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Choreographed by Savannah Carter

The Wizard of Oz

By L. Frank Baum

Music & Lyrics by Harold

Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert

Stothart

Dance & Vocal Arrangements

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Orchestration by Larry Wilcox



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Rowan Reid, Violet Riegel, Ragan Weese

Act One

Over the Rainbow – Dorothy, Munchkins
Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead – Glinda, Dorothy, Munchkins
Follow the Yellow Brick Road / You're Off to See the Wizard – Munchkins & Dorothy
If I Only Had a Brain – Scarecrow, Dorothy
We're Off to See the Wizard – Dorothy, Scarecrow
If I Only Had a Heart – Tin Man, Dorothy, Scarecrow
If I Only Had the Nerve – Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man
We're Off to See the Wizard – Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion
Poppies – Glinda, Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion & Ensemble

-15 Minute Intermission-

Act Two

The Merry Old Land of Oz – Dorothy, Tin Man, Scarecrow, Lion, Guard, Ozians
If I Were King of the Forest – Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man
March of the Winkies – Winkies
The Jitterbug – Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion & Ensemble
Winkies March with Friends & Reprise: Over the Rainbow – Dorothy, Tinman,
Scarecrow, Lion & Winkies
Reprise: Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead – Winkies
Finale – Full Company

THE WIZARD OF OZ is presented by special arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

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The Cast



Dee Bailey (**Almira Gulch/Wicked Witch of the West**), Air Force Veteran and St. Louis native, enjoys sharing a good meal with family and friends, birdwatching, and scouting antique stores. Dee was last seen in February/March 2026 as a Tina Turner Impersonator in the On Stage Walton production of *The Wedding Singer*. Other On Stage Walton performances include Bunny Sutherland in *The Hallelujah Girls* (2025), Disco Diva Levora Verona in the musical *Disaster!* (2024), and Hoke Coleburn in *Driving Miss Daisy* (Spring 2023). She dedicates her performances in *The Wizard of Oz* to her beloved mom, Evelyn Bomar, who passed away unexpectedly on May 4, 2026.



Mitch Clayton (**Hunk/Scarecrow**) is back at OnStage for the first time in over a decade after last appearing as Seymour in 2015's *Little Shop of Horrors*. He is honored to reprise the role of Scarecrow, having previously played the role with Athens Creative Theatre in 2012. Mitch would like to dedicate his performance to his niece, Sydalee. Although you're Team Witch, thanks for being my Oz buddy over the last few months! "*Success is how high you bounce when you hit the bottom.*" – General George S. Patton



Maddox Daher (**Hickory/Tin Man**) is a rising senior at Walnut Grove High School. He is also the new president of Troupe 7663. He is so excited to perform for onstage and plans on continuing acting as he grows and a person.

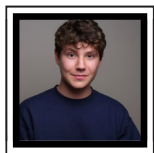


Gary Dawkins (**Uncle Henry/Emerald City Guard**) lives in Conyers with his wife, four children, two dogs, and two cats! While two of his kids have been on-stage before, this is Gary's very first time and he is thoroughly enjoying the experience!



Rowan Downs (**Lullabye League Munchkin, Apple Tree, Ozian**) is 9 years old and an upcoming 4th grader at Youth Elementary School. She loves to sing, make people laugh, and be the center of attention whenever she gets the chance! This production marks her OnStage debut, and she couldn't be more excited. Rowan enjoys spending time with her family and friends and brings lots of energy and enthusiasm to everything she does. She hopes you enjoy the show!

The Cast



Landon Dunn (**Zeke/Cowardly Lion**) is a 15 year old rising Sophomore passionate about musical theatre. He was last seen as The Cat in the Hat (*Seussical Jr.*). When not on stage, he competes as a Jumper at Southern Sky Farm. He is excited to make his On Stage debut with this talented cast.



Olive Flores (**Lullabye League Munchkin, Apple Tree, Ozian**) is a passionate young performer who has been involved in theater since she was 4 years old. She is homeschooled in the eighth grade. Olive has taken on many roles, including Annie in *Annie*, Peter Pan in *Peter Pan*, Lavender in *Matilda*, Ursula in *The Little Mermaid*, and Lady Marian in *Robin Hood*. She's thrilled to work with OnStage again and excited to share the stage with her friends!



Lauren Funderburke (**Aunt Em, Ozian**) has been acting and singing since childhood and was inspired by her nephew, Liam, to audition for the *Wizard of Oz*. You may have seen her playing the role of Shelby in *Steel Magnolias* last year at the Winder-Barrow Community Theater. This is her first production with On Stage.



Tamba Mibenge (**Lollipop Guild Munchkin, Crow, Ozian, Winkie General**) is a 21 year old aspiring actor and gaming YouTuber. He has always had a talent for singing and dancing since he could remember. He began doing chorus when he was in 4th grade, and began theatre in the 10th grade. This is his On Stage debut performance.



Cove Mills (**Munchkin Mayor, Ozian, Winkie**) is going into 6th grade and his top priority is making everyone laugh and going as fast as possible on anything with a motor. His favorite pastimes are playing drums in a rock band and making all strangers into friends. He's extremely excited for his role as Munchkin Mayor. Cove always enjoys working with Onstage and hopes to open doors to bigger and better things!

