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BROADWAY'S BIGGEST BLOCKBUSTER TO RETURN TO ST. LOUIS
DECEMBER 12, 2012 – JANUARY 6, 2013 * FABULOUS FOX THEATRE

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WICKED

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

St. Louis, MO – After breaking box office records and selling out in record time in three previous engagements, **WICKED**, Broadway's biggest blockbuster, will return to the Fabulous Fox Theatre in St. Louis, December 12, 2012-January 6, 2013. **Subscribers and groups will receive information on priority ticket sales. Tickets for the general public will go on sale at a later date.** For information about becoming a subscriber to the U.S. Bank Broadway Series, visit www.FabulousFox.com/subscribe now or call Fox Subscription Services at 314-535-1700 beginning Monday, October 17. For information about advance group sales visit www.FabulousFox.com/groups or call 314-535-2900 beginning Monday, October 17. This marks the fourth engagement of **WICKED** in St. Louis since 2005.

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 "thirtysomething"), **WICKED**, the untold story of the witches of Oz, 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...*).

Based on the best-selling 1995 novel by Gregory Maguire, **WICKED**, winner of 35 major awards, including a Grammy® and three Tony® Awards, is the untold story of the witches of Oz. It is produced by Marc Platt, Universal Pictures, The Araca Group, Jon B. Platt and David Stone.

"We are thrilled that St. Louis can ring in the 2012 holidays with **WICKED**," said Fox Theatre producer Kristin Caskey. "Whether it's your first time seeing it or your fourth, the experience is magical. **WICKED** is the preeminent American Musical and we consider this fantastic production the greatest gift we could give our audiences."

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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, and how these two unlikely friends grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good.

WICKED has “cast quite a spell” (*Washington Post*) throughout North America, breaking box office records in every city that it has played, including Toronto, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Washington, DC, Philadelphia and Boston to name a few.

Called “a cultural phenomenon” by *Variety*, **WICKED** continues to thrill audiences around the world. There are currently seven productions of **WICKED** worldwide, including two North American tours, a Broadway production, London production, a Japanese-language production, a German-language production and Australian production. A Dutch-language production of **WICKED** will open in November 2011.

WICKED features set design by Tony® Award winner Eugene Lee (*Ragtime, Show Boat, Candide, Sweeney Todd*), costume design by Tony® winner Susan Hilferty (*Into the Woods, Assassins*), lighting design by Tony® nominee Kenneth Posner (*The Coast of Utopia, Hairspray*) and sound design by Tony Meola (*The Lion King*). Stephen Oremus is the show’s musical director. Orchestrations are by William David Brohn, with dance arrangements by James Lynn Abbott.

Grammy Award-Winning Cast recording available on Decca Broadway. For more information about **WICKED** log on to www.wickedthemusical.com. **WICKED** is a special offering to the U.S. Bank Broadway Series at the Fabulous Fox Theatre and sponsored locally by American Airlines.

<p>*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).</p>

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