

DECEMBER 9 - 28, 2022

The  
**WIZARD**  
of  
**OZ**



by **L. FRANK BAUM**

*with music & lyrics:*

**HAROLD ARLEN & E. Y. HARBURG**

*background music:*

**HERBERT STOTHART**

*dance/vocal arrangements:*

**PETER HOWARD**

*orchestration:*

**LARRY WILCOX**

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company. Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

*director:* **CHRISTY LEWIS**

*music director:* **LAURA HANNAGAN**

*choreographer:* **ASHLEY SCHERER**

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## **ACT ONE**

“Over the Rainbow” - Dorothy

“Come Out, Come Out,” - Glinda

“Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead” Munchkins

“Yellow Brick Road” - Munchkins (soloists: Mayor, Coroner, Fiddler)

“If I Only Had a Brain” - Scarecrow, Dorothy, 3 Crows

“We’re Off to See the Wizard” - Dorothy and Scarecrow

“If I Only Had a Heart” - Tin Man, Dorothy, and 3 Trees

“We’re Off to See the Wizard” - Dorothy, Scarecrow, and Tin Man

“Lions, Tigers, and Bears” - Dorothy, Tin Man, and Scarecrow

“If I Only Had the Nerve” - Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, and Tin Man

“We’re Off to See the Wizard” - Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, & Lion

“Poppies” - Glinda and Female Ensemble

Act I Finale - Glinda, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, & Ensemble

## **ACT TWO**

”Merry Old Land of Oz” - Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion,  
Emerald City Guard, Ozians

“King of the Forest” - Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man

“Somewhere Over the Rainbow” (Reprise) - Dorothy

“Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead” (Reprise) - Winkies

# CAST

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|--|-----------------------------|
| <i>Dorothy</i>                         | <b>Arianna Clark</b>        |
| <i>Hunk/Scarecrow</i>                  | <b>Jen D'Amico</b>          |
| <i>Hickory/Tinman</i>                  | <b>Seamus Clark</b>         |
| <i>Zeke/Lion</i>                       | <b>Cat Enslin</b>           |
| <i>Glinda</i>                          | <b>Jolene Cuisine</b>       |
| <i>Wicked Witch</i>                    | <b>Kathy Buterbaugh</b>     |
| <i>Wizard/Professor Marvel</i>         | <b>Will Rotsch</b>          |
| <i>Auntie Em/Gaurd</i>                 | <b>Ashley Baker</b>         |
| <i>Uncle Henry/Ensemble</i>            | <b>Josh Epps</b>            |
| <i>Crow/Ensemble</i>                   | <b>Marcus Auld-Saunders</b> |
| <i>Crow/Ensemble/Winkie General</i>    | <b>Xander Costas</b>        |
| <i>Crow/Ensemble</i>                   | <b>Amelia Sandler</b>       |
| <i>Tree/Jitterbug/Poppies/Ensemble</i> | <b>Sydney DeMedio</b>       |
| <i>Tree/Jitterbug/Poppies/Ensemble</i> | <b>Jade Robinson</b>        |
| <i>Tree/Jitterbug/Poppies/Ensemble</i> | <b>Marley Saunders</b>      |

## *Ensemble*

**Justin DeStafney/Dimtry Flouhouse  
Abby Flick/Kayleah John/Evangeline Norfleet**

## *Munchkins*

**Ivy Jackson (also Nikko)  
Gavin Clarke/Amanda Cusick/Ella Hannagan/Callie Hazlett  
Sophie Hirwe/Milan Miller/Erin Moist/Cooper Perdick  
Chris Pry/Emily Pry/Elise Rodgers/Nicky Stuardi  
Leo Tumminello/Lexi Turner**

