

YOUNG AUSTRALIAN BROADWAY CHORUS  
production of

# WICKED

THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE WITCHES OF OZ

Music and Lyrics by **Stephen Schwartz** Book by **Winnie Holzman**

Based on the novel by Gregory Maguire

Orchestrations by  
William David Brohn

Music Arrangements  
Alex Lacamoire & Stephen Oremus

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## Review by Leigh Drew, Casey Radio, 97.7fm

Young Australian Broadway Chorus production of WICKED at The National Theatre St. Kilda.

I attended the opening last night of the YABC's 'WICKED', and in a word it's sheer BRILLIANCE! The cast made up of young actors and performers ranging in age from 10 to 21 were faultless. The show is slick, well paced, and never misses a beat. The acting, singing, and stagecraft is what you'd see in commercial Theatre, this production could easily have been a commercial production, it is so good. The voices are wonderful, they are strong and with the magnificent acoustics of the beautiful National Theatre resonate to perfection.

Emily Svarnias as Elphaba captured the audience with powerful vocals and a fabulous range, bringing well deserved applause from the audience. Glinda, played by Jasmine Arthur suits the role well, again her voice and delivery are beautiful, from the opening act she had the audience captivated. The Wizard, played by Jackson Hurwood, aged 17 shows he is an accomplished performer too. The cast of over 100 playing to a packed house, gave the audience a professional performance from beginning to end with a standing ovation so well deserved. The orchestra was faultless with Andy Coates being in the role of Music Director.

Melbourne is so lucky to have the YABC, training our young actors of tomorrow.

Wicked is playing until January 27th.

If you enjoy musical theatre, you'll enjoy this one! Worthy of 5 stars!  
BRILLIANT, ENTERTAINING, THOROUGHLY ENJOYABLE!.