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The WIZARD of OZ



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THE WIZARD OF OZ

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard

Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by
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Co-Directors

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Make-up & Hair Design

Diane Hoots

Master Builder

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Lighting Designer

Kevin Cline

Sound Designer

Devin Wallace

Production

Coordinator

Cindy Hamblin

WARNING: Strobe lights, pyrotechnics and loud noises will be used during tonight's performance.

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- 1965** The Music Man; South Pacific
- 1966** My Fair Lady; Pajama Game
- 1967** Brigadoon; Guys and Dolls; Camelot
- 1968** The Unsinkable Molly Brown; Oliver!;
Kiss Me, Kate
- 1969** Bells Are Ringing; Gypsy; Annie Get Your Gun
- 1970** Li'l Abner; A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to
the Forum; Man of LaMancha
- 1971** Funny Girl; The King and I; Fiddler on the Roof
- 1972** You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown; 1776; Most Happy
Fella; The Sound of Music
- 1973** Once Upon a Mattress; Carnival; Promises, Promises;
Oklahoma!
- 1974** On a Clear Day You Can See Forever; Hello, Dolly!;
Applause; The Music Man
- 1975** Guys and Dolls; How To Succeed in Business Without
Really Trying; Fiddler on the Roof; Mame
- 1976** 1776; Irene; Bye, Bye, Birdie!; Calamity Jane
- 1977** Cinderella; The Desert Song; West Side Story; My Fair
Lady
- 1978** Sweet Charity; Brigadoon; Paint Your Wagon;
I Do! I Do!
- 1979** Shenandoah; No, No, Nanette; Pajama Game;
Carousel
- 1980** South Pacific; Good News; Gypsy; Show Boat
- 1981** Camelot; Grease; Oklahoma!; A Little Night Music
- 1982** Kismet; George M!; Oliver!; Follies
- 1983** The King and I; Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor
Dreamcoat; The Student Prince; Hello, Dolly!
- 1984** Peter Pan; Funny Girl; Two Gentlemen of Verona; The
Music Man
- 1985** Annie; Damn Yankees; You're a Good Man, Charlie
Brown; Evita
- 1986** The Sound of Music; Jesus Christ Superstar; Cabaret;
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
- 1987** Annie Get Your Gun; The Wiz; Promises, Promises;
Gigi
- 1988** Peter Pan; South Pacific; 42nd Street; Mame
- 1989** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat;
Fiddler on the Roof; Singing in the Rain; My Fair Lady
- 1990** Oklahoma!; Teddy & Alice; Anything Goes; Camelot
- 1991** Oliver!; My One and Only; Into the Woods; Show Boat
- 1992** Man of LaMancha; Dreamgirls; Me and My Girl; The
Unsinkable Molly Brown
- 1993** Hans Christian Andersen; Sugar; Pirates of Penzance;
Brigadoon
- 1994** Peter Pan; Hello, Dolly!; Big River; Carousel
- 1995** The King and I; Meet Me in St. Louis; City of Angels;
Gypsy
- 1996** Phantom; The Will Rogers Follies; Little Me; The
Wizard of Oz
- 1997** Guys and Dolls; Crazy for You; The Secret Garden; Kiss
Me, Kate
- 1998** Fiddler on the Roof; Bye, Bye, Birdie!; Godspell; Annie
- 1999** State Fair; 42nd Street; The Goodbye Girl; The Sound
of Music
- 2000** Cinderella; Grease; Children of Eden; The Music Man
- 2001** How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying; A
Little Night Music; West Side Story; Peter Pan
- 2002** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat;
Anything Goes; Mame; South Pacific
- 2003** Titanic; Big; My Fair Lady; The Wizard of Oz
- 2004** Honk!; Seven Brides for Seven Brothers; A Chorus
Line; Big River
- 2005** The Sound of Music; Ragtime; Annie Get Your Gun;
Disney's Beauty And The Beast
- 2006** Annie Warbucks; Chicago; Elton John & Tim Rice's
Aida; The King and I
- 2007** Miss Saigon; Peter Pan; Grease; Oklahoma!
- 2008** Hello, Dolly!; All Shook Up; The Secret Garden; The
Music Man
- 2009** Oliver!; The Producers; Fiddler on the Roof; Disney
High School Musical
- 2010** Seussical; Into The Woods; Jesus Christ Superstar;
Annie
- 2011** Big River; Guys and Dolls; Hairspray; The Wizard of Oz
- 2012** Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat;
Crazy for You; Once On This Island; Disney's Beauty
and the Beast
- 2013** Les Misérables; Dreamgirls; Peter Pan; RENT
- 2014** The Sound of Music; All Shook Up; Shrek the Musical;
Jekyll & Hyde
- 2015** Spamalot; Seussical; West Side Story; Cabaret
- 2016** South Pacific; Sweeney Todd; Nice Work If You Can
Get It; Disney's The Little Mermaid
- 2017** Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka; Disney's Mary Poppins;
White Christmas; Grease
- 2018** Little Shop of Horrors, Sister Act, Legally Blonde,
Annie