## *Special Thanks*

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# Production Team

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| <i>Director</i> .....                                     | Christy Lewis   |
| <i>Music Director</i> .....                               | Laura Hannagan  |
| <i>Choreographer</i> .....                                | Ashley Scherer  |
| <i>Assistant Directors</i> .....                          | Rosemary Campbell & Lola Fenning  |
| <i>Production Stage Manager</i> .....                     | Jared DeStafney   |
| <i>Stage Manager</i> .....                                | Kat Davis   |
| <i>Lighting Design</i> .....                              | S. Lee Lewis  |
| <i>Assistant Lighting Design/Master Electrician</i> ..... | Ryan Phillips   |
| <i>Light/Spot Ops</i> .....                               | Meghan Morse, Carter Lunsford, Avalon Pope<br>& Lexie Rubincan  |
| <i>Assistant Electricians</i> .....                       | Carter Lunsford, Avalon Pope & Jason Spiegelman   |
| <i>Sound Designers/Ops</i> .....                          | Gene Dzielak, Tim Pry & Jen Scorziello  |
| <i>Costume Designers</i> .....                            | Shelli Ezold & Christy Lewis  |
| <i>Costume Crew</i> .....                                 | Julie Bierlein, Kathy Buterbaugh, Laurene Eckbold<br>Deanna Marino, Amelia Sandler, Carrie Sandler & Jen Wursta   |
| <i>Makeup</i> .....                                       | Lance Bankerd, Zack Langrehr & Darby McLaughlin   |
| <i>Props</i> .....  | Christy Lewis & William Bryant (Design), Tricia Beichner<br>Kathy Buterbaugh, S. Lee Lewis & Will Rotsch  |
| <i>Set Design</i> .....                                   | Christy & S. Lee Lewis  |
| <i>Set Build/Painting</i> .....                           | Tricia Beichner, AJ Benning, Jack Bish, Kerry Brandon &<br>Laurie Brandon, Joseph Brown, Kathy Buterbaugh, PJ Carucci,<br>Rosemary Campbell, Courtney Clarke Gavin Clarke, Jeff Cook,<br>Jared DeStafney, Kat Davis, Tony DelNegro, Lola Fenning, Kim Flouhouse,<br>Frank Gillette, Maria Gonzalez, Theresa Gonzalez, Dan Harkins, Elena Homsey,<br>Kayleah John, Lavance John, Vivien Kanienberg, Rosalina Keating,<br>Ethan Knettlar, Dia otowski, Cody Lewis, Sam Lewis, Vicki Lewis,<br>Ken Mammarella, Betsy McGeever, Jake Martinez, Sami Martinez,<br>Doug Morrell, Lee Nichols, Anna Reynolds, Al Rubincan Jillina Rodgers,<br>Django Rosario, Maricela Rosario, Mary Russell, Amelia & Carrie Sandler,<br>Carrie Sandler, Josh Sandler, Ashley Scherer, Leah Stuardi, Steve Weatherman,<br>Nance Weber & Bennett White |
| <i>Projection Design</i> .....                            | S. Lee Lewis  |
| <i>Scenic Painters</i> .....                              | Laurie Brandon & Elizabeth Dal Nogare   |
| <i>Run Crew</i> .....                                     | Elizabeth Dal Nogare ( <i>Lead</i> ), Rosemary Campbell, PJ Carucci, Lola<br>Fenning, Kim Flouhouse, Josie Manocchio & Ross Morrell   |
| <i>Head Shots</i> .....                                   | Darby McLaughlin  |
| <i>Photography</i> .....                                  | Christy Lewis   |
| <i>Lobby Board</i> .....                                  | Julie Bierlein, Maria Gonzalez, Christy Lewis &<br>Missy Wyatt (Design)   |
| <i>Bar &amp; Hospitality</i> .....                        | Mary Browne & Friends of WDL  |
| <i>Ushers</i> .....                                       | Genevieve Aucoin & Friends of WDL   |
| <i>Box Office</i> .....                                   | Jennifer Enslin, Joy Naquin & Marge Ventura   |
| <i>Program</i> .....                                      | Eric Merlino  |

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**Marcus Auld-Saunders** he/him (*Featured Ensemble*) so glad to be in the production of the *Wizard Of Oz*. He loves acting and is excited to be working with all of these amazing actors. He is a freshman at Delcastle Technical HS and has been in a few plays before with WDL, such as *Frozen Jr.* (Kristoff), *Seussical Jr.* (Mr Mayor) and the Jeff Walker One Acts performance of *Even Monsters Can Be Princesses* (Prince), where he won the award for best comedic male actor. Outside of acting, he loves playing sports, video games and hugs. His sister, Marley, is also performing and he is excited to play a part in giving you a great experience!

