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THERE ARE NEW WITCHES COMING TO OZ!!



WICKED

**WELCOMES
JACKIE BURNS AND CHANDRA LEE SCHWARTZ
TO BROADWAY**

BEGINNING PERFORMANCES SEPTEMBER 27

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Beginning performances on Tuesday, September 27, 2011, **JACKIE BURNS** and **CHANDRA LEE SCHWARTZ** will assume the roles of Elphaba and Glinda, respectively, in the Broadway cast of *Wicked*. Ms. Burns and Ms. Schwartz come to Broadway directly from *Wicked's* First National Tour. The Broadway company currently features **Richard H. Blake** as Fiyero, **Kathy**

Fitzgerald as Madame Morrible, **Tom McGowan** as The Wizard, **Etai BenShlomo** as Boq, **Cristy Candler** as Nessarose, and **Tom Flynn** as Dr. Dillamond.

JACKIE BURNS appeared on Broadway in *Hair* where she was a part of the ‘Black Boys’ trio. Off-Broadway, she was a member of the original company of *Rock of Ages* and the award-winning *Unlock’d* for NYMF. Jackie has performed at many regional theaters and received the Connecticut Critics Circle Award for *Grand Night For Singing*. She can also be heard on the concept album “Swept Away” (Disney) and Frank Wildhorn’s latest, “Tears From Heaven,” with Linda Eder.

CHANDRA LEE SCHWARTZ has appeared on Broadway in *Gypsy* with Bernadette Peters, as Penny in *Hairspray*, and Sharpay in Disney's *High School Musical*. In 2007 she was nominated for a Barrymore Award for *Nerds, the Musical*. Her other credits include Lola in PCLO's production of *Copacabana* and Meghan in NYMF production of *But I'm a Cheerleader*.

ABOUT WICKED

Winner of 35 major awards including the Grammy Award and three Tony Awards, ***Wicked*** is the untold story of the witches of Oz. 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, how these two unlikely friends grow to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good.

Declared “A Cultural Phenomenon” by *Variety* and “The Best Musical of the Decade” by *Entertainment Weekly*, ***Wicked*** currently has 7 productions worldwide: New York, London, Japan, Germany, two concurrent North American National Tours, and an Australian tour. 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 Joe Mantello with musical staging by Wayne Cilento. ***Wicked*** is produced by Marc Platt, Universal Pictures, The Araca Group, Jon B. Platt and David Stone.

To get tickets and more information, visit www.wickedthemusical.com. **WICKED** is performed at the Gershwin Theatre, 222 West 51st Street, between Broadway and 8th Avenue.

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