



FINAL CAST MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

The final cast members were announced today for the Broadway Blockbuster musical **WICKED**, which flies into Australia's Emerald City at the Sydney Lyric from 25 August.

Rising star **Zoe Coppinger** will be the Elphaba Standby, the girl born with emerald-green skin who grows up to become the "Wicked Witch of the West". Zoe made her professional music theatre debut at age 18 in The Production Company's season of *Gypsy* and has since performed in *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *Guys and Dolls*, *Nice Work If You Can Get It*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *The Boy From Oz*, *Curtains*, *Fiddler On The Roof* and *Muriel's Wedding*. Most recently, Zoe played the role of Missy in *Crossroads Live's 9 to 5*.

The talented group of performers comprising the **WICKED** Ensemble and Swings includes **Christian Ambesi**, **Conor Bann-Murray**, **Brittany Carter**, **Olivia Castagna**, **Eli Cooper**, **Matt Cranleigh**, **Joseph Donovan**, **Sage Douglas**, **Bayley John Edmonds**, **Todd Jacobsson**, **Rohan Khanna**, **Andrew Kroenert**, **Elisha Zion Lee**, **Jordan Malone**, **Emily Monsma**, **Matilda Moran**, **Jackson Reedman**, **Amelia Sanzo**, **Edward Smith**, **Ksenia Teliatnikova**, **Lucas Van Rhijn**, **Jessica Vellucci**, **Mietta White** and **Jun Woodfield**.

These stellar performers join the already announced lead cast of **Courtney Monsma** as Glinda, **Sheridan Adams** as Elphaba, **Robyn Nevin** in the role of Madame Morrible, **Todd McKenney** as the Wizard, **Liam Head** as Fiyero, **Adam Murphy** playing Dr Dillamond, **Shewit Belay** in the role of Nessarose and **Kurtis Papadinis** as Boq.

On behalf of his Co-producers, John Frost said, "We received over 2,000 applications when the casting call for **WICKED** went out, we auditioned over 1,000 of Australia's top performers and are so excited with the calibre and talent of every one of our cast members. **WICKED** is loved by Australians, and we have no doubt audiences will embrace our 'thrillifying' cast led by Courtney and Sheridan. We can't wait for it to open in Sydney in August, for Australia to fall in love with the show all over again."

Almost 20 years since its premiere on Broadway, **WICKED** remains one of the most successful and popular musicals in the world. Winner of over 100 major awards including the Grammy Award, the Olivier Award, six Helpmann Awards, three Tony Awards® and six Drama Desk Awards, **WICKED** is "A Complete Triumph! An original musical that will make you laugh, cry and think" (USA Today).

The musical has played in 16 countries around the world including Japan, South Korea, China, Hong Kong, Singapore, The Philippines, New Zealand, Mexico, Brazil, Germany, the Netherlands and the UK, and has been translated into six languages. **WICKED** has become the 4th longest running show in Broadway history (surpassing *Cats*).

The novel *Wicked* by Gregory Maguire, published in 1995, has sold 5.5 million copies, with 5 million of those sold since 2003 when the musical opened. Buoyed by the musical's success, the novel has appeared on bestseller lists for close to two decades since its initial publication.

Long before Dorothy dropped in, two other young women meet in the land of Oz. One born with emerald-green skin is smart, fiery, misunderstood and possessing an extraordinary talent. The other is bubbly, blonde, ambitious and exceptionally popular. They become rivals, then friends...until the world decides to call one "good" and the other one "wicked."

"A magical Broadway musical with BRAINS, HEART and COURAGE" - Time Magazine

"WICKED's production values are exceptional. A POWERFUL PIECE OF THEATRE" - The Australian

"A SPECTACULAR ENTERTAINMENT with deep emotions and a serious message" - The Tokyo

"If every musical had the brains, heart and courage of WICKED, Broadway really would be a magical place" - Time Magazine

"WICKED is splendiferous as ever! The show works because it explores the complexity of moral choices and the prices we have to pay for making them. It's a reminder of how musicals can support complex stories when you have a book writer of the quality of Winnie Holzman, great songs by Stephen Schwartz and a rich, visually splendiferous production, as directed by Joe Mantello. And, of course, the green girl and the blonde girl, as they refer to each other, are everyperson figures. We're all either one or the other." – Chicago Tribune

Based on the novel by Gregory Maguire, **WICKED** has music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, and a book by Winnie Holzman. The production features musical staging by Wayne Cilento with original direction by Joe Mantello. **WICKED** is produced by in Australia by John Frost for Crossroads Live Australia, Marc Platt, Universal Pictures, The Araca Group, Jon B. Platt and David Stone.

WICKED is proudly supported by the NSW Government through its tourism and major events agency, Destination NSW.

Experience the unforgettable, award-winning musical **WICKED** in Sydney this year.

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SEASON DETAILS

Venue	Sydney Lyric Theatre, The Star
Season	From 25 August 2023
Performance Times	Wed-Sat 7.30pm, Matinees Wed 1pm, Sat 2pm, Sun 1pm & 6:30pm
Prices:	From \$79.00 (Transaction fees apply)
Bookings:	ticketmaster.com.au or 136 100

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