**Kathy Buterbaugh** she/her (*Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch*) is thrilled to be flying into Oz with such a fun and talented cast and crew, this time as something other than the director! She has been seen onstage and backstage for more years than she cares to admit, from DC to NYC and many in between. Some favorite roles include Sylvia (*Sylvia*), Dottie (*Noises Off*), Miss Hannigan (*Annie*), Miss Minchin (*The Little Princess*), Chris (*Calendar Girls*) and Hannah (*The Spitfire Grill*). Kathy would like to thank Christy for carrying the Oz banner so fabulously, and to the whole team for giving her this opportunity. She loves and is blessed with an amazing family which continues to grow (massive understatement). Kindness is golden.

**Ashley Baker** she/her (*Auntie Em/Emerald City Guard*) is thrilled to be stepping back on stage at the Wilmington Drama League. This talented Wilmington native has graced the stage in several productions all over the city. She studied Theatre and graduated from Grambling State University. She was blessed to be able to perform in several shows in this city such as *The Color Purple* (Shug), *Ruined* (Mama Nadi), *Heathers* (Ms. Flemming), *The Little Mermaid* (Ursula), *Seussical* (Vlad), and *The Vagina Monologues* (Coochie Snortcher). Maybe you've traveled near and far and caught her on stage in *Fences* (Rose), *RENT* (ensemble), or most recently *The Color Purple* (Sofia). She would truly like to thank all of her family, friends, and fans for their continued support. I love you all.

**Arianna Clark** she/her (*Dorothy Gale*) is so excited to be back at the Drama League for this production. You may have recently seen her as Sandy Cheeks in *The SpongeBob Musical* (MST). You may have also seen her as Nettie in *The Color Purple* (WDL), Belle in *Beauty and The Beast* (MOT), and in many other productions. She loves the stage and hopes to have a career on Broadway in the near future. Arianna thanks her family and friends, production team, and fellow cast mates for all the support and hopes that you enjoy the show!

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**Seamus Clark** he/him (*Hickory/Tinman*) first appeared in WDL's Jeff Walker Youth One-Act festival in 2019 and is very excited to be participating in his first full production at the Wilmington Drama League! He is currently a junior at Cab Calloway School of the Arts as a vocal and theatre major, and was recently in their play *A Few Good Men* and their musical *Mamma Mia*. He'd like to thank Christy, Ashley, and all members of the crew and cast for their support and hard work.

**Gavin Clarke** he/him (*Munchkin Mayor*) is thrilled to be in his first ever community theatre production. He is very grateful to Christy and the rest of the team for their help and guidance. He has loved singing and bowing and talking to friends. When not rehearsing, Gavin can be found playing chess with his chess team. He hopes to be on stage again someday soon and thanks his Mom for all the rides and acting help and his Dad and brother for all their support.

**Xander Costas** he/him (*Featured Ensemble*) recently graduated from Cab Calloway School of the Arts and is currently taking a gap year to pursue performance opportunities before attending college. This is his second show at WDL, with his first being earlier this year in *Sunday in the Park with George* (Ensemble). He is grateful for all of the hard work and dedication the cast and crew have contributed to this amazing production, and he hopes you enjoy the show!

**Jolene Cuisine** she/her (*Glinda*) is the premier Drag Bear of Delaware! Much like her namesake, she's often salty and best kept in a freezer. She can often be found performing at the Crimson Moon Bar in Wilmington, DE or in many other drag bingos and brunches. When not in a red wig and a pink dress, Jolene is known as Zack Langrehr (he/him). Zack is so happy to be back on the WDL stage, as he got his start in performing here over 15 years ago. Both Zack and Jolene would like to thank Christy for her trust with this role. Be sure to follow Jolene on Instagram @\_jolenecuisine for more shows and events!

**Amanda Cusick** she/her (*Munchkin Barrister*) is in fifth grade at Garnet Valley Elementary, and she is thrilled to be in her first show at Wilmington Drama League. She has been performing at Center Stage Productions and Garnet Valley Performing Arts Association since she was in kindergarten. Her favorite roles have been Matilda in *Matilda* at CSP, Marta Von Trapp in *The Sound of Music* at GVPAA, Molly in *Annie* at CSP and GVPAA, and Cindy Lou Who in *Seussical* at GVPAA. Amanda loves to sing, dance, and tear up the soccer field. She thanks her parents and her sisters for their unwavering support.



