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Back by popular demand, the magic of @WICKED\_Musical comes to life on stage at the @KimmelCenter 7/26 – 8/27. Get tix @ Kimmelcenter.org

# BROADWAY'S BIGGEST BLOCKBUSTER TO RETURN TO PHILADELPHIA JULY 26, 2017 – AUGUST 27, 2017

TICKETS ON SALE NOW



BY STEPHEN SCHWARTZ AND WINNIE HOLZMAN  
BASED ON THE NOVEL BY GREGORY MAGUIRE

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE** (Philadelphia, PA, May 23, 2017) – **Wicked**, Broadway’s biggest blockbuster and Philadelphia’s most *popular* musical, will return to Philadelphia’s Academy of Music on July 26 through August 27, 2017. Tickets for the return engagement are on sale now at [www.kimmelcenter.org](http://www.kimmelcenter.org).

With music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz (*Pippin*, *Godspell*, Academy Award® winner for *Pocahontas* and *The Prince of Egypt*) and book by Winnie Holzman (*My So Called Life*, *Once And Again*, and *thirtysomething*), *Wicked* is directed by two-time Tony® Award winner Joe Mantello (*Take Me Out*, *Love! Valour! Compassion!*, *The Vagina Monologues*) and features musical staging by Tony® Award winner Wayne Cilento (*Aida*, *The Who’s Tommy*, *How To Succeed...*). The musical is based on the best-selling 1995 novel by Gregory Maguire.

### **Tickets**

Tickets are available now and can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999, online at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org), or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. More information at [kimmelcenter.org](http://kimmelcenter.org).

### **WICKED**

#### **Academy of Music**

*July 26, 2017 – August 27, 2017, times vary*

The Broadway sensation, *Wicked*, looks at what happened in the Land of Oz...but from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin, who is smart, fiery, misunderstood, and possessing an extraordinary talent. When she meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships... until the world decides to call one “good” and the other one “wicked.”

With a thrilling score that includes the hits “Defying Gravity,” “Popular,” and “For Good,” *Wicked* has been hailed by *The New York Times* as “the defining musical of the decade” and by *TIME* magazine as “a magical Broadway musical with brains, heart, and courage.”

Winner of over 100 international awards including a Grammy Award and three Tony Awards, *Wicked* has been performed in over 100 cities in 14 countries around the world (U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Japan, Germany, Holland, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, The Philippines, Mexico, and Brazil) and has thus far been translated into six languages: Japanese, German, Dutch, Spanish, Korean, and Portuguese.

Grammy Award-winning Cast recording available on Decca Broadway. For more information about *Wicked*, log on to [www.wickedthemusical.com](http://www.wickedthemusical.com).

<p>*As a note to all calendar listing editors, the title of the show is <b>Wicked</b> (not <b>Wicked: A New Musical</b> or <b>Wicked, the untold story of the witches of Oz</b>).</p>
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