

**JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS:**

The WIZARD of OZ

**JACKSON CENTER FOR THE
PERFORMING ARTS
FALL 2020**

THE WIZARD OF OZ is presented by arrangement with Concord
Theatricals on behalf of Tams-Witmark LLC
www.concordtheatricals.com

JACKSON HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS:



**By L. Frank Baum
With Music and Lyrics by
Harold Arlen
E.Y. Harburg**

**Background Music by
Herbert Stothart**

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by
Peter Howard

Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Cane for the Royal
Shakespeare Company

Based on the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner
Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by
Warner Bros.

A note from the
DIRECTORS

In the traditional retelling of *The Wizard of Oz*, when a tornado rips through Kansas, Dorothy and her dog, Toto, are transported to the magical land of Oz. They follow the yellow brick road toward the Emerald City to meet the Wizard, and en route they meet a Scarecrow that needs a brain, a Tin Man missing a heart, and a Cowardly Lion who wants courage. The Wizard asks the group to bring him the broom of the Wicked Witch of the West to earn his help. Dorothy just wants to go home.

The Jackson version of this time honored tale incorporates the current conundrum that exists in today's education. In the story you are about to watch, young Dorothy is torn from the comforts of her home, where she is nurtured by her family, Auntie Em and Uncle Henry, to embark on an emotional journey of confusion, self-doubt and finally self-realization. On her way to the land of Oz, she meets the empathetic Scarecrow, who embraces overt kindness and tradition, the Tin Man, a technological guru who has to be reminded that compassion and connections are the heart of all we do, and the Cowardly Lion, who just does not know which way to turn. Lion is so well meaning but so confused. He tries to do the right thing, to learn from the new ways, but he is terrified by change and losing his grip on the affective benefits and comfort of the way things have always been done.

More than anything Dorothy just wants the Wizard of Oz to help her to return to the love and comfort of home and familiar traditions. However, on her journey she finds that her new friends, who have encouraged her to see the future in a new way, and to expand her horizons, have become her family. Maybe, just maybe, her future becomes a composite of tradition and the new way, and that realization, in tandem with the love of friends and family, truly is what makes home, home. No matter how she is impacted by change and circumstance, Dorothy learns there really is no place like home.

Susan Gardner
Director of Jackson School for the Arts

Hannah Rissler & Scott Eversdyke
Co-Musical Directors

Megan Seemann
Choreographer

Elizabeth Galloway-Purcell
Assistant Music Director

CAST & CREW
(In order of appearance)

Dorothy GaleEmma Maier
Aunt Em/GlindaGrace Sykes
Uncle Henry/Emerald City Guard/Munchkin/WinkieMichael Stokes
Zeke/LionJackson Clarke
Hickory/TinmanZachary Charlick
Hunk/ScarecrowDane West
Almira Giltch/Wicked WitchKamri Beard
Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz/Munchkin/Monkey/OzianJason Ruppert
Crow/Nikko/Coroner/OzianDominic Abbott

CROW TRIO/ENSEMBLE*:

Dominic Abbott
Tucker Gayhart
Benny Iraheta

TREE TRIO/ENSEMBLE*:

AJ Baker
Abby Haught
Jordyn Hopfensperger

ENSEMBLE*:

Emily Baughman
Jayson Bostic
Grace Clark

Ben Clarke
Emma Reindel
Samantha Ryan

Zoe Vaughn
Gracie Warden
Emmelyn Woolbert

**Will play a variety of roles including Munchkins, Winkies, Ozians, Poppies, Snowflakes & Fitterbugs*

Please note that strobe effects will be used in this performance.

*Due to copyright law and contractual agreement with MTI
videotaping & photography of this performance is prohibited.*



JACKSON SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

*"Art has the role in education of helping children
become like themselves instead of more like everyone else."
- Sydney Gurewitz Clemens*



ACT ONE

"Opening"	Orchestra, Chorus Girls
"Somewhere Over the Rainbow"	Dorothy
"The Cyclone"	Orchestra
"Munchkinland Musical Sequence" /	
"Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead!"	Glinda, Dorothy, Munchkins
"Yellow Brick Road"	Munchkins
"If I Only Had a Brain"	Scarecrow, Dorothy, Crow
"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).....	Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow
"If I Only Had the Nerve"	Lion, Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow
"We're Off to See the Wizard" (Quartet).....	Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion
"Poppies"	Glinda, Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, Chorus