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**Jen D'Amico** she/her (*Hunk/Scarecrow*) earned her Bachelor's of Music: Voice from West Chester University. She is currently working towards her MBA at Western Governors University. Some of her favorite past roles include Olive Ostrovsky (*25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*), Marcy Park (*25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*), Natalie (*Next To Normal*), Shelley Parker (*Batboy*), and Katherine Plumber (*Newsies*). Jen would like to thank the entire production team for all of their hard work and direction. She would also like to thank the wonderful Wizard himself for being the most supportive partner a bag of hay could ask for. Enjoy the show!

**Sydney DeMedio** she/her (*Featured Ensemble/Dancer*) is very excited to be a part of this wonderful production with such an amazing cast and crew! As a junior in high school, Sydney attends Padua Academy in Wilmington, Delaware, and participates in their musical theater program. She most recently played the role Ariel in *The Little Mermaid*. Sydney is very excited for everyone to see all the hard work and love the cast and crew are putting into this show!

**Justin DeStafney** he/him (*Ensemble*) is happy to return to the WDL stage to take part in the telling of one of his favorite stories. Most recently he was featured in the ensemble for *Sunday in the Park with George* in October. He previously has been in *Elf* and *Beauty and the Beast*. Justin has also participated in both the Adult and Youth One Act Festival here at WDL. Outside of WDL, his favorite roles include President Franklin Roosevelt in *Annie* at Milburn Stone Theatre in Maryland. He'd like to thank everyone for their support.

**Cat Enslin** she/her (*Zeke/Lion*) is so excited to be back on the stage at the Wilmington Drama League! A Bob Evans Award winner, she always feels at home at WDL. Some favorite past roles include Snoopy (*You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*), Audrey II (*Little Shop of Horrors*), Evelyn Nesbit (*Ragtime*), Éponine (*Les Misérables*), Wednesday Addams (*Addams Family*), Alice Murphy (*Bright Star*), and Sara Crewe (*A Little Princess*). Cat can be seen in the documentary *Into the Silent Land: The Unsolved Murder of Tracey Kirkpatrick* as Tracey/Debra (releasing TBD). She would like to thank her mom for being her momager, and Christy for ignoring her stomach's aversion to being normal.



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**Josh Epps**, he/him (Uncle Henry/Ensemble) Josh Epps is so happy to return to the Wilmington Drama League's stage for *The Wizard of Oz* after a three year break due to the pandemic and his academics. This is Josh's third show at WDL show, third time performing in this show, and 25th show in general! He is so excited to work with Christy Lewis and this cast and crew in another theatre production. Josh is a senior at Wilmington University and is going to be graduating in the Summer 2023 Commencement with his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. He also sings with the Aldersgate UMC's Chancel Choir and the Brandywiners Chorale. He also really loves to sing, act, dance, work out, go shopping, cook, read, go hiking, and Josh hopes that you enjoy our production with your family and friends.

**Abby Flick**, she/her (Ensemble) is very excited to be a part of *The Wizard of Oz*! Many thanks to the cast and crew.

**Dmitry Flouhouse**, he/him (Ensemble) is glad to be on the stage again! Regional: *Big Fish* (Karl), *The Dinner Party* (Various roles), *Stocking Stuffers*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!* (Imogene Herdman). Dmitry has also voice acted in series on the Winter Studios YouTube channel, including *Corrupted Time* (Milo), and *Exiled* (Belladonna). Dmitry can be found doing various artsy things at lalas181 on Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube. Enjoy the show!

**Eleanor Hannagan**, she/her (Munchkin) is excited to be back on stage (and this time as a girl!), while making her WDL debut under the musical direction of her mother. Previous performance credits include John in *Fun Home* at Milburn Stone Theatre; and Antonio in *Encanto* and Hei-Hei the chicken in *Moana Jr.* and Street Lamp Theatre. She is looking forward to more performing opportunities and is so excited to be part of the cast!

**Callie Hazlett**, she/her (Lullaby League Munchkin) is a 4th grader at Coebourn Elementary in Delaware County, PA. She is SO excited to be in her first musical, and has loved this experience at WDL! Callie loves singing, dancing, and playing soccer and piano. This is her 7th year dancing at Paul Klocke Studio of Dance. Thanks to Miss Christy, Miss Ashley, and Miss Laura for including her in this show, and to her fellow Ozians for making it so fun! She would also like to thank her mom and dad for being so supportive and bringing her into the world of musical theatre, and her brother for being there and always making her laugh.

