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The Pop-u-ler...lar Broadway musical @WICKEDTour is bringing the Emerald City to the City of Brotherly Love from 11/1 thru 11/26 @KimmelICC (X/Twitter)/@KimmelCulturalCampus (Facebook and Instagram)! For more information, visit www.kimmelculturalcampus.org. #WICKED

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**THE KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS PRESENTS
THE RETURN OF THE BROADWAY SENSATION,
WICKED,
FOR A MONTH-LONG ENGAGEMENT,
NOVEMBER 1 – 26, 2023**

“A PHENOMENON THAT KEEPS GROWING” – *LOS ANGELES TIMES*

“BROADWAYS BIGGEST BLOCKBUSTER” – *THE NEW YORK TIMES*

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (September 21, 2023) – The Kimmel Cultural Campus presents *WICKED*, the 4th-longest running Broadway production and winner of 3 Tony Awards®. *WICKED* makes its popular return to the Academy of Music on the Kimmel Cultural Campus for a month-long engagement, from November 1 -26, 2023, - as part of the 23-24 Broadway Series.

The Broadway sensation takes a deeper look into the Land of Oz. 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.”

“*WICKED*’s highly anticipated return to Philadelphia is a testament to its enduring legacy as a groundbreaking and much-beloved musical,” said Matías Tarnopolsky, president and CEO of The Philadelphia Orchestra and Kimmel Center, Inc. “We are thrilled to bring this extraordinary production back to the Academy of Music, where audiences can once again be captivated by its spellbinding storytelling, dazzling performances, and unforgettable music.”

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* called the hit musical “the most successful Broadway show ever.”

Wicked is the winner of over 100 international awards, including Grammy® and 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.

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TICKETS

Tickets can be purchased by calling 215-893-1999 or online at www.kimmelculturalcampus.org. In-person ticket sales can be conducted daily from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at the Academy of Music Box Office, located at 240 S. Broad Street. See www.kimmelculturalcampus.org for more information.

For more information about *Wicked*, please visit www.WickedTheMusical.com.

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KIMMEL CULTURAL CAMPUS

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, our mission is to engage the region's diverse communities with art through performance and education. Our Cultural Campus serves more than 1-million guests per year and includes Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, and SEI Innovation Studio), the Academy of Music, and the Miller Theater (formerly the Merriam Theater) – representing more than 160 years of rich history for the performing arts along Philadelphia's Avenue of the Arts. We are home to The Philadelphia Orchestra and esteemed Resident Companies: Opera Philadelphia, Philadelphia Ballet, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music

Society, and Curtis Institute of Music. With nearly 9,000 seats per night, we are the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. Our Cultural Campus serves as a preeminent and inclusive place to enjoy exceptional experiences that reflect the spirit of our region by cultivating a creative and socially responsible environment where our community shares experiences that are delivered with pride, integrity, and respect. As a 501 c 3 nonprofit organization, we collaborate on, present, and produce a broad range of relevant and meaningful events, we serve as an active gathering space for social and community events, we educate the region's young people through access to quality arts experiences, and we provide support to artists in the creation of new work. Read Kimmel Cultural Campus' vision statement, world view, and mission statement [here](#). Learn more about our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and how it encompasses our mission, coworkers, and programs [here](#).

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