BOX OFFICE

Muni ticket reservations are handled by the box office staff at Sangamon Auditorium at the University of Illinois at Springfield. Hours: Monday-Friday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. except show nights until 3 p.m. To reserve tickets, call (217) 793-MUNI (6864) or visit www.TheMuni.org, or on show nights only, the theater site box office opens 90 minutes prior to curtain time. Call (217) 529-5787. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. for our first 3 productions this season, and curtain time for Wizard of Oz is 8:00 p.m.

TICKET PRICES

Reserved Seats (B-N): \$17.00; Reserved Seats (R-U): \$15.00; General Admission Lawn Seating: Adults \$12.00; Seniors/Students/Children/Military Patrons \$10.00; Children age 3-12, \$10.00; 2 and under, free.

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Special rates are available for groups of 25 or more and 100 or more. Please call the box office at 793-MUNI.

FAMILY NIGHT

Wednesday performances of each production are designated as Family Night. Tickets for children 12 and under are \$5.00 for the General admission section (lawn seating) and \$10.00 for a Reserved seat when accompanied by an adult who has a paid General or Reserved Admission ticket. (See box office staff for admission limits.)

SENIOR NIGHT

Thursday performances are designated Senior nights. Reserved seat tickets for seniors (patrons 60 and older) are \$12.00 and senior General Admission tickets are \$9.00.

INTERPRETED PERFORMANCES

If you would like to have a sign language interpretation of a performance, please make a request for an interpreter by emailing munipresident@gmail.com. If requested, interpreters can be present as follows: Sunday, June 2 – Peter Pan; Sunday, June 23 – Evita; Sunday, July 14 – Thoroughly Modern Millie and Sunday, August 4 – Wizard of Oz. For reservations, call (217) 793-MUNI.

LISTENING DEVICES

A limited number of sound enhancement devices are available free of charge for our

hearing impaired patrons. These may be checked out from the house manager at the entrance and returned after the performance.

PICNIC FACILITIES

The Muni Pavilion may be rented for a nominal fee. If interested, contact Randy at 217-836-5881. All other picnic tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

BACKSTAGERS

Backstagers offer financial contributions, which assist in maintaining the quality of our productions and facility. For more information on joining this special group, see the house manager, or contact us at www.TheMuni.org.

HOUSE RULES

Photography/Recording – the taking of any photographs and/or audio or video recording of a performance is strictly prohibited. Cell Phones/Texting – Please turn off cell phones during performances. Please refrain from texting, as it can disturb others who are trying to enjoy the show. Smoking and E-smoking are only allowed in designated smoking areas outside the gate.

WEATHER POLICY

In the event of inclement weather, The Muni reserves the right to hold the start of a performance for a maximum of 1 hour. The Muni may interrupt a show for a maximum of 30 minutes before cancellation. If a show has played for a total of 1 hour, rain checks will not be issued. If a show is cancelled and has not played for a total of 1 hour or to intermission, retain your ticket stub. Your reserved seat ticket stub may be exchanged for a seat at a subsequent performance. However, the same seat location is not guaranteed. Patrons holding General Admission tickets may retain their ticket stub or obtain rain checks before leaving the theater. A performance has not been cancelled until an announcement has been made from the speaker system. www.weather.gov

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As the sun sets, the curtain rises on warm summer nights at The Muni, a summer tradition for 69 years. Welcome to our 2019 season of "Broadway under the Stars!"

Originally conceived on April 21, 1950, as a not-for-profit theatrical organization, the Springfield Municipal Opera Association transformed a 55-acre wheat field into an outdoor amphitheater.

On opening night, June 17, 1950, thousands of people turned out to see our first production, the operetta *The Merry Widow*.

The Muni, as we became affectionately known, flourished until a series of setbacks in the mid-1950s. A major fire in 1963 destroyed part of the facilities, and another fire destroyed what was left the following year.

With hopes for a rebirth, a test production of *Bye, Bye, Birdie!* was staged in Douglas Park in 1964. The response was so enthusiastic that The Muni was able to rebuild its facility and return to the lake site theater in 1965.

With continued support from our enthusiastic audiences and our dedicated corps of volunteers, The Muni has continued to flourish, becoming one of the largest community theatres in the Midwest. Lavish settings, dazzling costumes and a full orchestra, all are presented under a canopy of twinkling stars. Each summer our audience continues to grow, as we entertain the very best in musical theatre. From families with young children, to teens on dates, or their grandparents, everyone is at home at The Muni.

