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## IT'S A WICKED BLITZ AT THE BOX OFFICE New Tickets on Sale This Monday

With only one month to go before it arrives, the worldwide smash hit musical phenomenon, **WICKED**, has already blitzed the Perth box office with 65,000 tickets being snapped up to the must-see theatre event of the decade. **WICKED will open in Perth at the Burswood Theatre on Sunday June 19 for a strictly limited season.**

**Now, due to overwhelming demand a new release of tickets for WICKED will go on sale at TICKETEK on Monday May 23.**

When the Australian production of **WICKED** in all its emerald glory arrives in Perth it will have been seen by well over 1.4 million Australians during its record breaking seasons in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Adelaide.

Australia's leading theatrical producer John Frost, whose Broadway productions have won two Tony Awards, is constantly surprised at the broad appeal of the show. "This show is phenomenon. It brings in people who've never seen a musical; people who never thought they would go inside a theatre. They all spread the **WICKED** word. If you are a musical theatre buff or have never stepped into a theatre – this is the show you want to see. It ticks all the boxes – a top notch Australian cast, brilliant theatrics, lights and sound, beautiful costumes, a score that will stick in your head for days, a heart warming story – it's the full entertainment package" he said.

Currently in its 8th year on Broadway, **WICKED's** four North American and four international companies have cumulatively grossed \$2.2 billion and have been seen by 28 million people worldwide. **WICKED** is the winner of 35 major awards including the Grammy Award, three Tony Awards and six Helpmann Awards.

**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.



Starring as the two witches of Oz, Glinda and Elphaba, Lucy Durack and Jemma Rix are joined on stage by a spectacular cast including Bert Newton as The Wizard, Maggie Kirkpatrick as Madame Morrible, David Harris as Fiyero, Rodney Dobson as Dr Dillamond, James D. Smith as Boq and Elisa Colla as Nessarose.

**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.

New tickets go on sale on Monday 23 May 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)

For more information about the show go to [www.wickedthemusical.com.au](http://www.wickedthemusical.com.au).

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