The Cast



Callisto Mills (**Munchkin, Ozian, Flying Monkey**) is a rising eighth grader and an outgoing person with a strong passion for theatre. She has always been a natural actress and has been in 4 plays and musicals with Onstage and even more with school! Callisto is 13 and won't stop growing every year as an actress until she can grace the screen with her presence. She also enjoys belting it out to anyone who will listen. Callisto has eight furbabies who she loves like her own children and would do anything for.



Mia Palacios (**Munchkin, Ozian, Nikko Flying Monkey Captain**) is a senior at BASA High School in Barrow County. She has been acting since elementary school and is a rising star. She may be small but her heart and dreams are big. She is passionate about singing, dancing and acting. This is her On Stage debut performance.



Josie Penick (**Lullabye League Munchkin, Apple Tree, Ozian**) is an upcoming junior at Walnut Grove High School. She has always had a passion for the fine arts, as she is involved in her school's drama and chorus program. Some of her past roles include Fiona (*Shrek the Musical*), Anna (*Frozen the Musical*), and SpongeBob (*SpongeBob Musical*). She is so excited to perform at onstage for this amazing show!



Karly Pecua (**Glinda**) is an actress, singer, amateur photographer, and gamer from Athens where she lives with her fur-son, Tucker. She has appeared in several On Stage productions, including *The Complete Works of Shakespeare (Abridged)*, *The Spitfire Grill*, and *Catch Me If You Can*. When she's not on stage you can catch her at Renaissance faires and comic conventions!



Rowan Reid (**Toto**) is excited for their fourth show at Onstage Walton! Previously seen as Julia in *Wedding Singer* and Effie in *Spitfire Grill*, Rowan is ready for the chance of scenery as Toto! Favorite roles of theirs include Lucy in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* and Adelaide in *Guys and Dolls*.

The Cast



Gavin Sherrill (**Lollipop Guild Munchkin, Crow, Ozian, Winkie**) is thrilled for his first show at On Stage. He has previously been a part of productions such as *Shrek* (Big Bad Wolf), *Wizard of Oz* (Lion), and *Seussical* (Horton) to name a few. He is thankful for the support from his friends and family.



Grant Sherrill (**Lollipop Guild Munchkin, Crow, Ozian, Winkie**) is so thankful God has given him the opportunity to perform at On Stage! In the past he has played as Prince Eric (*Little Mermaid*), Tin Man (*Wizard of Oz*), and Horton (*Seussical*). He's very excited to be a part of this production and for what comes next!



Armuni Smart (**Dorothy Gale**) recently graduated from Central Gwinnett High School, where she was part of the School of the Arts program. She has loved singing and acting throughout all four years of high school. Armuni is committed to Georgia Southern University, where she plans to major in Criminology with a minor in Theatre while continuing to audition for shows. This is her On Stage debut performance.



Anderlynn Thrailkill (**Munchkin Coroner, Ozian, Flying Monkey**) is a homeschooled rising 8th grader. She enjoys theater, art, and role-playing games. Her biggest fan is her adorable dog, Mo. She is excited to be back at On Stage after her role as Widow in *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*.



Mike Wheeler (**Professor Marvel/The Wizard**) is a retired school teacher. He has performed in several On Stage productions. He was last seen playing Burl Sanders (*Smoke on the Mountain*). He is excited and proud to be performing with On Stage again.



Meet the Director



Marc Hammes (**Director**) is the On Stage Artistic Director. After receiving degrees in Theater, Speech, English and Secondary Education, he has continued directing all age levels. Marc has directed many On Stage productions, including *The Giver*, *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Bright Star*, and the On Stage Youth Acting Workshops. Break legs!

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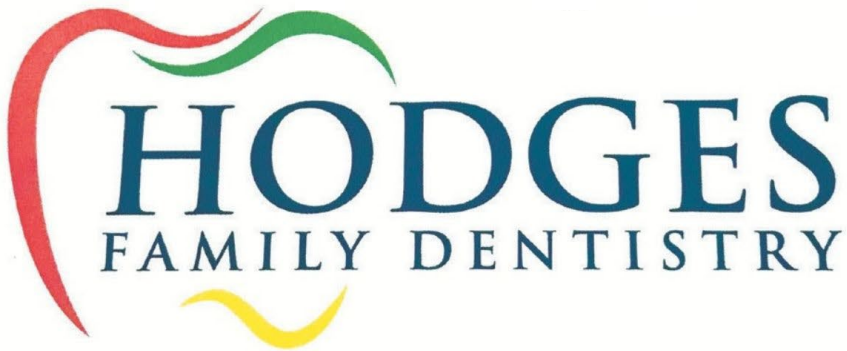
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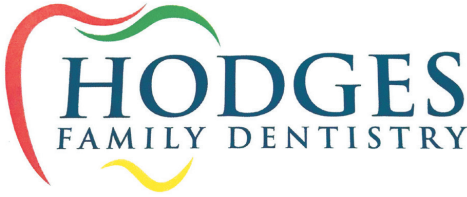


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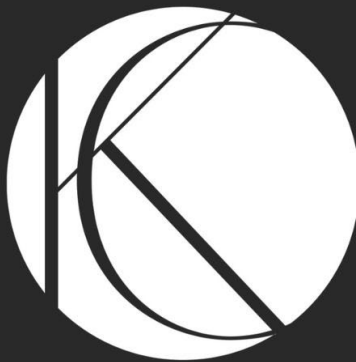
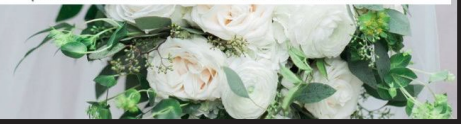
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