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**Sophie Hirwe** she/her (*Lullaby League Munchkin*) is excited to be a part of this production of one of her favorite musicals! Recently, she has also participated in WDL pillow plays *Be Careful What You Wish For* (Christy) and *One of a Kind* (Lenny Lion). She also took part in the Jeff Walker One Act Festival this summer, acting in *Alexa* (the Old Lady), and writing/directing her first play, *Evil in the Attic*. She is in the 5th grade at The Independence School, where you will find her singing, dancing, and doing cheer stunts on the playground. She wishes to thank Director Christy for making this show so much fun and Lola Fenning, Lexie Rubincan, Kelly Paustian, and Eric Merlino for their support. She would also like to thank her mom for driving her around a lot and her amazing family and friends for always coming to her shows!

**Ivy Jackson** she/her (*Munchkin Coroner/Nikko*) is excited to be a part of this production of *The Wizard of Oz*! Some of her favorite roles include Olaf (*Frozen Jr.*), Edwina Spoonapple (*Dear Edwina Jr.*), Chip (*Beauty and the Beast*), Mustardseed (*Midsummer Night's Dream*), and the many roles she's played in WDL Pillow Plays. She can also be found behind-the-scenes as a member of the WDL Chrysalis Committee as well as writing and directing plays at the Jeff Walker Youth One Act Festival. Ivy would like to thank the production team and the cast for an amazing show!

**Kayleah John** she/her (*Ensemble*) is a freshman at Thomas McKean high school where she is very involved in the arts. In addition to this production, she is also working on *The Lion King, Jr.* with Drama Kids in the role of Adult Nala. She is in the honors and advanced choir at her school. Her dream is to be involved in the arts no matter what and she is very happy to have been given this opportunity!

**Sullivan Lewis** he/him (Toto) is thrilled to be a part of *The Wizard of Oz*! A four-year-old yorkie and havanese mix, he thoroughly enjoys BarkBox toys, Wendy's chicken nuggets, and morning snuggles. Previously, you may have seen him as Toto in *The Wizard of Oz: Young Actors Edition* at Independence Middle School and as himself in *Christmas By Candlelight* at Candlelight Theatre. Sully would like to thank Daddy Dan for introducing him to theatre, his Grandmom for driving him to rehearsals, and his pawrents for their unconditional love and support... even when he poops in the house. Woof! @SullivanLewisTheDog

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**Milan Miller** she/her (*Lollipop Guild Munchkin*) is very excited to be making her Wilmington Drama League debut as a munchkin with this amazing cast in the *Wizard of Oz*. Milan is a 4th grader that attends St. Elizabeth Elementary School. Milan was in her first play at school in their production of *Magic Tree House: Knight at Dawn KIDS*. She loved it so much that she wants to continue to act and sing. When Milan is not acting or singing she is hitting the basketball court and running up the soccer field. She is amazing in both sports! Milan also loves spending time with her family and friends.

**Erin Moist** she/her (*Munchkin Braggart*) is so excited to be part of this season's production of *The Wizard of Oz* as a munchkin. Erin has enjoyed sharing the stage with talented artists at WDL and during the Cab Calloway SMART Camp. She has enjoyed roles in *Elf; the Musical*, *Seussical Jr.*, *Annie Jr.*, *Artisocats Jr.* and a few pillow plays. She is currently in 7th grade at First State Montessori School Academy. She would like to say thank you so much for coming to support WDL! Enjoy the show!

**Evangeline Norfleet** she/her (*Ensemble*) is excited to perform in the Wilmington Drama League's production of the *Wizard of Oz*! She has previously performed in her school's drama productions and has been an enthusiastic participant in Delaware Theatre Company Summer on Stage original performances. She also enjoys dance classes as well as singing in her school's music ministry.

**Cooper Perdick** he/him (*City Father Munchkin*) is excited to be a part of *The Wizard of Oz*. Cooper is a 3rd Grader who loves playing soccer, football, lacrosse, singing, and acting. Thank you to Christy Lewis for giving him another opportunity to be a part of the Wilmington Drama League family!

**Christopher Pry** he/him (*City Father Munchkin*) is excited for his second Wilmington Drama League production. A 7th grader at Northley Middle School, he plays trombone in the band, sings in the choir, and is a co-captain of the Cross Country team. He has most recently performed as Narrator in a summer production of *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. Other shows include *Matilda* (Tommy) at WDL and *Suessical Jr.* (Young Kangaroo and Wickersham Brother). Christopher would like to thank his mom and dad for supporting him in his passion for the performing arts as well as his sister Emily, who he will be sharing the stage with in the Munchkin Ensemble.

