WICKED RETURNS TO CELEBRATE 15th ANNIVERSARY

WICKED, the West End and Broadway musical phenomenon that tells the incredible untold story of the Witches of Oz, returns to London’s Apollo Victoria Theatre this week, marking its 15th anniversary with a celebratory performance on Tuesday 28 September.

Joining the returning cast will be Sophie Evans, who previously played Glinda from 2017-2019, and will star opposite Laura Pick, who continues her acclaimed performance as Elphaba.

The music and lyrics in Wicked are by the legendary composer Stephen Schwartz, with a book by Winnie Holzman, and it is based on Gregory Maguire’s multi-million-copy bestseller, Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West.

The American author wrote his novel whilst resident in London in 1990. Against the backdrop of the emergent Gulf War, Maguire’s story began to take shape as he examined the fundamental nature of good vs evil – exploring how the impact of politics, history and circumstance came to affect the choices – and stories – of the characters we believed we knew so well.

Wicked imagines a beguiling backstory and future possibilities to the lives of L. Frank Baum’s beloved characters from The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and reveals the decisions and events that shape the destinies of two unlikely university friends on their journey to becoming Glinda The Good and the Wicked Witch of the West.

Michael McCabe, Executive Producer (UK) of Wicked said: ‘Stephen Schwartz and Winnie Holzman’s wondrous musical version of Gregory Maguire’s darkly brilliant fable is an allegory for, and of, our times. After the challenging year faced by everyone in our company, we are grateful to them for their resilience and patience and delighted that we can at last get back to telling this extraordinary story again. We look forward to audiences returning to Oz and to creating more unforgettable memories for everyone.’

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Defying Gravity at Apollo Victoria Theatre. Photo: Matt Crockett

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