



MEDIA RELEASE

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SYDNEY TURNS GREEN FOR WICKED

Tonight from 6pm, the Sydney Town Hall will be bathed in emerald green light to celebrate the arrival of the Broadway musical **WICKED** in Australia's Emerald City. **Bert Newton**, in costume as the Wizard, and **Lord Mayor Clover Moore MP**, will jointly push the plunger at exactly 6pm which will bathe the Sydney Town Hall in green light, the colour of the Emerald City of Oz, for the next month. This is the first time the Sydney Town Hall has been "greenified". Simultaneously much of the local area around the Capitol Theatre, where **WICKED** commences its season on September 5, will also be "greenified". This greening of the precinct will run for the Sydney season of **WICKED**.

The Capitol Theatre and **WICKED** are also encouraging local businesses to join them in going green by offering a monthly prize for the 'greenest' business, the first winner is Passionflower Café Capitol Square who have joined in by placing green lighting inside the store, adding green décor and posters in the shop and created **WICKED** desserts.

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.

John Frost, Co-Producer of **WICKED**, said, "We are delighted to be adding a touch of green to Australia's very own Emerald City. It is also wonderful to see just how enthusiastic the City of Sydney, the Capitol Theatre and local businesses have been in coming on the journey with us. **WICKED** is like no other show that I have worked on before, the fan base for and support for this show worldwide is quite a phenomenon, and looking at the support we have received already in Sydney I think we are off to a great start here. We thank Sydney for such a warm welcome."

When **WICKED** opened on Broadway, it worked its magic on critics and audiences alike winning 20 major awards including three Tony Awards® and a Grammy® Award. Today, **WICKED** is one of the most successful shows in theatre history with productions in New York, San Francisco, two North American tours, London's West End, Tokyo, Stuttgart and Melbourne. It was recently awarded six Helpmann Awards at the Sydney Opera House, including Best Musical.

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**Venue**

Capitol Theatre
13 Campbell Street, Haymarket

Season

From 5 September 2009

Performance Times

Tuesday – Saturday 8pm
Wednesday matinee 1pm
Saturday matinee 2pm
Sunday matinee 3pm

Price:

A \$7.00 transaction fee applies to every booking

Tues-Thurs Eve

Emerald Reserve \$119.90 A Reserve Adults \$109.90, Concessions/Groups (20+)
\$99.90, B Reserve Adults \$99.90, C Reserve \$89.90

Wed Mat

A Reserve Adults \$99.90, Conc/Groups (20+) \$89.90, Pensioner Groups (20+)
\$60.90, School Groups \$50.90, B Reserve \$79.90, C Reserve \$69.90

Fri/Sat Eve

Emerald Reserve \$129.90, A Reserve Adults \$115.90, B Reserve Adults \$105.90, C
Reserve \$95.90

Sat/Sun Mat

Emerald Reserve \$129.90, A Reserve Adults \$115.90, Groups (20+) \$105.90,
B Reserve Adults \$105.90, C Reserve \$95.90

Bookings

1300 723 038

wickedthemusical.com.au or ticketmaster.com.au

Groups of 20 or more (02) 8512 9020

1 300 WICKED - Premium Tickets, Dining and Hotel packages

131 415 – Land and Air packages from Qantas Holidays

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