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**Emily Pry** she/her (*Lullaby League Munchkin*) can't wait to hit the stage in her premier Wilmington Drama League production. Being able to watch Ms. Christy portray Ms. Honey in the WDL production of *Matilda* was all it took to get the theater bug and she immediately wanted to be a part of the *Wizard of Oz* cast. When she's not busy doing her Barbie doll's hair and make-up, she spends time dancing at Paul Klocke School of Dance, attending St. Mary Magdalen School, and believing in unicorns and rainbows!

**RB** he/him (*Ensemble*) is very excited to participate in this production, and is very grateful to his fellow cast mates and the production team for all of their help and kindness. RB has been a long time fan of *The Wizard of Oz*, having watched the movie dozens of times and practiced all of the songs. He has previously participated in school programs for *The Wizard of Oz*, and is glad for the opportunity to return to the stage to help tell his favorite story!

**Jade Robinson** she/they (*Featured Ensemble/Dancer*) is so excited for everyone to see *Wizard of Oz*. She currently attends Cab Calloway School of the Arts as a string major. Jade has most recently been seen in *Disney's Moana Jr.* at Walnut Street Theatre. She is so immensely proud of all of her cast mates. This cast has worked so hard and have had so much fun together to make this show what it is today! She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

**Elise Rodgers** she/her (*Lollipop Guild Munchkin*) is excited to be part of the amazing cast for *The Wizard of Oz*. Although Elise is just starting her adventures in performances Elise has been part of The Pirate Crew scene with Drama Kids and the *Seussical Jr.* summer stock performance at Wilmington Drama League. Currently also practicing for *Lion King Jr.* Elise has really been blooming in performing and having a wonderful time. Elise is currently in the fifth grade.

**Will Rotsch** he/him (*Professor Marvel/Wizard*) has been acting for 16 years and has been in over 80 productions. Some of his recent roles include Jesus (*Godspell*), Musidorus (*Head Over Heels*), Batboy/Edgar (*Batboy: The Musical*), Narrator/Tommy (*The Who's Tommy*), Will Bloom (*Big Fish*), Seymour (*Little Shop of Horrors*), Henry (*Next to Normal*) and Chip Tolentino (*25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*). He is happy to be doing this show with his lovely, beautiful Scarecrow partner. He would like to thank the whole cast and crew for helping bring Oz to life!

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**Amelia Sandler** she/her (*Featured Ensemble*) is thrilled to be back on the boards at Wilmington Drama League! Her most recent production was *The Tempest* in 2018. She has also been seen in the Ensemble of *A Christmas Carol*, as well as *A Dolls House*. Amelia is excited to be cast as one of the Crows and in the ensemble of this production. She would like to thank Christy for this opportunity, her Mom for driving her to all the rehearsals, her Dad for his constant support and Ciaran and for their love. She could not have done this without you.

**Marley Saunders** she/they (*Featured Ensemble/Dancer*) is ecstatic to participate in the *Wizard of Oz*. Marley is a sophomore at St. Mark's High School and has been acting for years from her middle school. She has done multiple productions such as *Lion King*, *Elf*, *Seussical*, *Willy Wonka* and many others. Marley enjoys singing in her choir WCC, and playing with her guitars and reading or watching anime. She is grateful to be in this wonderful production with this amazing cast.

**Nicky Stuardi** she/her (*Munchkin Greeter*) loves to sing and dance. She was recently cast as Ladahlord in her school's production of *James and The Giant Peach* and is looking forward to the challenge! Nicky was Middle Anna in the Wilmington Drama League's production of *Frozen, Jr.* and her ability and passion for theatre was evident during her performance. She is in 4th grade and has found her niche in acting and loves the spotlight!

**Leo Tumminello** he/him (*Lollipop Guild Munchkin*) is super excited to have a part in the *Wizard of Oz* as a munchkin in the lollipop guild! Leo is in 5th grade and goes to school at First State Montessori Academy (FSMA). This is Leo's first musical but he has been in 4 Jeff Walker One Act plays, beginning at age seven. In addition to acting, Leo also enjoys football, cooking, and writing books. Leo would love to thank his wonderful family and friends for pushing him to do what he loves!

