The Kennedy Center Presents

**WICKED**

With Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz
Directed by Joe Mantello
Musical staging by Wayne Cilento

**Wednesday, December 14, 2016 through Sunday, January 8, 2017**

**At the Kennedy Center Opera House**

(WASHINGTON) – The John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts presents the return of the popular Broadway musical *WICKED* to the Kennedy Center Opera House. The smash hit will run from December 14, 2016 through January 8, 2017. Tickets for the return engagement are currently on sale to the public.
Based on the best-selling 1995 novel by Gregory Maguire, *WICKED* is a surprising tale of an unlikely friendship between two women in the Land of Oz. *WICKED* tells the untold story of the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good, long before Dorothy drops in. Elphaba, born with emerald-green skin, is smart, fiery, and misunderstood. Glinda is beautiful, ambitious, and very popular. The remarkable odyssey of how these unexpected friends changed each other’s lives for good has made *WICKED* one of the world’s most popular musicals.

This production brings together the two-time Tony Award®-winning director Joe Mantello with the music and lyrics of Academy Award®-winner Stephan Schwartz, as well as the musical staging of Tony Award®-winner Wayne Cilento. *WICKED* is the winner of more than 100 international major awards, including a Grammy® and three Tony Awards®, and has been performed in more than 100 cities in 13 countries around the world (U.S., Canada, U.K., Ireland, Japan, Germany, Holland, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, The Philippines, and Mexico) and has thus far been translated into five languages: Japanese, German, Dutch, Spanish, and Korean.

**TICKET INFORMATION**

*WICKED* runs from December 14, 2016 through January 8, 2017 in the Kennedy Center Opera House on the following schedule; Week of December 14: Wednesday through Sunday at 7:30p.m. with 1:30p.m. matinees on Thursday, Saturday and Sunday; Week of December 19: Monday through Friday at 7:30p.m. with 1:30p.m. matinees on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; Week of December 26: Monday through Friday at 7:30p.m., Saturday at 8:00p.m. with 1:30p.m. matinees on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; Week of January 2: Tuesday through Sunday at 7:30p.m. with 1:30p.m. matinees on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets start at $99. For more information please visit the Kennedy Center website, in-person at the Kennedy Center box office, or call (202) 467-4600 or (800) 444-1324.

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