We hope you enjoy the show.

When The Muni was founded 69 years ago, it was through imagination, determination and commitment. The overwhelming support of the Springfield community has played a valuable role in The Muni's beginning and in its future. Helping to ensure that future generations will enjoy The Muni are the Backstagers — a group of individuals and businesses whose financial contributions are a vital component to our success and growth.

Their names are proudly listed on these pages. If you would like to contribute to future improvements at The Muni as a Backstager, please see the House Manager, or contact us at www.TheMuni.org.

A very special thank you to **Mark & Julie Staley** for continuing to generously support the Springfield Municipal Opera. We are so lucky to have their family and all of our Backstagers as part of the Muni Magic!

Listing reflects Backstagers contributions received prior to July 12, 2019.

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Dahlquist	Dennis & Marilyn Lawler	Seibert
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Kitty Feidt	Terry & Judy Lucas	Joseph Temperelli
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This beloved tale, in which a Kansas farm girl travels over the rainbow to discover the magical power of home, has been entertaining audiences for generations.

It includes the songs "Over the Rainbow," "Munchkinland (Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead)," "If I Only Had a Brain/A Heart/The Nerve," "We're Off To See The Wizard (Follow The Yellow Brick Road)," "The Jitterbug," "The Merry Old Land of Oz," "Poppies (Optimistic Voices)," and "If I Were King Of The Forest."

AUTHORS

Lyman Frank Baum was famous for his children's books, particularly *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* and its sequels. He wrote 14 novels in the Oz series, plus 41 other novels, 83 short stories, over 200 poems, and at least 42 scripts. He made numerous attempts to bring his works to the stage, and the 1939 adaptation of the first Oz book would become a landmark of 20th-century cinema.

Harold Arlen was an American composer of popular music who composed over 500 songs, many of which have become known worldwide. In addition to composing the songs for *The Wizard of Oz*, including "Over the Rainbow", Arlen is a highly regarded contributor to the Great American Songbook. "Over the Rainbow" was voted the 20th century's No. 1 song by the Recording Industry Association of America and the National Endowment for the Arts.

Edgar Yipsel "Yip" Harburg was an American popular song lyricist and librettist who worked with many well-known composers. He wrote the lyrics to the standards "Brother, Can You Spare a Dime?", "April in Paris", and "It's Only a Paper Moon", as well as all of the songs in *The Wizard of Oz*, including "Over the Rainbow".

Herbert P. Stothart was an American songwriter, arranger, conductor, and composer. He was also nominated for twelve Academy Awards, winning Best Original Score for *The Wizard of Oz*.

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It's easy to forget with a well-known and beloved story like *The Wizard of Oz* that each character and idea has true meaning.

When Illinois native L. Frank Baum was writing *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, his beloved niece, Dorothy Louise Gage (of Bloomington, IL) passed away at only five months old. In memory of his niece, Baum gave the little girl in his story the name of "Dorothy Gale" (it's not clear why he chose Gale instead of Gage. But some say it's because of her middle initial). Through his books, Dorothy would continue to live on forever and truly go beyond the rainbow. By telling this story, we are helping Dorothy to live out her dreams.

August 12, 2019 marks the 80th anniversary of MGM's magical retelling of the classic story which asks us to take a deeper look inside of ourselves. In fact, the qualities that our four friends claim they lack is truly each character's strong suit.

We all go through those times when we don't think we're enough, or dwell on what we're lacking. But really, it was in us the whole time. To be braver, stronger, smarter, and more courageous.

The Wizard of Oz has a strange way of popping up during those moments we need a little encouragement or reassurance about something. The story itself provides such wonderful insight on life and the journey of personal fulfillment. It's something we can't wait to share with audiences this summer.

– Anna McFarland & Connor McNamara

"You have plenty of courage, I am sure," answered Oz. "All you need is confidence in yourself. There is no living thing that is not afraid when it faces danger. The true courage is in facing danger when you are afraid, and that kind of courage you have in plenty."

