

Witches Confidential

Wicked, the untold story of Oz's enchantresses, comes to the Peace Center

Flying monkeys and levitating broomsticks will soon fill the Peace Center as the widely acclaimed Broadway musical *Wicked* arrives in Greenville for two weeks worth of magical shows that promise to be as mind-blowing as the full Broadway production.

The story of two witches—one fiery, misunderstood, and born with emerald green skin; the other beautiful, ambitious, and popular—and how they grew to become the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good Witch has been hailed as "Broadway's biggest blockbuster" by the *New York Times*.

Based on the best-selling novel *Wicked: The Life and Times of the Wicked Witch of the West* by Gregory Maguire, *Wicked* explores what happened **before** the flying house fell from the sky and before Toto the dog and a ruby-slippered Dorothy dropped in on the land of Oz.

Anyone who has ever enjoyed the 1939 classic film *The Wizard of Oz* (or the L. Frank Baum tale on which it was based), will find themselves familiar with *Wicked*'s storyline, which makes copious nods to well-known scenes and dialogue from the beloved movie. But fast-paced choreography, upbeat show tunes ("Defying Gravity" and "I'm Not that Girl"), and stunning stage design were conceptualized with modern audiences in mind.





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And consider this: no shortcuts have been taken with the road-touring show. In fact, transforming stages across America into Munchkinland requires 14 trucks full of backdrops, costumes, and equipment. So by the time the curtain is drawn actors aren't the only ones saying, "We're not in Kansas anymore."

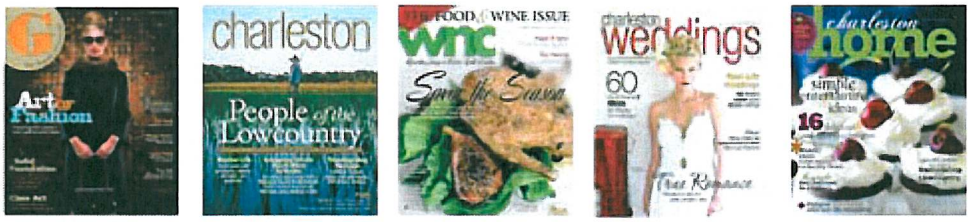
And with two dozen performances to choose from, making the magical journey to Oz and Broadway has never been easier.

See the show!
Wicked at The Peace Center, 300 S. Main Street
January 27-February 14
Tickets: $65-$133
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