



WICKED TO TAKE ITS LAST CURTAIN CALL WITH FINAL 4 WEEK EXTENSION THROUGH APRIL 2012

The International Broadway Blockbuster musical "Defies Gravity" with over 150,000 tickets snapped up

Singapore, 22nd February 2012–**WICKED**, the international Broadway blockbuster musical will take its final curtain call at the Grand Theater, Marina Bay Sands on April 22, 2012 and has extended tickets for the final 4 weeks which are now on sale. Almost 150,000 people have snapped up tickets to **WICKED** making it one of the most sought after shows in town. The production has played to standing ovations since it opened in December of last year with 80 performances over 10 weeks.

Singapore audiences have been treated to top class performances by Australian entertainers; Jemma Rix and Suzie Mathers who play the leading ladies, Elphaba and Glinda. Six more of the eight principal cast have also dazzled the fans including leading men and women in Australian musical theater with a string of credits to their name such as Bert Newton, Anne Wood, David Harris and Glen Hogstrom who will play The Wizard, Madame Morrible, Fiyero and DrDillamond respectively. While the talented Elisa Colla and James Smith deliver powerful performances as Nessa Rose and Boq.

"Slick production values, top notch acting and singing, catchy whipsmart lyrics and a universally familiar tale about friendship set in a world of fantasy will ensure that even those unfamiliar with the world of Oz will sit through one enjoyable experience"
-TODAY Newspaper

"There is something appealing about Wicked that probably has something to do with the mesmerizing set, extremely charismatic characters, witty dialogue, modern pop like melodies and some jaw dropping tricks."
-Business Times

Milan Rokic, Managing Director of BASE Entertainment Asia says, "The fantastic critical reaction and overwhelming audience excitement for **WICKED** in Singapore has exceeded our expectations. We always felt there was a huge audience for **WICKED** and we're thrilled that Singapore has embraced this spectacular musical as its own. We're proud to join the list of international 'Emerald Cities' which **WICKED** can call home for a long and healthy run and we thank John Frost and the Broadway producers, Marc Platt and David Stone, for choosing to mount this spectacular production with us here in Singapore."

Winner of 35 major awards including a Grammy® and three Tony Awards®, **WICKED** is 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 called Elphaba and Glinda the Good.

Currently in its 9th year on Broadway, **WICKED**'s North American and International companies have cumulatively grossed over US\$2.5 billion and seen by 30 million people worldwide. Since **WICKED** opened at the Gershwin Theatre on

Broadway in October 2003, it has regularly grossed more than \$US1.7 million a week, has been seen by over 6 million people and is already, says *The New York Times*, 'one of the most successful shows in Broadway history.'

In England it had the highest weekly gross in West End history, and in Tokyo and Stuttgart it again set new box office records. After three years **WICKED** completed its tour of Australia in 2011 and was seen by over 1.5million people – which is equivalent to more than 1 in 20 Australians.

The smash-hit musical 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 *thirty something*) is based on the best-selling novel by Gregory Maguire. Gregory Maguire's 1995 novel, has sold more than five million copies – four and a half million since **WICKED** opened on Broadway in 2003.

The Singapore Production of **WICKED** is produced by Marc Platt, David Stone, Universal Pictures, the Araca Group, Jon B. Platt, David Stone and John Frost. BASE Entertainment Asia is the local presenter.

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For more information log onto www.wickedthemusical.com.sg or join our Facebook page for further updates.

“Remember the last time an original Broadway musical made you laugh, cry and think? WICKED is the most complete and completely satisfying new musical in a long time.”

USA Today

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| Tues - Frid: 7:30pm | \$250 | \$165 | \$145 | \$125 | \$95 | \$55 |
| Sat - Sun: 1.30pm & 7.30pm | | | | | | |

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