-- L. Frank Baum, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*

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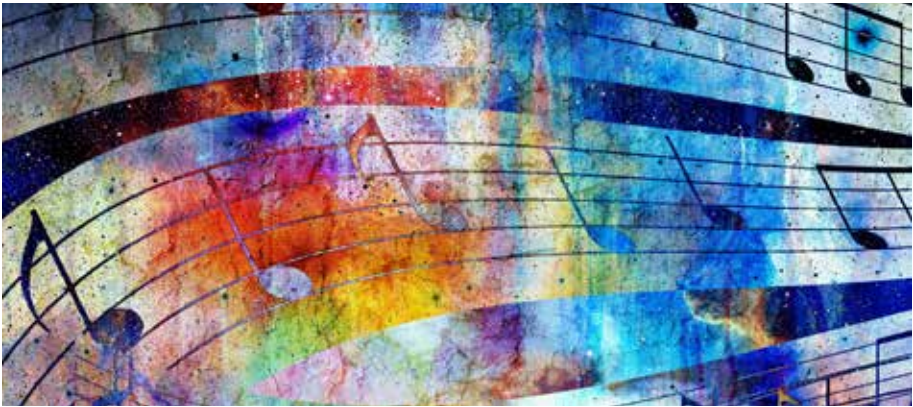
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Choreographer.....	Casey Tester
Orchestra Director.....	Tom Philbrick
Accompanist	Mike Spainhour
Stage Manager	Eric Flick
Assistant Stage Manager/Prop Designer.....	Emily Watts
Props Assistant	Lauren Rodriguez
Set Crew.....	Andrew Bolinger, Lily Cox, Savannah Darnell, Kelly Franklin,Brad & Madeline Ferris, Kaitlyn Hayes, Dan Johnson, Dalton Jordan,Kristi Poggemiller, Michael Reeves
Costume Coordinator	Cassie Reiterman
Costume Crew	Kay Banning, Holly Dahlquist, Amy Denney, Patti Gentry,Tina Johnson, Katy Miller, Madison Reiterman
Set Designer	Connor McNamara
Master Painter.....	Blake Detherage
Make-up & Hair Design	Diane Hoots
Make-up & Hair Crew	Mia & Tony Bentel, Gina & Julia Curry,Sally Hamilton, Clare Hart, Suzanne Kell, Lisa Liles,Mackenzie Murphy, Betsy O'Brien, Sammie Shrewsbury
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Lighting Designer/Operator.....	Kevin Cline
Sound Operator	Devin Wallace
Projections	Brett Rutherford & Anna McFarland
Flight Coordinator.....	Greg Riddle
Flight Crew	Mike Johnson, Zeke Kern, Peyton Knowski, Michael Snyder,Jeremy Tackett, Jimmy Tapocik
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Wicked Witch of the West / Miss Almira Gulch-----	Carolyn Fleischli
Glinda the Good Witch / Aunt Em-----	Tamara Bivins
Emerald City Guard / Uncle Henry -----	Mark Anderson
The Wizard of Oz / Professor Marvel -----	John O'Connor
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Mayor of Munchkin City -----	Henry Reeves
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Featured Munchkins-----	Jossalyn Bennett-Roth, Reagan Gentry, Grant Kesler, ----- Garrett Kesler, Izabella Miller, Lydia Ressler, ----- Kale Thurman, Addelyn Warren
Children's Ensemble -----	Jack Flick, Adelyn Hamrick, Grace Ingersoll, ----- Gianna Johnson, Maddy Johnston, Emmie Juvinal, ----- Carter McCarty, Faith Miller, Kayleigh Paris, Alaina Taylor

ACT ONE

Opening	Orchestra with Girls Chorus
Over the Rainbow.....	Dorothy
<i>Munchkin Musical Sequence/</i>	
Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead.....	Glinda, Dorothy, Munchkins
Yellow Brick Road	Munchkins
If I Only Had a Brain	Scarecrow, Dorothy, Crows
We're Off to See the Wizard-Duet.....	Dorothy, Scarecrow
If I Only Had a Heart.....	Tinman, Dorothy, Trees
We're Off to See the Wizard-Trio.....	Tinman, Dorothy, Scarecrow
If I Only Had the Nerve	Lion, Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow
We're Off to See the Wizard-Quartet.....	Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion
Poppies.....	Glinda, Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, Chorus

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Entr'acte ----- *Orchestra with Girls Chorus*

The Merry Old Land of Oz *Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, Guard, Ozians*

If I Were King of the Forest *Lion, Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow*

March of the Winkies *Winkies*

Jitterbug *Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, Jitterbugs*

Winkies March (Reprise) *Winkies*

Winkies March with Friends/

Over the Rainbow (Reprise)..... *Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, Winkies*

Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead (Reprise)..... *Winkies*

Finale *Orchestra*

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for Wizard of Oz

- St Jude in Rochester for rehearsal space
- Tom Frost
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- Mac Warren
- Phil Funkenbusch
- Doug Hahn
- Jill Gum Photography
- Linda Harkey
- Tina Johnson
- Kay Banning
- Mike Spainhour
- Tim Sheehan
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Mark Anderson (Emerald City Guard/ Uncle Henry) is excited to be back after a 3 year absence (*South Pacific*, 2016). He has appeared in several local productions, most recently on-stage choir in *Hunchback of Notre Dame* with his daughter Alex. Last summer he played 2 roles in 2 productions of *1776*, first, as John Hancock (TIP) and Dr. Josiah Bartlett (Old State Capitol). Love to Tara and the kids for their continued support of his "hobby."

