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**WICKED RETURNS TO HOUSTON AT THE HOBBY CENTER
MAY 31 – JULY 2, 2023**

TICKETS ON SALE FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9 AT 10AM



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BASED ON THE NOVEL BY GREGORY MAGUIRE

WHO: Memorial Hermann Broadway at the Hobby Center
WHAT: ***WICKED***
WHEN: May 31 – July 2, 2023
Week 1: Wed at 7:30 pm | Thurs at 1 & 7:30 pm | Fri at 8 pm | Sat at 2 & 8 pm | Sun at 2 & 7:30 pm
Weeks 2-5: Tues – Thurs at 7:30 pm | Fri at 8 pm | Sat at 2 & 8 pm | Sun at 2 and 7:30 pm
WHERE: The Hobby Center | 800 Bagby Street | Houston, TX 77002
TICKETS: Start at \$54 and are available online at www.TheHobbyCenter.org or www.BroadwayAtTheHobbyCenter.com; the Hobby Center Box Office (800 Bagby, Houston, TX 77002) and all Ticketmaster outlets. Discounts available for groups of 10 or more. For more information, please call (888) 451-5986 or e-mail houston.groups@broadwayacrossamerica.com.

(Houston, TX) – **WICKED**, Houston's most popular musical, will return to the Hobby Center May 31 – July 2, 2023 as part of the **Memorial Hermann Broadway at the Hobby Center** 2022-2023 Season. Tickets for the return

engagement go on sale Friday, December 9 at 10AM.

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.” NBC Nightly News calls the hit musical “the most successful Broadway show ever.”

Now the 5th longest-running show in Broadway history, **WICKED** is the winner of over 100 international awards including the Grammy Award and three Tony Awards. Since opening in 2003, **WICKED** has been performed in over 100 cities in 16 countries around the world (U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Japan, Germany, Holland, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, The Philippines, Mexico, Brazil, Switzerland and China) and has thus far been translated into six languages: Japanese, German, Dutch, Spanish, Korean and Portuguese. **WICKED** has been seen by over 60 million people worldwide and has amassed over \$5 billion in global sales.

Based on the novel by Gregory Maguire, **WICKED** has music and lyrics by Stephen Schwartz, and a book by Winnie Holzman. The production is directed by Tony Award winner Joe Mantello with musical staging by Tony Award winner Wayne Cilento. **WICKED** is produced by Marc Platt, Universal Stage Productions, The Araca Group, Jon B. Platt and David Stone.

For more information about **WICKED**, please visit www.WickedTheMusical.com. Follow **WICKED** on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#).

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

The Hobby Center for the Performing Arts is operated by the Hobby Center Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Its mission is to expand Houston’s reputation as a world-class cultural center by providing a premier performing arts facility, fostering accessibility to the performing arts and promoting arts education, with an emphasis on musical theatre. The complex houses two performance chambers, an on-site restaurant, Diana American Grill, and an 800-car capacity on-premises parking garage. Please visit TheHobbyCenter.org.

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