
Wicked Movie: Does It Fulfill the Hype? Reviews Inside!

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The Verdict

Did the *Wicked* Film Live Up to the Anticipation? Explore the Reviews

Cynthia Erivo and Ariana Grande headline Jon M. Chu's cinematic adaptation.





Ariana Grande and Cynthia Erivo in *Wicked*
Courtesy of Universal Pictures

[As the highly anticipated first installment of the *Wicked* film adaptation approaches its November 22 public release, critics are now free to share their reviews!](#)

Directed by Jon M. Chu, renowned for his work on *In the Heights* and *Crazy Rich Asians*, this adaptation has become one of the most eagerly discussed musical films in recent memory. Has it truly soared above the clouds of expectations? Critics offer their insights below, but be advised: spoilers may abound!

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- [Deadline \(Pete Hammond\)](#)
- [Entertainment Weekly \(Christian Holub\)](#)
- [The Guardian \(Peter Bradshaw\)](#)
- [Hello Magazine \(Rebecca Lewis\)](#)
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- [Slant Magazine \(Dan Rubins\)](#)
- [Slash Film \(Witney Seibold\)](#)
- [The Telegraph \(Robbie Collin\)](#)
- [TheaterMania \(David Gordon\)](#)
- [Variety \(Peter Debruge\)](#) *



- [Vulture \(Bilge Ebiri\)](#)
- [WhatsOnStage \(Alex Wood\)](#)
- [The Wrap \(William Bibbiani\)](#)

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The film adaptation of *Wicked* features songs by Stephen Schwartz, a screenplay penned by Winnie Holzman, and visually captivating designs crafted by Tony Award winner Paul Tazewell. The film stars Tony Award winner Cynthia Erivo and Grammy Award winner Ariana Grande in the iconic roles of Elphaba and Glinda, respectively.

Joining them are West End *Company* Olivier winner and *Bridgerton* star Jonathan Bailey as Fiyero, *SpongeBob SquarePants* star Ethan Slater as Boq, Emmy winner Peter Dinklage as Dr. Dillamond, 2023 Oscar winner Michelle Yeoh as Madame Morrible, Jeff Goldblum as The Wizard, and the talented newcomer Marissa Bode as Nessarose. Additionally, stage and screen luminary Keala Settle, alongside *SNL*'s Bowen Yang, Bronwyn James, Aaron Teoh, and Colin Michael Carmichael, portray new characters exclusive to this cinematic rendition, with Settle taking on the role of Miss Coddle and Carmichael featuring as Professor Nikidik.

READ: 15 Enchanting Easter Eggs in *Wicked*'s Official Trailer.

Wicked, reimagining the classic tale of *The Wizard of Oz*, first dazzled audiences on Broadway in 2003 and remains a firm favorite at the Gershwin Theatre. Based on Gregory Maguire's novel, the musical showcases Schwartz's arresting music and poignant lyrics, alongside Holzman's compelling book. The original Broadway cast featured Tony winners Idina Menzel and Kristin Chenoweth as Elphaba and Glinda, respectively, and *Wicked* now holds the distinction of being the fourth longest-running show in Broadway history.

It secured Tony Awards in 2004 for Best Actress in a Musical (Menzel), Best Costume Design (Susan Hilferty), and Best Scenic Design (Eugene Lee).

Secure your tickets at a theater near you via [WickedMovie.com](#). You can also pre-order the film's soundtrack album, set to release on November 22, through this [link](#). The film's second part is scheduled for release on Thanksgiving 2025.

Vocabulary List:

1. **Anticipation** /æ.n.tɪ.s.ɪ'peɪ.jən/ (noun): The state of expecting or looking forward to something.
2. **Adaptation** /,æ.d.æ.p'teɪ.jən/ (noun): The process of adjusting to new conditions or the act of modifying something for a different purpose.
3. **Cinematic** /sɪ.nə'mæt.ɪk/ (adjective): Relating to the cinema or movies; characteristic of filmmaking.
4. **Eagerly** /'i:.gərlɪ/ (adverb): With great enthusiasm or excitement.
5. **Captivating** /'kæp.tɪ.veɪ.tɪŋ/ (adjective): Attracting and holding interest or attention.



6. **Incorporate** /ɪn'kɔːr.pə.reɪt/ (verb): To include or integrate a part into a whole.

Vocabulary quizzes

Multiple Choice (Select the Correct answer for each question.)

1. Which word means the act of eagerly looking forward to something?
Option: Anticipation
Option: Adaptation
Option: Eagerly
Option: Captivating
2. Which word means to include or combine something into something else?
Option: Glimpse
Option: Incorporate
Option: Fashion
Option: Expansive
3. Which word describes something that evokes positive emotions such as love and happiness?
Option: Cherish
Option: Heartwarming
Option: Navigate
Option: Stalwarts
4. Which word typically refers to a person in a high-level managerial position within a company?
Option: Anticipated
Option: Executive
Option: Lauded
Option: Orchestrated
5. Which word means belonging or relating separately to each of the things already mentioned?
Option: Cinematic
Option: Respective
Option: Trajectory
Option: Transition
6. Which word refers to the period during which someone holds a particular position?



- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Tenure
- Option: Restructuring
- Option: Impact

7. Which word means to reveal or make known something previously hidden or secret?

- Option: Unveiled
- Option: Transition
- Option: Lauded
- Option: Impact

8. Which word means to carefully arrange or organize a situation or event?

- Option: Anticipated
- Option: Fashion
- Option: Tragically
- Option: Orchestrated

9. Which word means a sudden feeling of unhappiness or disappointment?

- Option: Cherish
- Option: Ensemble
- Option: Dismay
- Option: Anticipation

10. Which word refers to the effect or influence that an event situation etc. has on someone or something?

- Option: Anticipation
- Option: Impact
- Option: Executive
- Option: Transition

Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The _____ of the industry have been leading the way for years.
12. The most _____ movie release of the year is finally here.
13. The company _____ its new product line with great fanfare.
14. It is important to _____ the time spent with loved ones.
15. The company is undergoing a major _____ to improve efficiency.



16. The team is in the process of _____ to a new project management system.
17. The company's stock has been on a positive _____ recently.
18. The fans are _____ awaiting the release of the new album.
19. The new policy had a significant _____ on employee morale.
20. She sat quietly _____ her next move.

Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

21. The feeling of excitement and eagerness filled the room as they awaited the announcement.
22. The director's use of lighting and angles added a quality to the film.
23. She caught a of the stunning sunset through the trees.
24. The designer's latest collection was a perfect blend of classic elegance and modern .
25. She had to through the maze of corridors to find the meeting room.
26. The hotel lobby was grand and with high ceilings and marble floors.
27. The scale of the natural disaster was in the region's history.
28. The book aims to the history of the ancient civilization.
29. The company is in the process of to a more sustainable business model.
30. The team met to discuss the strategic direction of the company.

Answer

Multiple Choice: 1. Anticipation 2. Incorporate 3. Heartwarming 4. Executive 5. Respective 6. Tenure
7. Unveiled 8. Orchestrated 9. Dismay 10. Impact

Gap-Fill: 11. Stalwarts 12. Anticipated 13. Launched 14. Cherish 15. Restructuring 16. Transition 17.
Trajectory 18. Eagerly 19. Impact 20. Contemplating

Matching sentence: 1. Anticipation 2. Cinematic 3. Glimpse 4. Fashion 5. Navigate 6. Expansive
7. Unprecedented 8. Chronicle 9. Transition 10. Executive



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