Arlen (Toto) is a ten year old yorkie-poo. He has performed in multiple performances of the *Wizard of Oz* as well as *Gypsy*. He loves going for walks and hiking in the mountains.

***Tarkan Barutcu (Young Crow)** is really excited to be in *The Wizard of Oz*! Tarkan would like to thank his sister, Melis, for showing him how to act.

***Jossalyn Bennett-Roth (Featured Munchkin)** is so excited to be part of *The Wizard of Oz* after being in Muni Incredibles last year. She will be in the 7th grade at Iles Middle School.

Tamara Bivins (Glinda the Good Witch/ Aunt Em) is excited to be back home on the Muni stage after a few years of enjoying retirement around the world. Much gratitude to the cast and crew, for the unending support of my munchkins and the Wizard of Odd.

***Jim Cannamela (General)** recently returned to the stage after a 38 year absence in MASS Media's *Life and Death in Two One Acts*. He also performed in *Guys and Dolls*. He thanks his beautiful wife, Cindy, and sons for their support, and the extended theater family for their encouragement.

***Cassie Crawford (Ensemble)** is a graduate student at UIS in addition to working at the Illinois State Capitol. She has appeared in shows at HCFTA, including *The Rocky Horror Show*. Cassie would like to thank her dance teachers and family for supporting her.

Jim Dahlquist (Scarecrow/Hunk) recently performed in STC's 42nd *Street* and HCFTA's *1776*. Memorable roles include Grandpa Joe in *Willy Wonka* and Benny Southstreet in *Guys and Dolls*, both at the Muni, and many others. Jim enjoys running, piano and spending time with his lovely wife, Holly, and talented daughter, Caroline.

***Jacob Deetz (Ensemble)** attends Richland Community College. He has appeared in *Rock of Ages*, *Les Misérables*, *Seussical*, and *Ghost, the Musical*. He would like to thank his family and everyone who came out to support him.

Ryker Denney (Ensemble) has appeared as Timon in *Lion King Jr.*, and Slightly in *Peter Pan* earlier this summer! He attends Glenwood High School and is a member of Titan Fever. He thanks the Muni staff for the opportunity to go from Neverland to Oz in one summer!

***Lindsey Dixon (Ensemble)** has previously worked with LLCC in the productions *The Shadows of Edgar Allen Poe* and *Two Gentlemen of Verona*. She is excited for her first Muni show!

Carolyn Fleischli (Wicked Witch of the West/Miss Almira Gulch) has appeared in many local community theater productions. She is so excited to add the Wicked Witch of the West to her repertoire. Special thanks to her loving friends and family, especially Greg, Connor and Avery who make every day awesome.

***Jack Flick (Children's Ensemble)** will be in 4th grade at Ball Elementary this fall. He was in the children's chorus in STC's *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* and in Hoogland's *James and the Giant Peach*. Jack would like to thank his sister, Sofia, for getting him into theater.

***Sofia Flick (Barrister)** will be in 8th grade at Glenwood Middle School. She has appeared in Hoogland's *Seussical*, STC's *A Christmas Carol*, and as Young Bonnie in *Bonnie and Clyde*. Sofia would like to thank Melody Kneezel for being an amazing choir teacher.

Annie Fulgenzi (Dorothy Gale) is thrilled to be living out her dreams on The Muni stage this summer! She is a recent Williamsville High graduate and looks forward to attending SIUE this fall to study law. Most recently, Annie played Gabriella Montez in *HSM* for WHS, Fiona in *Shrek The Musical*, and Marian Paroo in STC's *The Music Man Jr!* She appeared last summer as Connie Boylan in Muni's *Annie!* Annie would like to thank her parents, as always, for their constant love and support, as well as her voice teacher, Sara, for always believing in her.

Reagan Gentry (Featured Munchkin) has performed in several STC, Muni, M.A.S.S. Media, and school productions. She is in the 7th grade at Athens Jr. High. She would like to thank her parents for driving her to rehearsals, and to Connor and Anna for giving her this amazing opportunity.

Jeremy Goeckner (Tinman/Hickory) is a veteran of the Springfield stage and has appeared in numerous area productions. He thanks all who have encouraged him to this point in his career, but no role could ever beat the role of husband to Sara and father to Gibson. Light up the darkness.

