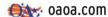


A 'Wicked' awesome show

Stars from Broadway's hit show to join the MOSC for live performance. >> TICKET!

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MOSC ready to get 'Wicked'

Broadway stars to join symphony for stage show



KATIE ROSE CLARKE



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Two Broadway stars who are well in tune with being "Wicked" will perform with the Midland Odessa Svmphony & Chorale on Oct. 8.

Nicole Parker, best known for her portrayal of Elphaba in "Wicked," and Katie Rose Clarke, who was Glinda the Good in "Wicked," will bring a bit of Broadway with them during the "Wicked Divas!" scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

The pair are Broadway stars with touring credits and notable experience in "Wicked." The Broadway show is a look at what happened in the land of Oz but from a different angle. It has been hailed by the New York times as "the defining musical of the decade." The show typically sells out and has been a hit during both the Broadway run and the touring show.

The Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center performance is presented by Lissa Noël Wagner with Frances Brown and the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale. Parker and Clarke will highlight selections from the Tony-Award winning musical "Wicked" with favorites from the "Untold Tale of the Witches of Oz" as well as favorites from Gypsy, Ragtime, Titanic and opera selections from George Bizet's Carmen.

Parker is best known for her portrayal of Elphaba in the Broadway production of "Wicked." Since playing the

green witch in the Broadway company, she has reprised the role for the First National Tour of Wicked. Parker's other Broadway credits include "Martin Short: Fame Becomes Me" and "The People in the Picture" with Donna Murphy. Additionally, she played Juliet in "The Second City's Romeo and Juliet Musical" at Chicago Shakespeare Theater, for which she received a Jeff Award nomination. For six years, she was also a cast member and contributing writer on Fox's "MADtv." Parker's film credits include "Funny People," guest star on the mock game show "Bunk" on IFC, as well as on ABC in "Trust Us With Your Life." She is also a founding member of Waterwell, a non-profit theater company in New York and is a frequent soloist with orchestras around the country.

Clarke was most recently seen in the Broadway production of "Wicked" as Glinda the Good. She played the role for nearly two years in the first national touring company.

Clarke made her Broadway debut as Clara Johnson in the Lincoln Center Theatre's production of "The Light in the Piazza" under the direction of Bartlett Sher. She is also an active soloist with many symphony orchestras across the coun-

The Grand Rapids Herald-Review reviewed "Wicked Divas" and called it "Bewitching, beguiling, bedazzling — it was all of that and more as two "witches" from Broadway wove a magic spell no one wanted to break ... '

Concert tickets are \$28-\$48. >> See MOSC Page 2B

IF YOU GO

>> What: Wicked Divas.

>> When: 7:30 p.m. Oct. 8.

>> Where: Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

>> Tickets: tinyurl.com/zmb7ygx



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