

## **Wicked Movie and DVD**

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### **Wicked Movie Casting and Rights**

Question:

Okay. Since Universal, and Marc Platt had to buy the rights to Wicked, to do the show. Dose'n't that mean that Marc Platt, and Universal have a say in who is casted for the film? So shouldn't that mena that the original cast be their first pick for the casting?

Answer from Stephen Schwartz:

As of this time, there are no plans for a movie of WICKED. I do assume, since the show is as successful as it is and since Universal is first and foremost a movie company, that there will be a movie eventually. But I think it is several years off, and therefore it's entirely premature to talk about casting. But yes, I would think Marc and the executives at Universal would have a great deal to say about the casting of the movie when the time comes, as will of course the director, whoever he or she is, and I hope myself and Winnie too. Sincerely, Stephen Schwartz

### **Wicked DVD**

Question:

I was wondering if you were planning on releasing a Wicked DVD? Since the musical is so popular, its tough for a college student like me to get together enough money for tickets. I was hoping for the DVD release so I could see what happens in between the music. I'm sure it's equally moving.

Answer from Stephen Schwartz:

Thanks for your question and your enthusiasm for WICKED. I regret to tell you, however, that there is not a DVD in the planning stage, and I can't imagine the possibility of one for a very long time, if ever.

While the show is running in NY, and with a national tour going out in a few months and other future productions planned, a DVD would be counter-productive economically to the producers of the show. In addition, there are huge costs that would be involved in terms of payments to actors and musicians, etc., and re-payments to designers, orchestrators, and the like. So it isn't really practical to consider a DVD of a Broadway show.

And beyond the economic feasibility, the whole point of live theatre is that it is, well, live. Particularly in the the case of a show like WICKED, a lot of the excitement comes from hearing those incredible voices live and seeing those amazing visual effects happen in the moment before your eyes.

So I hope that, rather than wait for a DVD, you will have the opportunity to see the show in person in a theatre near you (as they say) in the not too distant future.

Sincerely, Stephen Schwartz

## **Video**

Question:

I was wondering if anybody had a VHS of Wicked interviews, performances, etc. If you do send me an e-mail: "xxxx" I would pay shipping for it. Thanks!!

Answer from Michael Cole:

Please note that any video of a performance would be illegal and not something to be shipped. The only exceptions are videos/DVD segments included in approved material such as the PBS video with interview segments and a few show clips.

### **PBS Broadway Series**

Question:

I understand there are some Wicked scenes on the PBS series about Broadway. Does anyone know if the Wicked scenes are on DVD 1, 2 or 3? I have all three in my Netflix cue, but really only want to see the Wicked scenes. Thanks for your help!

Answer from Carol de Giere:

Hi – you need the third one. The Wicked sections are the first two SPECIAL FEATURES on #three, plus there's about six minutes on WICKED towards the end of the commentary on the regular section of that disc.

### **Cast Recording Video**

Question:

Hi Mr Schwartz, I understand the reasons for there not being a DVD of Wicked show itself. However, I wonder if there's is video of the cast recording the soundtrack, much like "Company" was filmed with Elaine Strich. That would be very interesting to view, especially to see how you interacted with the cast and how many takes it took the actor/singers to get it right.Plus...who wouldn't want to see Kristin C's perfect smile... right up there on the small screen as she sings as Glinda.

Answer from Michael Cole:

Unfortunately, the sessions were not recorded for video. There were some cameras there and some footage was taken, but not enough to create a video like "The Producers". Thanks for your interest. Best, Michael Cole

### **Wicked and MGM**

Question:

Having failed twice to see Wicked on Broadway finally saw it at the West End. I cried at the end of it, with joy at the sheer genius of the story and (as a gay man)how in many ways it told the story of my personal struggle to be accepted in the field of education. I have seen it again since and loved it even more! However in my dreams I see this musical being digitally melded into the Judy Garland 'Wizard of Oz' version ( This has been done with a 60s Star Trek and 90s Star Trek) - Liza Minelli as Madam Morrible! ( What irony!). Would this be possible? In some ways it could change the musical ( perhaps include in it the cut of the pooppy scene and some how meld it into the Film/musical). I wonder if this is fantasy or a commercial possibility?

On a 'darker note' am I the only person who already has decided to have 'For Good'at my funeral - because I knew you I have been changed. Wicked as enhanced my life and the music makes me supremely happy. Thank you Stephen. My favourite musical is now Wicked ( having taken over from West Side Story.) ps my favourite Disney has been 'Hunchback' - small world eh?

Answer from Stephen Schwartz:

Perhaps somewhere in the future mists of time, there will be a WICKED movie that includes the participation of Warner's (who now own the MGM catalog including THE WIZARD OF OZ) so that eventually, a combination film can be cut together, sort of like the reassembly of GODFATHER I and II. I know that's extremely unlikely, but it is fun to fantasize about. Thanks for your enthusiasm for WICKED and HUNCHBACK OF NOTRE DAME as well. Sincerely, Stephen Schwartz

### **Home Movie**

Question:

Dear Mr. Stephen Schwartz, my friends and family were wondering if we could make a home video of wicked with my friends as the characters. it's for my school's film festival. every year my school asks students to create a film and show it to the students. and i was thinking about doing wicked. i was wondering if you could give me permission to do this. and i can assure you we would say at the end credits as well as the opening credits Special Thanks to Winnie Holzman who wrote the script and to Stephen Schwartz who wrote the music and lyrics and to George Maguire who wrote the book Wicked the life and times of the wicked witch of the west. please

Answer from Michael Cole:

I'm sorry, but the producers will not allow you to perform WICKED, nor will they permit the filming of any portion of it. I'm sorry, I know this isn't the answer you were hoping for, but it's the only one we can provide. Thank you for your interest. Best, Michael Cole