***Adelyn Hamrick (Children's Ensemble)** is thrilled to be a part of *The Wizard of Oz*. Addie is the daughter of Jason and Raegan Hamrick and is the youngest of four children. She will attend 5th grade in the fall at Glenwood Intermediate School. Addie has cheered competitively for several years.

Grace Ingersoll (Children's Ensemble) attends Williamsville Middle School. Grace performed in *Willy Wonka* at the Muni and other productions at HCFTA. She would like to thank her mom and dad for supporting her dreams and her sisters, Natalie and Elle. Thanks to Anna and Connor for giving her this opportunity!

Cruz Jankousky (Young Crow) is 11 years old and from Pawnee. He enjoys singing, playing games, and gymnastics. Cruz would like to thank his music teacher, Amy Chambers, for telling him about the Muni.

Arabella Johnson (Lullaby League) loves all things dance, including dancing with SYPG and being a trainee for the SBC. Her favorite role has been the Swan in SYPG's *Rapunzel*. Arabella would like to thank the Lord for His goodness and the Oz staff for this amazing opportunity.

***Gianna Johnson (Children's Ensemble)** is delighted to be making her Muni debut! She loves to dance and perform. She enjoys performing with SYPG and was recently accepted as an SBC trainee. Gianna would like to thank God as well as *The Wizard of Oz* staff for this wonderful opportunity.

***Maddy Johnston (Children's Ensemble)** will be a 5th grader at Christ The King School. She is so excited and grateful for this opportunity, her first at Muni! She loves dancing, singing, playing the piano, and directing (her two younger sisters!) She takes piano lessons, participates in dance class, and is a member of her school choir. "Thank you to everyone who has helped me be a part of this amazing experience and adventure!"

Emmie Juvinall (Children's Ensemble) is a 6th grade student at New Berlin Junior High. She is involved in softball, volleyball and the New Berlin Youth Group. She performed on the Muni stage last year in the Muni Incredibles. Thank you to everyone for making this experience truly memorable.

***Grant Kesler (Featured Munchkin)** has enjoyed dancing and singing his whole life and has wanted to do acting for a long time. His hobbies include doing art, cooking, hanging out with friends, and watching his favorite TV shows. He has three brothers and a dog named Millie.



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***Garrett Kesler (Featured Munchkin)**

enjoys playing sports, listening to music, and hanging out with friends! His experience with theater was show choir this last year at Franklin Middle School. He enjoyed that very much!

Rylin Killen (Lullaby League)

began dancing and tumbling at the age of two. She made her Muni debut last summer as an orphan in *Annie*. She has performed in other shows, most notably as "Chip" in SYPG's *Beauty and the Beast* and as "Young Simba" in SDT's *The Lion King*.

Dylan Leach (Crow) is a senior history/social sciences education major at Illinois State. He enjoys playing trombone in the Big Red Marching Machine and Springfield Municipal Band. He sends his love to dad, Auntie Lenna, Lindsey, DJ, Aiden, and Evie. He dedicates his performance to his mom and MawMaw Darlin.

Carmen Lecocq (Coroner) is entering 5th grade and enjoys competitive gymnastics, playing piano, violin, and singing along at the top of her lungs to every musical she knows. She was Molly in last summer's *Annie* at The Muni. Shout out to Mom, Dad, and Calvin!

***Carter McCarty (Children's Ensemble)**

is excited to be in her first Muni show! She will be in 4th grade at Rochester this fall. Recently, Carter was Iago in *Aladdin* at Springfield Dance. She thanks her parents for their support and for bringing her to The Muni since she was little!

Penny McCarty (Ensemble) has appeared on the Muni stage for *Oklahoma*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, and *Aida*. She is a CHRO at HSHS Medical Group. Penny is thrilled to be sharing the stage with her daughter, Carter, and thanks husband Bill, son Declan, and those who've made this experience possible!

Faith Miller (Children's Ensemble) is excited to be in another Muni show. She appeared in Muni's *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. Faith enjoys dance classes at Springfield Dance. She will be in the 5th grade at Miller Academy (homeschool). Faith thanks Jesus and her family for their continued support.

Izabella Miller (Featured Munchkin) is a 7th grader at Lincoln Magnet Middle school. She enjoys volleyball and singing. She was part of the Muni Incredibles in 2018, has performed in STC shows, and is in Springfield Showstoppers. She thanks Mom, Dad, Pam Garcia, Sara Goeckner, Becky Collins and Cynthia Higginson.

