## Wicked Sure to Wow Edinburgh Audiences

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Next year will see the 80th anniversary of the famous film version of the musical 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' starring the wonderful Judy Garland as Dorothy. When Dorothy famously triumphed over the Wicked Witch we only ever heard one side of the story.

This spring, WICKED – a musical based on Gregory Maguire's novel 'Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West – comes to the Edinburgh Playhouse.

It tells the incredible untold story of an unlikely but profound friendship between two sorcery students and their extraordinary adventures in Oz, which will ultimately see them fulfil their destinies as Glinda The Good and the Wicked Witch of the West. Based on the acclaimed, best-selling novel by Gregory Maguire that ingeniously re-imagines the stories and characters originally created by L. Frank Baum in 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz', WICKED has become a global phenomenon featuring astounding technical wizardry, stunning costumes, a compelling 'untold' story and show-stopping songs, including the incredible 'Defying Gravity'.

At the media launch on Monday, UK Executive Producer Michael McCabe expressed his delight that Wicked was returning for a second run in Scotland's capital city from 8th May until 9th June 2018 – the show's only dates in Scotland. McCabe described Wicked as 'not a love story – it's a story about the friendship of two young women'

Some of the cast of this year's show were on hand to promote the show. Amy Ross (Elphaba) and Helen Woolf (Glinda) indulged the media corps with a couple of songs.

The show will also feature the talents of Steven Pinder (The Wizard and Doctor Dillamond), Kim Ismay (Madame Morrible), Emily Shaw (Nessarose), Iddon Jones (Boq) and Nikki Bentley (Standby for Elphaba)

Wicked has been described as 'a phenomenon that keeps growing' and has won over 100 international awards. It is now in its 12th year in London's west end and is sure to be a winner with its Edinburgh audiences.

Ticket information is <u>here</u>.