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2008 PREMIERE SEASON 2009

SPRING SEASON SCHEDULE

February 20, 21, 27, 28, 2009 | 7:30 pm
February 21, 28 | 2:00 pm

*** Wizard of Oz**
The Bezemes Family Theater

March 7, 2009 | 8:00 pm
March 8 | 2:00 pm

Cirque Eloize Nebbia
The Bezemes Family Theater

March 25, 2009 | 7:30 pm

LU Choruses Concert
The Bezemes Family Theater

April 16, 2009 | 7:30 pm

LU Jazz Band Concert
The Bezemes Family Theater

April 17, 2009 | 7:00 pm

Student Conductors' Concert
The Bezemes Family Theater

April 23, 24, 25, 2009 | 7:30 pm

Spring Dance Concert
The Bezemes Family Theater

May 6, 2009 | 7:30 pm

Voices Only Concert
The Emerson Black Box Theater

* A Lindenwood Theatrical Production

TICKET INFORMATION

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THE WIZARD OF OZ

BOOK BY
L. FRANK BAUM

MUSIC AND LYRICS OF THE MGM MOTION PICTURE SCORE
BY HAROLD ARLEN AND E. Y. HARBURG

FROM THE MOTION PICTURE SOUNDTRACK

BACKGROUND MUSIC
BY HERBERT STOTHART

BOOK ADAPTATION
BY JOHN KANE

FLYING BY FOY

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CAST

Auntie Em.....Amanda Walker
 Uncle Henry.....David Moreshead
 DorothySamantha Bonomo
 Zeke/LionMichael Juncal
 Hickory/Tin ManRobert Mitchell
 Hunk/Scarecrow..... Adam C. Loyd
 Glinda.....Katie Lynn McGowan
 Almira Gultch/Wicked Witch West..... Kelly McCarthy
 Prof. Marvel/OzMike Dowdy*

Tree, Osian.....Catherine Neuhart
 Tree, Osian, Poppy/Snow.....Emily Heitmeter
 Tree, Osian..... Sarah Greene
 Flying Monkey, Osian.....Nicole Ogden
 Flying MonkeyTasha Zebrowski
 Flying Monkey Amanda Kelley
 Beautician, Osian..... Sarah Childs Porter Carlson
 Beautician, Osian..... Wendy Bradford
 Manicurist, Osian.....Amy Grooms
 Manicurist, Osian..... Carolyn Gertsch
 Poppy/Snow, Osian.....Morgan Callender
 Poppy/Snow, Osian..... Megan Jones
 Poppy/Snow, Osian, Jitterbug..... Kayla Doeren
 Poppy/Snow, Osian.....Caitlin Brand
 Poppy/Snow, Osian..... Allison Stuhler
 Poppy/Snow, Osian..... Megan Lamont
 Poppy/Snow, Osian..... Bailey Richardson
 Poppy/Snow, Osian..... Emiley Scott Norris
 Jitterbug, Osian.....Marlea Jenkins
 Jitterbug, Osian.....Tara Noelle Crafton
 Jitterbug, Osian.....Lauren Preston
 Jitterbug, Osian.....Beth Wickenhauser
 Jitterbug, Osian..... Nicole Lombardi
 Osian..... Colleen Kelley
 Polisher, Osian Jeremy Barrett
 Polisher, Osian Jon Laughlin

Winkie, Osian Liam Hoeh
 Winkie, OsianSean Gibbs
 Winkie, Osian Daniel Mauk
 Winkie, OsianRyan Wood
 Winkie, OsianDevin Lowe
 Winkie, Osian Jamal Mackey
 Osian..... Rafael Quintas
 Winkie, Jitterbug, Osian..... Jordan Breeden
 Capt. Winkie, Osian..... Peter Colombatto
 Crow, Flying Monkey Kevin Bax
 Crow, Nikko (flying monkey) Nathaniel
 Crow, Jitterbug, Osian.....Devon A.A. Norris
 Guard #1Mark Saunders

+member of Actors Equity Association

**candidate for MFA in theater*

Cast B:

Auntie Em.....Lindsay Bartlett
 Uncle Henry.....David Moreshead
 Dorothy Lizzy Nolen
 Zeke/Lion Nick Moramarco
 Hickory/Tin Man Keith Parker
 Hunk/Scarecrow Brent Nowack
 Glinda Tara Rispin
 Almira Gultch/Wicked Witch West.....Maggie Murphy
 Prof. Marvel/Oz Kevin Hester

Third Graders

Mayor..... Justin Easler
 Coroner Mark Sanders
 Braggart..... Lorenzo Hayes
 BarristerEmilee Benskin
 City Fathers.....Brett Cagle
 Nathan Thompson
 Teacher Monica Hancock
 Ballerinas..... Meranda Breece
 Elle Miguel
 Rachel Prickett
 Tough Guys.....Matthew Becker
 Caleb Gibbs
 Devohn Goodwin
 Fiddler..... Josephine Day