Laura Mitkos (Ensemble) thanks Anna, Connor, Sarah, Casey, and Mary for this opportunity. She appreciates her family, Dad, and especially her wonderful spouse, Andy, for encouraging her. Past shows include *Sister Act*, *Willy Wonka*, *South Pacific*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, and *Murder Mysteries* at Chatham Library. 'Missing you, Mom! XO'

***Lauren Mulacek (Enchanted Tree)** is excited she's finally able to fulfill her life-long dream of being in *The Wizard of Oz*! Some of her favorite shows include *Angels in America* (Ethyl), *The Robber Bridegroom* (Rosamund), and most recently *She Kills Monsters* (Agnes). She wishes the cast and crew a great run!

***Peyton Myers (Crow)** has been in many shows including *Aladdin Jr.*, *Bye, Bye, Birdie!*, *Grease*, *Beauty and the Beast Jr.*, *Mary Poppins*, *Seussical*, and *The Little Mermaid*. He would like to thank his family, teachers, and friends for supporting, inspiring, and encouraging him to follow his dreams.

John O'Connor (Wizard of Oz/Professor Marvel) last appeared at Muni as Sweeney Todd. He played Captain von Trapp in *The Sound of Music*, Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*, Daddy Warbucks in *Annie*, and both Sky

Masterson and Nathan Detroit in *Guys and Dolls*. Thanks to Daisy, Shadrach, Ginny and Tori.

***Keyleigh Paris (Children's Ensemble)**

is excited to make her Muni debut! Last summer, she was in *Annie* at the Little Theatre at the Square in Sullivan. She is continuing her acting career by dancing at Jan's Dance Studio, singing, and doing musicals whenever she can!

***Rhett Patterson (Lollipop Guild)**

enjoys singing, playing guitar, bass, & drums. He will be in the 4th grade at Rochester Intermediate School this fall. Rhett also enjoys playing soccer, baseball, football, and basketball. He would like to thank his family & Johnny Cash.

Isaac Rabin (Young Crow)

is in the 4th grade at Ball Elementary. He has performed in Hoogland Education Program's *Charlotte's Web* and *James and the Giant Peach*. Isaac enjoys baseball, football, swimming, X-Box, and playing with his friends and his twin brother. Thanks to Anna and Connor for this opportunity!

***Henry Reeves (Mayor of Munchkin City)**

would like to thank his Mom, Dad, Leo, and "TuTu". He has performed as Pugsley in *The Addams Family* at Pleasant Plains, Sheldon in *Junie B. Jones*, Young Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*, Young Clyde in *Bonnie and Clyde*, all at STC.

Lydia Ressler (Featured Munchkin)

is 10 years old, will be a 5th grader at Lindsay Elementary, and is appearing in her 3rd Muni production. She was lucky enough to be part of our *Willy Wonka* and *Annie*, and also appeared in STC's *A Christmas Carol* this December. Lydia loves musical theatre and the theatre community! She sends thanks to her family for supporting her.

Brooke Seacrist (Enchanted Tree) has been involved in community theatre since 2012, participating in productions at Muni, TIP, and Hoogland. She is a sophomore at the University of Illinois - Springfield studying criminal justice and was seen earlier this season as an ensemble member of *Evita*. She would like to thank her mom and dad, friends, and Cody for their support.

Jimmy Tapocik (Crow) is very excited to finish his debut season with *The Wizard of Oz!* He would like to thank his parents, his sister, Mr. Bauser and Mrs. Danner, and the Brinkman family for their continued support!

***Alaina Taylor (Children's Ensemble)**

is excited for her Muni debut. She attends Athens Jr. High. Alaina has performed in school musicals, M.A.S.S. Media productions, and at Theater in the Park. She would like to thank the directors for this opportunity and her family for supporting her love of theater.



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***Jackson Thornton (Nikko/Lollipop Guild)** is excited to be making his Muni debut playing Nikko and a Lollipop Guild member. Jackson attends Iles School where he is active in Drama Club and Swinging Singers. 'Shout out to my parents, brother, sister, and the rest of my family. I love you all!'

Kale Thurman (Featured Munchkin) debuted as the White Rabbit in the Riverton High School Musical. He is over the rainbow to be a part of his second performance in the merry old Land of Oz.

Ellen Tuttle (Ensemble) is a sophomore at Springfield High School and a member of the In Session Show Choir. She has performed in various shows with STC, TIP, and is excited to be on the Muni stage again. Ellen thanks her family and friends for always supporting her, especially her Mom.

Addelyn Warren (Featured Munchkin) is a fifth grader at Glenwood Intermediate School. She also performed in Muni's *Willy Wonka*. She enjoys tumbling and singing in church choir. Addelyn would like to thank her parents, Mac (the Lion) and Carrie, and sisters, Annelyse (also on stage!) and Amelya, for their love and support.

