical, and the Australian production has won critic acclaim: "*WICKED captures the lavishness, frenzy and big-belting tunes of Broadway. It is a seductive, big-budget, glossy entertainment which whips up emotions in big broad theatrical strokes.*" – Sydney Morning Herald

"*Spellbinding. A visual feast, fabulous entertainment. A must-see musical.*" – Daily Telegraph

"*Dazzling entertainment, with a brain.*" – Sunday Telegraph

"*WICKED's cast is outstanding and its production values are exceptional. A powerful piece of theatre.*" – The Australian

Single tickets to **WICKED** are now onsale until 29 November. Bookings at 1300 723 038, www.wickedthemusical.com.au or www.ticketmaster.com.au

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