Munchkins: Kailyn Adams, Ayanna Bary, Becca Follin, Taysia Gasperoni, Bailey Griffiths,
 Giovanni Hagan, Trinity Johnson, Samantha McMurtrey, Aydan Smith, Samantha Sutberry,
 Alison Tesdall, Zachary Wells

Fourth Graders:

Mayor.....Kellen Wright
 CoronerRyan Peterson
 Braggart..... Jacob Fritz
 Barrister Malory Harvey
 City Fathers..... Giovanni Arrendondo
 Ryan Kolkmeier
 Tommie Whitney
 Teachers..... Kailey Atterberry
 Kylie Hite
 Ballerinas..... Megan Bischof
 Kate Simmons
 Kaity Wedemeyer
 Tough Guys..... Kenny Guinther
 Stephon Loyet
 Alex Reynolds
 Fiddler.....Desirae Wells
 Woman..... Alexandra Hamilton

Kailey Ellis, Tyler Emery, Emily Emerick, Chyna Harris, Leighana Johnson, Kristi Leslie,
 Hannah Norgard, Alex Philipp, Jade Smith, Kiarra Stillman, Emma Stutsman, Samantha
 VanMater

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director Marsha Parker
Musical Director..... Pamela Grooms
Choreographer..... Janet Strzelec
Student Director Becca Helms
Assistant Director/ Assistant Musical Director.....
Pit Conductor
Production Stage Manager.....
Assistant Production Stage Manager
Stage Manager..... Tara Queen
Assistant Stage Manager Laura Gibbons
Kelley Keough
Dance Captain/ Assistant Choreographer Devon A.A. Norris
Scene Design Coordinator Donnell Walsh
Scenic Artist..... John Troy
Technical Director/ Lighting Designer
Assistant Lighting Designer.....
Costume Designer
Costume Assistant.....
Make-Up..... Brian Ebbinghaus
Whitney Kaibal
Sound Designer
Assistant Sound Designer.....
Shop Foreman.....
Master Electrician.....
Marketing Director Jenni Passig*
Marketing Assistants..... Tara Queen
Kimi Wibbenmeyer
Poster Design Erin Kay
Box Office Managers..... Mike Dowdy*
Brian Kappler*
Props Mistress Kelley Keough
Light Board Operator Alex Cooper
Sound Board Operator..... Brian Kappler
Drew Matney
Flyman..... Mike Dombek
Taylor Lewis
Foy Flying Director Dustin Massie
Foy Kolton Kono
Brian Paladin
Shaun Reis
Video Production..... Mariano Copello, Steve McKnight,
Greg Shufeldt
Stage Crew Joe Bayne
Spot Lights..... Mike Ginsburg
Sammy Safron
Dressers..... Angela Cox

Shelby Davis
Catherine Lipski
Automation/ Projectionist Tim Johnson
Child Wrangler Parth Patel

Costumes:

First Hand Marcell Klett
Erin Ellenbrock, Oyuntungalag Gavaasuren, Colleen Kelly, Catherine Lipski, Maggie Murphy, Nicole Ogden,
Sarah Porter, Jillian Rades, Amanda Walker, Tara Rispin

Props:

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Historian and author Henry M. Littlefield calls the book written by L. Frank Baum and illustrated by W. W. Denslow a parable on American Populism in the late 1800's. While this may be an intriguing idea, Mr. Baum clearly states in his introduction to *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (1900), the book was written "solely to please the children of today."

This enduring tale of self-reliance, friendship, determination, and adventure has been a favorite of children (and the adults they have become) for more than 100 years. The best illustration I can offer of how deeply the story is felt is by sharing an event related to me many years ago. A gentleman took his 5-year old daughter to see a production of *The Wizard of Oz* at the St. Louis MUNY Theatre. A few minutes after the show began, he glanced at his daughter and was surprised and concerned to see tears streaming down her face. He said, "Stacy, honey, what's wrong?" She replied, "Oh, daddy, do you think Dorothy knows I'm here?"

The cast and crew of Lindenwood's production of *The Wizard of Oz* encourage you to suspend your disbelief and be like Stacy. Forget that this may be a political allegory or a play. For a few hours, become a child again, hoping that Dorothy and her fellow seekers know that you are here for them.

SPECIAL THANKS

Thanking the Munchkins!

We are so pleased to have members of the Monroe School Mascot Chorus appearing as Munchkins in the Lindenwood University production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Since they only appear early in the first act and because third and fourth graders have an abundance of energy, they will be excused after they perform. Therefore, we will give them their curtain call as Dorothy leaves Munchkinland and embarks on her journey down the Yellow Brick Road. We'll lead the applause and ask that you join us to give these extraordinarily talented students the appreciation they deserve!

And while Mr. Pat Johnston, director of the Mascot Chorus, is not on stage with his students, we want him to know that a large measure of the applause goes to him, too. He is an exceptionally talented and dedicated teacher and we thank him for his hard work in this endeavor.



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