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THEATRE QUIZ by Andrew Gans

WICKEDLY TALENTED

Two-time Tony nominee Mary Testa is back on Broadway playing the conniving Madame Morrible in the international hit Stephen Schwartz-Winnie Holzman musical *Wicked* at the Gershwin Theatre. The big-voiced Testa has been a formidable presence on New York stages for over three decades. Pictured below are photos of several of her theatrical outings. Can you identify each show's title?

[[image 1]] JEREMY DANIEL

Prior to her debut in *Wicked*, Testa was seen as Brooklyn-born Shirley Summers in this new musical comedy from Seth Rudetsky and Jack Plotnick playing Off-Broadway's St. Luke's Theatre.

[[image 2]] MICHAL DANIEL

In the 1998 revival of this classic Leonard Bernstein-Betty Comden-Adolph Green musical, which was directed by George C. Wolfe, Testa gave voice to vocal coach Madame Maude P. Dilly, a role that brought the actress her first Tony nomination.

[[image 3]] JOAN MARCUS

Testa received her second Tony nomination for her work as Maggie Jones in the 2001 Tony-winning revival of this classic, toe-tapping musical, which was directed by Mark Bramble.

[[image 4]] PAUL KOLNIK

In this acclaimed 2007 musical, based on the flop Olivia Newton-John film of the same name, Testa was cast in the dual roles of Melpomene and Medusa, and had the chance to belt out such tunes as "Evil Woman" and "Strange Magic."

[[image 5]] CAROL ROSEGG

The 2009 revival of this Frank Loesser musical, based on a story and characters by Damon Runyon, featured Testa as General Matilda B. Cartwright in a company that also included Craig Bierko, Lauren Graham, Kate Jennings Grant, and Oliver Platt.

[[image 6]] JOAN MARCUS

The 1996 revival of this Stephen Sondheim-Burt Shevelove-Larry Gelbart musical comedy, directed by Jerry Zaks and choreographed by Rob Marshall, featured Testa in the role of Domina.

[[caption]] Answers: 1 Disaster! 2 On the Town 3 42nd Street 4 Xanadu 5 Guys and Dolls 6 A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum

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