ACT TWO

"Entr'acte"/"Optimistic Voices"	Orchestra, Chorus Girls
"The Merry Old Land of Oz"	Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Guard, Ozians
"King of the Forest"	Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman
"March of the Winkies"	Winkies
"Jitterbug"	Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Jitterbugs
"Winkies March with Friends" /	
"Somewhere Over the Rainbow" (reprise).....	Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, Winkies
"Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead!" (reprise).....	Winkies
"Graduation Exercises"	Orchestra
"Finale Act Two"	Orchestra

There will be a brief 10 minute intermission between acts.

CAST MEMBERS



DOMINIC ABBOTT (*Nikko/Monkey/Crow*) Dominic Abbott may be a freshman in the Jackson School for the Arts, but he is no stranger to the stage. He has played roles such as Donkey in *Shrek*, Charlie in *Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory*, Adult Simba in the *Lion King*, and more. When he's not singing, Dominic plays the guitar, skateboards, and enjoys sports. Dominic has attended Canton South for elementary school, Canton Country Day for middle school, and is new to Jackson Local. He thanks his aunt, Stefanie Fatzinger, for introducing him to theater at a young age.



AJ BAKER (*Tree Trio/Ensemble*) AJ Baker is ecstatic to be in the production of *Wizard of Oz*. AJ is currently a sophomore in the Jackson School for the Arts program. She has been in other productions such as *The Lion King Jr.* and *Mary Poppins Jr.* AJ plays the mellophone and French horn for the Jackson band. She also is a proud member of Chorale. AJ says she owes all her accomplishments to her ever supportive friends and family.



EMILY BAUGHMAN (*Ensemble*) Emily is thrilled to be in the cast of *Wizard of Oz*! She is currently a sophomore in the Jackson School for the Arts. Emily has appeared in *Mary Poppins Jr.*, *The Lion King Jr.*, *Seussical Jr.*, and is presently in Jacks-N-Jills and Chorale. She enjoys singing for her church and in their youth choir. Outside of school, Emily enjoys hanging out with her youth group, reading her Bible, and dancing at Craven Dance Studio.



KAMRI BEARD (*Almira Gultch/Wicked Witch*) Kamri is super excited to be portraying the Wicked Witch in *Wizard of Oz*! Kamri is a senior this year in the Jackson School for the Arts. She has appeared in shows at the North Canton Playhouse. She also participated in past JHS shows in the following roles: Ensemble for *Beauty and the Beast*, Rosie Alvarez in *Bye Bye Birdie*, and Tanya in *Mamma Mia*. Kamri is actively involved in her youth group as a worship leader. She plans to attend university to major in Speech Pathology or Library Sciences. She is beyond grateful to her fellow cast and crew for making this show such a success, and to her parents for supporting her in everything she does.



JAYSON BOSTIC (*Ensemble*) Jayson is very excited to be in this year's production of *Wizard of Oz* as a member of the ensemble. He has been featured in the JMMS musicals *Seussical Jr.* (Whickersham), *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Micheal Banks), and *Aladdin Jr.* (Iago), as well as a previous member of the JMMS Chamber ensemble. Jayson is also a member of the Jackson School for the Arts, the Purple Army and Freshman chorus, and he is loving his freshman year experience.

CAST MEMBERS



ROSIE CHARLICK (*Toto*) Rosie is ecstatic to be making her theatrical debut in this year's JHS production of Wizard of Oz. Her hobbies include eating food, playing fetch, and hanging out with her sister, Delilah. Rosie would like to thank her humans, Dad, Mom, Noah, Zach and Brenna for always believing in her.



ZACHARY CHARLICK (*Hickory/Tinman*) Zach is thrilled to be shaking off the rust for this year's JHS production of Wizard of Oz! Zach is a senior at the Jackson School for the Arts. His previous credits include Race in Newsies, Baby John in West Side Story, and the Egg Man in Beauty and the Beast. Zach is a proud member of J-N-J, Men's Chorus, Robotics Club, Chorale, and The Textbook Tunes. His heart goes out to his mom and dad, always his biggest supporters, as well as the amazing JSA teachers and staff for going above and beyond their job descriptions and constantly inspiring students to do what they love.