**Lexi Turner** she/her (*Munchkin Greeter*) is excited to return to WDL after appearing as Hortensia in *Matilda: the Musical*. A fourth grader at Hanby Elementary, Lexi has appeared on the WDL stage as The Cook in this past summer's WDL Summer Camp production of *Frozen, Jr.*, and The Salt Shaker in *Beauty and the Beast*. Lexi has also appeared as Little Bear in *Character Matters*, and as Little Coalhouse in Mount Pleasant High School's production of *Ragtime: The Musical*. Lexi loves singing, dancing, playing Minecraft and Roblox, OCNJ, and Disney World. She'd like to thank Christy, Ashley, and Lauren for giving her a chance to be on stage again. She'd especially like to thank her Mom, Dad, and her little sister, Ali, for being her biggest fans! Enjoy the show!

## Crew Biographies

**William Bryant** he/him (Properties Designer) is a professional scenic designer, technical director, performer, and director in the Philadelphia region. Originally from Delaware, William has also worked at theaters in Maryland, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. William is currently the Technical Director for Philadelphia Scenic Works, America's only non-profit scenic shop. William is thrilled to help Christy bring such a beautiful and loving vision for Oz to life!

**Rosemary Campbell** she/her (Assistant Director) is a senior in high school at Cab Calloway, and after having acted in *A Christmas Story* (BB-Gun) and *Beauty and The Beast* (Napkin #3), as well as assistant directing with Lee & Christy during *Elf & Sunday in the Park with George*, Rosie is ecstatic to be working alongside them both again! She'd like to thank Lee and Christy for the joyful experience and opportunity, as well as the whole cast and crew for the pleasure of working with them.

**Christy Lewis** she/her (Director/Designer) is thrilled to be traveling the yellow brick road again with this incredibly talented cast and crew! A graduate of The University of Delaware, Christy holds a Master's Degree in Exceptional Children and Youth with a concentration in Autism and Severe Disabilities. Most recently, you may have seen Christy on stage here at WDL as Miss Honey (*Matilda*) or Belle (*Beauty and the Beast*). Some of her other previous roles include Shelby (*The Spitfire Grill*), Annelie (*Steel Magnolias*), Millie (*Picnic*), Johanna (*Sweeney Todd*), Cosette (*Les Miserables*), Little Red (*Into the Woods*), and Dorothy (*Wizard of Oz*). In addition to teaching first grade at Newark Charter School, Christy is a former Walt Disney World cast member, and currently works for Trinity Presbyterian Church as their Associate for Arts & Youth and as a Teaching Artist for Art Works for All, directing an annual musical that features transitional-age students with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Much love to all the friends she has made along the yellow brick road, especially her favorite witches, Sugar Beet, and SulliMan. #FromDottieToDirector

### Nicky Stuardi

**Nicky, you light up all of our lives! We love seeing you on stage. Break a leg! Thank you to the cast, crew, and all who are involved in making this production successful. The volunteerism is beautiful.**

**Warm Wishes!  
The Stuardi Family**

## Crew Biographies

**Laura Hannigan**, she/her (Music Director) is so grateful to be here for yet another holiday season production, and with her favorite munchkin along for the ride! Laura is an experienced pianist in the Delaware region who thrives on collaborative work. Along with piano performing, Laura has music directing credits which include *Assassins* (2022) and *The Spiffire Grill* (2021) at Showcase on Main; *Fun Home* (2022), *Songs for a New World* (2021), and *Hunchback of Notre Dame* (2019) at Milburn Stone Theatre; and *Elf* (2021) and *Beauty & The Beast* (2019) at Wilmington Drama League. Break legs, everyone!

