



## **WICKED's record breaking Adelaide season must close in 3 weeks**

The Adelaide season of **WICKED**, the worldwide smash hit musical phenomenon, has attained the highest box office takings and sold the highest number of tickets of any musical presented in the **Festival Theatre** in the last ten years.

WICKED has sold in excess of 80,000 tickets with box office takings of more than \$8 million.

WICKED must close in just 3 weeks on Saturday 4 June to head to Perth with no extension possible. Adelaide audiences are encouraged to buy now.

Adelaide Festival Centre CEO **Douglas Gautier** said, 'The feedback we are receiving from audiences about WICKED is fantastic so don't miss the chance to see it this last few weeks of the Adelaide season. Adelaide loves musicals and we hope the success of WICKED will attract more wonderful shows like it to Adelaide.'

Australia's leading theatrical producer, Adelaide-born **John Frost**, whose Broadway productions have won two Tony Awards said, 'The box office result for WICKED in Adelaide to date is outstanding but the season must close on 4 June and I urge anyone still considering to see the show to book now.'

Currently in its 8th year on Broadway, WICKED's North American and international companies have cumulatively grossed more than \$2.2 billion and have been seen by nearly 28 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.

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.

WICKED proudly acknowledges its family of WICKED sponsors for the Adelaide season including Showbiz, Channel 7, Mix 102.3FM, Intercontinental Adelaide, Volvo Car Australia, Constellation Wines, MAC Cosmetics and George Gross and Harry Who.

Tickets for WICKED may be purchased through all BASS outlets, BASS Dial 'n' Charge 131 246 and online at [www.bass.net.au](http://www.bass.net.au)

**For more information about WICKED go to [wickedthemusical.com.au](http://wickedthemusical.com.au)**

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