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## Wicked: Part Two Renamed 'Wicked: For Good'

### Description

The rebranding of the sequel to this year's acclaimed musical, now designated as "Wicked: For Good," prompts an intriguing discourse on whether this title alteration is indeed an enhancement or merely a cosmetic change. Nonetheless, it is clear that the new nomenclature signals a deeper thematic resonance.

Universal Pictures has announced that this cinematic continuation, which delineates the narrative arc of the second act from the cherished Broadway opus, is slated for a theatrical release on November 21, 2025.

"Wicked: Part One," which debuted on November 22, has achieved remarkable success, amassing over \$359 million in domestic earnings and surpassing \$524 million globally. It currently holds the distinguished title of the highest-grossing Broadway adaptation in the annals of domestic box office history, usurping 1978's "Grease" (\$188.62 million), and ranks as the second-largest global stage-to-screen transformation, following 2008's "Mamma Mia" (\$611 million).

Directed by Jon M. Chu, this two-part cinematic venture features an ensemble cast including Ariana Grande, Cynthia Erivo, Jeff Goldblum, Michelle Yeoh, and Jonathan Bailey. The narrative unfolds both prior to and following the events of "The Wizard of Oz," exploring the intricate origins of Grande's Glinda (later recognized as Glinda the Good) and Erivo's Elphaba, who ultimately gains infamy as the Wicked Witch of the West, all predating Dorothy's arrival in Oz and her journey along the Yellow Brick Road.

The narrative of "Part One" intricately portrays Glinda and Elphaba's tumultuous yet endearing relationship during their time at Shiz University, where they transition from reluctant roommates to inseparable companions. The sequel, in turn, resumes with Elphaba wielding her formidable powers, declared an adversary of the state by the Wizard (Goldblum) and Madame Morrible (Yeoh). The newly adopted title draws inspiration from an emotionally charged song in Act 2, encapsulating the profound transformation stemming from their complex friendship.

In a statement to Variety, Chu tantalizingly hinted at the emotional weight of the forthcoming installment, asserting that it is substantially more pertinent to contemporary societal discourses. "The narrative becomes exponentially relevant," he observed, "as it delves into the implications and ramifications of choices made." The sequel promises to be a poignant exploration of truth, moral complexities, and the transformative power of relationships.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **Rebranding** /ri:'brændɪŋ/ (noun): The process of changing the corporate image of an organization.
2. **Delineates** /dɪ'liːni,erts/ (verb): Describes or outlines with precision.
3. **Resonance** /'rezənəns/ (noun): The quality of having a lasting impact or significance.
4. **Transformative** /træns'fɔ:rmətɪv/ (adjective): Capable of causing a significant change or transformation.



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5. **Tumultuous** /tjuː'mʌltjuəs/ (adjective): Characterized by conflict disorder or confusion; not controlled or calm.
6. **Implications** /ˌɪmplɪ'keɪʃənz/ (noun): The possible effects or results of an action or a decision.

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. Who is the director of the two-part cinematic venture "Wicked: For Good"?  
Option: Jon M. Chu  
Option: Steven Spielberg  
Option: James Cameron  
Option: Christopher Nolan
2. Which actress portrays Glinda in "Wicked: For Good"?  
Option: Ariana Grande  
Option: Cynthia Erivo  
Option: Michelle Yeoh  
Option: Jonathan Bailey
3. What is the title of the cinematic continuation that follows "Wicked: Part One"?  
Option: Wicked: For Good  
Option: Wicked: The Sequel  
Option: Wicked Returns  
Option: Wicked: Redemption
4. How much domestic earnings did "Wicked: Part One" amass?  
Option: \$359 million  
Option: \$524 million  
Option: \$611 million  
Option: \$188.62 million
5. Who is declared an adversary of the state in the sequel to "Wicked: For Good"?  
Option: Jeff Goldblum  
Option: Jonathan Bailey  
Option: Ariana Grande  
Option: Michelle Yeoh



6. What is the newly adopted title of the sequel derived from?

Option: An emotionally charged song in Act 2

Option: A line from "The Wizard of Oz"

Option: A popular catchphrase

Option: A classic quote from cinema

### True-False

7. The sequel to "Wicked: Part One" will be released on November 21, 2025.

8. Jon M. Chu mentioned that the forthcoming installment of "Wicked: For Good" explores moral complexities.

9. Glinda and Elphaba were roommates during their time at Shiz University.

10. The new nomenclature for the sequel is purely a cosmetic change.

11. Ariana Grande plays the role of the Wicked Witch of the West in "Wicked: For Good".

12. The sequel to "Wicked: Part One" surpasses the earnings of "Mamma Mia" globally.

### Gap-Fill

13. The cinematic continuation of "Wicked: For Good" is scheduled for a theatrical release on \_\_\_\_\_.

14. Elphaba is recognized as the Wicked Witch of the West in the narrative of the sequel, \_\_\_\_\_.

15. The narrative of "Part One" portrays Glinda and Elphaba's relationship during their time at Shiz University, where they transition from reluctant roommates to \_\_\_\_\_ companions.

16. Jon M. Chu hinted that the sequel of "Wicked: For Good" explores the implications and ramifications of \_\_\_\_\_.

17. "Wicked: Part One" is currently the highest-grossing Broadway adaptation in the annals of domestic box



office history, surpassing the earnings of \_\_\_\_\_.

18. A poignant exploration of truth, moral complexities, and the transformative power of relationships is promised in the forthcoming installment of "Wicked: For Good" by \_\_\_\_\_.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Jon M. Chu 2. Ariana Grande 3. Wicked: For Good 4. \$359 million 5. Jeff Goldblum  
6. An emotionally charged song in Act 2

**True-False:** 7. False 8. True 9. True 10. False 11. False 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 13. November 21, 2025 14. before Dorothy's arrival in Oz 15. inseparable 16. choices made  
17. 1978's "Grease" 18. Jon M. Chu

## Answer

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