**S. Lee Lewis**, he/him (Scenic/Lighting Designer) attended Towson University where he studied Theatre and Directing with Esiaba Iriobi and Scott Susong. Select Direction and Design Credits include: *Company*, *Follies*, *Sondheim on Sondheim*, *The Fantasticks*, *Hamlet*, *Spring Awakening*, *Dogfight*, *Oliver!*, *Man of La Mancha*; *Gypsy*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *Amadeus*, *Nude with Violin & Annie*. Lee has also directed *Chess* and *Sweeney Todd* for Penn Singers at UPenn, *Guys and Dolls* and *Do Patent Leather Shoes...* at The Candlelight Theatre and *A Christmas Story*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Elf: the Musical*, and *Sunday in the Park with George* here at The Wilmington Drama League. He is the founder and artistic director of Showcase on Main, a new theatre company in Elkton, MD where he produced and directed *A Coupla of White Chicks Sitting Around Talking*, *The Weir*, *ART*, *Steel Magnolias*, *Talk Radio*, *Picnic*, *The Spiffire Grill*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and *Stephen Sondheim's Assassins*. He directed two industry readings of *The Unpredictable Times* with Matt Shingledecker and Alex Brightman and which went to the Page to Stage festival at The John F. Kennedy Center, and he directed a reading of that piece on Broadway at the Hudson Theatre. He would like to thank the Martinez/Gonzalez family for their support and dedication to this project – I couldn't have done it without you! And to my wife, Christy – you never cease to amaze me.

**Ashley Scherer** she/her (Choreographer) is very excited to be a part of her first musical! After graduating from Cab Calloway School of the Arts as a dance major, Ashley went on to earn a Bachelor's Degree in Exercise Science and Master's Degree in Clinical Exercise Physiology from the University of Delaware. Ashley has studied ballet at various schools across the country including Kansas City Ballet, Austin Ballet, and Joffrey. She spent a summer working as a CanCan Dancer at FrontierTown and is the proud recipient of The Diane Drulis Foundation Award. Ashley currently works as a research coordinator by day and a dance teacher by night (DanceDelaware Studios). Ashley would like to thank the cast for going on this journey with her and working so hard!



## Director's Note

It's certainly no secret that I love the *Wizard of Oz*. My childhood bedroom was decorated with wall to wall Oz memorabilia, I have my very own 9-foot Wizard of Oz Christmas tree, and I've played Dorothy in five different versions of the stage musical. It would be safe to say that I know this story and these characters better than your average 'Oz fan'. Eleven years ago, I donned the infamous ruby slippers here at WDL and met some of my greatest friends along the yellow brick road; I'm so thankful that some of those friends are traveling to Oz with me again after all these years.

Any story that has been retold for over 100 years is certainly one worth telling. L. Frank Baum published *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* in 1900 and the ground-breaking movie musical premiered in theaters in 1939. Since that time, we've been gifted with various adaptations and variations of this classic, including *The Wiz*, *Wicked*, *Return to Oz*, and *Oz: The Great and Powerful* (just to name a few). Every popular TV series has referenced classic lines from *The Wizard of Oz*, and some series like *The Muppets*, *Veggie Tales*, and even *Tom & Jerry*, have created their own versions of the story.

So, I wondered what we could do to make this retelling different from those that have come before us. Local theatres produce this musical time and time again, so what would make our journey to Oz stand out? It had to be more than colorful costumes, hidden scenic elements, and metaphorical messages. And then I stumbled upon this quote by Whoopi Goldberg...

***"There are no hard and fast rules for fairytales... except one: believe in magic!"***

I realized that what makes *The Wizard of Oz* so timeless is the fact that it is relatable. Every single one of us has gone in search of our 'heart's desire' at some point in our lives. So, I wanted to create a fanciful world of Oz that reflects the world we know and understand today in 2022. It was my intention to comprise an extremely diverse group of people to help tell this story to ensure that everyone coming to see this show would find themselves represented in our Oz. This current world we live in certainly has some wicked witches of its own, but it continuously teaches me to keep dreaming of that land 'over the rainbow'. We can build that world right here at home - we've always had the power. I hope that this production has made that magical dreamland just a little more realistic and that you leave today with a newfound determination to believe in magic and help change our world for the better. There really is no place like home.



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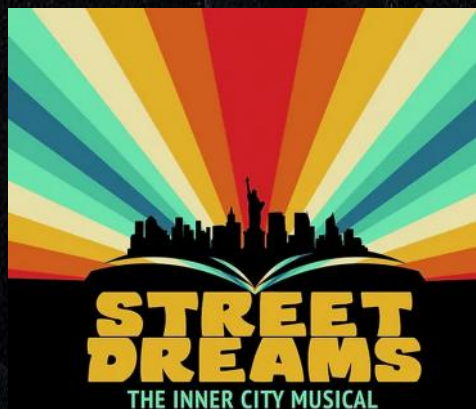
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