Annelyse Warren (Lullaby League) is an eighth grader at Glenwood Middle School. She has performed in several Muni shows. She also enjoys dance at Springfield. Thanks to her parents, Mac (the Lion) and Carrie, and sisters, Addelyn (also on stage), and Amelya, for their love and support.

Mac Warren (Cowardly Lion/Zeke) thanks his beautiful wife Carrie, as well as his wonderful daughters Annelyse, Addelyn (also on stage), and Amelya, for their love and support. 'This one's for my cat Chicago (from one cat to another) who waits for me over the Rainbow Bridge!'

***Cash Wilkin (Lollipop Guild)** is in the 3rd grade at Springfield Christian School. He is currently involved in Hip Hop dance and baseball. He loves the Chicago Cubs! This is his very first musical/acting debut.

***Timber Ziegler (Ensemble)** is thrilled to be making her debut on the Muni stage this summer! Credits include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Narrator), *Seussical* (Gertrude), *The Marvelous Wonderettes* (Suzy), and *Godspell* (Robin). 'Thanks to my family and friends for helping me follow my dreams and being so supportive every step of the way!'



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Anna McFarland (Co-Director) has been involved with over 20 local productions since moving to the Springfield area 10 years ago. Directing *The Wizard of Oz* is truly a dream come true. She could not be more thankful for this talented staff, cast, and crew. Especially Connor, who has had to endure years of dreaming, planning, and endless conversations. Thanks to Craig, Liam, and her mom for their support. Special thanks to B. Miller for encouraging her to take a leap of faith.

Connor McNamara (Co-Director) has appeared in multiple shows in the local area. He would like to thank Kelly, his brother, best friend and family for all of their support.

Sara Baltusevich-Goeckner (Vocal Director) is a voice and piano teacher running her own private studio. She has been participating in Springfield community theater for over 20 years with her favorite Muni roles including Belle in *Beauty and the Beast*, Cinderella in *Into the Woods* and Nellie Forbush in *South Pacific*. Love and thanks to her husband Jeremy and son Gibson.

Casey Tester (Choreographer) is an English teacher at Riverton High School where she has also choreographed their musicals for the last thirteen years. Last summer, she choreographed our *Annie*, and recently played Corrie Bratter in STC's *Barefoot in the*

Park. Casey thanks Connor and Anna for this opportunity. Love to Kevin!

Tom Philbrick (Orchestra Director) is the band director at Southeast High School and Blackburn College. He also conducts the Springfield Municipal Band and has conducted several Muni Opera shows. Tom would like to thank his wife, Bekah, and two daughters, Leia and Aria, for their love and support.

***Eric Flick (Stage Manager)** is excited to be a part of his first Muni show! He has been involved in STC's *Avenue Q* and *Bonnie & Clyde* and is a member of Capital City Improv. Eric is also a proud husband and father.

Emily Watts (Assistant Stage Manager/ Prop Designer) has worked on numerous shows in the Springfield area over the past 14 years helping out both on and off stage. When she isn't working on shows she can be found volunteering with the Jaycees or fostering dogs through Big Fluffy Dogs Rescue.

Cassie Reiterman (Costume Coordinator) is the Costume Mistress for the Springfield Ballet Company. She has costumed for Athens High School, SYPG, UIS Theatre, and The Muni. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support and God for blessing her with her talents and these amazing opportunities.



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Diane Hoots (Make-up & Hair Designer)

is doing *Wizard of Oz* for the fifth time. Other shows include *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Beauty & the Beast*, *Jekyll & Hyde* and so many more. By day, she is an emergency manager. Her other interests include cooking, needlework, and reading. Love to Beth & the Harpies!

Judy Williams (Dog Trainer) is the owner and instructor of Dog Training 101. She teaches a variety of dog training classes and does in-home training. She is also a teacher at the Illinois School for the Deaf. Her dogs have performed in *Annie*, *Peter Pan*, *Wizard of Oz* and *Gypsy*.

Lauren Rodriguez (Props Assistant) has helped with many productions throughout the Springfield area at STC, TIP, Hoogland, and Muni. She has assisted with *The Sound of Music*, *Bonnie & Clyde*, and others. Lauren is a teacher at The Goddard School. Aside from theater, her other hobbies include travel and reading.

Cindy Hamblin (Production Coordinator) is honored to be on staff for *The Wizard of Oz*. Back in 5th grade, she was a munchkin in Havana High School's version. Cindy has worked on numerous STC, TIP, and Muni productions, performed

in our *Bye, Bye, Birdie!* and TIP's *Distant Thunder* last summer.

Tony Vu (Youth Coordinator) is proud to announce that he has survived another production with ALL the kids... hopefully. If not, he is survived by two cuddly fur babies, Nico and Percy.



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