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WICKED WELCOMES NEW CITIZENS OF OZ

New cast members join the national tour including Ft. Lauderdale-native Christian Thompson in the role of “Fiyero”

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Dorothea Green Theater – Ziff Ballet Opera House

Miami – January 18, 2022 – The Broadway sensation **WICKED** ([@wicked_musical](https://twitter.com/wicked_musical)) will welcome new cast members to its national tour including **Ft. Lauderdale-native Christian Thompson in the role of “Fiyero.”** **WICKED** will make its anticipated return to Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County ([@arshtcenter](https://www.arshtcenter.org)) from February 15 through March 5, 2023.

WICKED looks at what happened in the Land of Oz...but from a different angle. Long before Dorothy arrives, there is another young woman, born with emerald-green skin, who is smart, fiery, misunderstood, and possessing an extraordinary talent. When she

meets a bubbly blonde who is exceptionally popular, their initial rivalry turns into the unlikeliest of friendships...until the world decides to call one "good," and the other one "wicked."

With a thrilling score that includes the hits "Defying Gravity," "Popular" and "For Good," **WICKED** has been hailed by *The New York Times* as "the defining musical of the decade," and by *Time Magazine* as "a magical Broadway musical with brains, heart, and courage." NBC Nightly News calls the hit musical "the most successful Broadway show ever."

Tickets to **WICKED** are \$33-\$193* and may be purchased now at the Adrienne Arsht Center box office by calling (305) 949-6722, or online at arshtcenter.org.

The 2022-2023 Broadway in Miami subscription season is presented by Bank of America and Florida Theatrical Association in association with the Adrienne Arsht Center, along with support from Nicklaus Children's Hospital.

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North American tour company production photos [HERE](#). **B-roll video** [HERE](#).

Cast Headshots [here](#).

Christian Thompson ([@christianthompsonactor](https://twitter.com/christianthompsonactor)) is living out his childhood dream by joining **WICKED** and playing Fiyero. Originally from Ft. Lauderdale, he has appeared in *Thoughts of a Colored Man*, *Ain't Too Proud* (Original Broadway Company and First National Tour), and toured in the *Rent* 20th Anniversary Tour (Benny and Roger understudy). His regional credits include the world premiere of *The Devil Wears Prada* and *Catch Me If You Can* at Arena Stage.

Bios for additional new cast members including **Timothy Shew** (The Wizard), **Boise Holmes** (Doctor Dillamond), **Tara Kostmayer** (Nessarose) and **Kyle McArthur** (Boq) can be found [here](#).

The new cast joins **Lissa deGuzman** as Elphaba, **Jennafer Newberry** as Glinda, **Natalie Venetia Belcon** as Madame Morrible, with Emily Kristen Morris, Alexia Acebo, Jennifer Mariela Bermeo, Rennie Bourgeois, Kyle Brown, Anthony Lee Bryant, Matt Densky, Marie Eife, Jenny Florkowski, Sara Gonzales, Chelsea Cree Groen, Courtney Iventosch, Kelly Lafarga, Marina Lazzaretto, Ryan Mac, Brittany Marcell Monachino, David Scott Purdy, Jackie Raye, Andy Richardson, Jenna Nicole Schoen, Derek Schiesel, Wayne Schroder, Paul Schwensen, Ben Susak, Brion Marquis Watson and Justin Wirick.

About WICKED

Currently the 5th longest-running show in Broadway history, **WICKED** is the winner of over 100 international awards including the Grammy Award and three Tony Awards. Since opening in 2003, **WICKED** has been performed in over 100 cities in 16 countries around the world (U.S., Canada, United Kingdom, Ireland, Japan, Germany, Holland, Australia,

New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, The Philippines, Mexico, Brazil, Switzerland and China) and has thus far been translated into six languages: Japanese, German, Dutch, Spanish, Korean and Portuguese. **WICKED** has been seen by over 60 million people worldwide and has amassed over \$5 billion in global sales.

In addition to the Broadway production, **WICKED** in North America has enjoyed unprecedented record-breaking sit-down engagements in Chicago, where it ran for nearly four years; Los Angeles, where it ran for two years; and San Francisco, where it ran for nearly two years, as well as two North American Tours.

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 Tony Award winner Joe Mantello with musical staging by Tony Award winner Wayne Cilento. **WICKED** is produced by Marc Platt, Universal Stage Productions, The Araca Group, Jon B. Platt and David Stone.

For more information about **WICKED**, please visit www.WickedTheMusical.com.

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Image of Christian Thompson – Photo courtesy WICKED



Image of Jennafer Newberry as Glinda and Lissa deGuzman as Elphaba in the national tour of WICKED – Photo by Joan Marcus

For high-res versions of the images above, click [here](#).

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About the Adrienne Arsht Center

Set in the heart of downtown Miami, the Adrienne Arsht Center for the Performing Arts of Miami-Dade County is committed to welcoming and connecting ALL people to the arts, to the Arsht Center and to each other. Our stages are alive year-round with artists from around the world, innovative programming from our resident companies and local arts partners, free community events that reflect Miami's unique identity and arts education experiences for thousands of Miami children each year.

Since opening in 2006, the Arsht Center, a 501C3 non-profit organization, has been recognized as a catalyst for billions of dollars in new development in the downtown area, a leader in programming that mirrors South Florida's diversity, a host venue for historic events and Miami's hub for arts education.

Each year, we serve more than 60,000 young learners and offer more than 100 culturally diverse and inclusive education programs — many enhanced by the Arsht Center's relationship with Miami-Dade County Public Schools, local teaching artists and Miami-based arts organizations.

The Arsht Center is also a home stage for three resident companies — Florida Grand Opera, Miami City Ballet and New World Symphony — and a launch pad for local artists to make their mark on the international stage. Our 300+ events each year include the Center's Signature Series of classical, jazz, Broadway, local theater and much more. We present a robust series of touring Broadway musicals direct from New York, the largest jazz series in South Florida, a major annual Flamenco Festival and an award-winning Miami-based theater program. In addition, our Family Fest, Free Gospel Sundays, CommuniTEA LGBTQ+ celebration and Heritage Fest are among dozens of free events that bring together people from all corners of our community. For more information, visit arshtcenter.org.

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Florida Theatrical Association – the non-profit presenter of Broadway in Orlando, Fort Lauderdale and Miami – was founded with the charge of educating and developing new theater audiences and encouraging and preserving the presentation of touring Broadway theater. Since 1989 Florida Theatrical Association has presented over 1,065 Broadway performances and distributed over \$1.725 million in scholarships and grants to arts organizations across the state of Florida.

Bank of America provides arts and cultural organizations with vital support worldwide. Our partnerships include exhibition sponsorships, as well as support for programs that help arts nonprofits deliver arts outreach and educational programs to ever-broader audiences, celebrate diverse cultural traditions and protect cultural heritage. We thank the Adrienne Arsht Center for its success in bringing the arts to performers and audiences throughout the community.