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## WICKED EXTENDED IN SYDNEY BY TWO WEEKS - CLOSSES SEPTEMBER 26

Due to an unprecedented demand for tickets, **WICKED** will close in Sydney two weeks later than originally planned, on Sunday September 26. No further extension is possible.

“After playing 55 weeks at the magnificent Capitol Theatre to over 500,000 people, **WICKED** will take a break before it opens in January in Brisbane at the Lyric Theatre, QPAC,” said John Frost, Australian Co-Producer of **WICKED**. “Sydneyiders have taken **WICKED** to their hearts, but have only eight more weeks to see one of the most successful shows in theatre history at the most perfect theatre it could play in, the glorious Capitol Theatre.”

“Right from the start this show has been an overwhelming hit. Audiences have been captivated by the soaring ballads, the spectacular sets, costumes and lighting, and been draw into the emotional richness of this beautiful story. We were hoping for a strong response in Sydney when we moved from Melbourne last year, and it has exceeded all expectations in the toughest theatre market in the country. Sydneyiders have loved this magical show, and we’ve been thrilled by the response from Government, sponsors, theatregoers and the general public. **WICKED** has brought a whole new audience into the theatre for the first time; they have loved their experience and will come back for more.

“**WICKED** is unique, a phenomenon, the winner of 35 major awards including the Grammy® Award, three Tony® Awards and six Helpmann® Awards, a musical that enchants audiences around the world and right across the spectrum. We look forward to taking **WICKED** to Brisbane and Adelaide in 2011.”

All remaining tickets for **WICKED**'s Sydney season go on sale on Monday August 2.

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