GRACE CLARK (*Ensemble*) Grace is extremely excited and very grateful to be apart of Wizard of Oz. She is a senior in the Jackson School for the Arts program at JHS. She was previously involved in the musical, Beauty and the Beast, in costume crew, in the spring play, Arsenic and Old Lace, as a student director, and assistant stage manager in Lion, The Witch, And The Wardrobe. In the fall of 2019, she was in Mamma Mia and the year before as Susie in Bye Bye Birdie. Grace is also a member of the J-N-J show choir at Jackson. Grace is extremely thankful for all of the opportunities she has been given over the past few years.



BEN CLARKE (*Ensemble*) Ben is excited to return to the JHS stage. Now a sophomore in the Jackson School for the Arts program, he has previously performed in *Mamma Mia* (male dancer), *Mary Poppins Jr.* (George Banks), *The Little Mermaid Jr.* (Flounder) and *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Maurice). Ben is a Life Scout in Troop 935. He also plays baseball for Jackson and the Mashfactory travel baseball league. He would like to thank his family for their support and Debbie Cardy for helping him get here.



JACKSON CLARKE (*Lion/Zeke*) Jackson is ecstatic to be on the JHS stage for another production. He is currently a senior in the Jackson School for the Arts and has been previously seen as Father Alexandrios in *Mamma Mia* and Edmund in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. Jackson has additionally performed in workshops at Stage Door Studios, such as the Major General in *The Pirates of Penzance*. Jackson is also an Eagle Scout from troop 935 and a 3-year member of the Jacks-N-Jills and Chorale. Jackson would like to thank his family for always supporting him no matter what.

CAST MEMBERS



TUCKER GAYHART (*Crow Trio/Ensemble*) Tucker is thrilled to be performing as a member of the crow trio in *Wizard of Oz*. He is currently a junior in the Jackson School for the Arts. He has appeared in *Mamma Mia* and *Bye Bye Birdie* as an ensemble member. He is a member of the Purple Army and the 6 O'Clock Big Band playing the tenor saxophone, as well as a member of the Jacks-N-Jills, Chorale, and the Men's Chorus. Tucker would like to thank his family for always pushing him forward and helping him to get where he is today.



ABBY HAUGHT (*Tree Trio/Ensemble*) Abby is very excited to be performing as a tree and ensemble member in *Wizard of Oz*. Abby is currently a senior member of Jackson School for the Arts. She has previously been cast in *Bye, Bye, Birdie* and *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, worked on crew for *Beauty and the Beast* and *Arsenic and Old Lace*, and student directed for *Mamma Mia*. Upon graduation, Abby plans to attend college. She enjoys visual art, baking, theatre, and spending time with her friends and family. She is also a proud member of Chorale and Jacks-N-Jills show choir. Abby would like to thank her parents for always encouraging and supporting her in all that she does.



MARIA HISEY (*Student Director*) Maria is excited to be a student director for *Wizard of Oz*. She is currently a junior member of Jackson School for the Arts and has spent most of her life performing and been seen in the ensembles of *Mamma Mia* and *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*. She is a member of J-N-J, marching band, chorale, the Cleveland Orchestra Youth Chorus, and Speech & Debate. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her.



JORDYN HOPFENSPERGER (*Tree Trio/Ensemble*) Jordyn is thrilled to be a part of *Wizard of Oz* this year! She is a sophomore student in the Jackson School for the Arts. Jordyn was previously Gertrude Mcfuzz in *Suessical Jr.* and Mrs. Andrews in *Mary Poppins Jr.*, as well as part of the ensemble in *Mamma Mia!* Jordyn is a proud member of Jacks-N-Jills, Chorale, Women's Chorus, and Drama Club. She is also a member of the North Canton YMCA Gymnastics Team. Jordyn would like to thank her friends and family for all of their love and support.



BENNY IRAHETA (*Ensemble*) Benny is happy to be in another musical at Jackson High School. He is a junior in the Jackson School for the Arts program and has been in the productions of *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Mama Mia* at the school, and can't wait to perform in *Wizard of Oz*. He is in the Jackson Chorale and enjoys to play French horn in the band. Benny thanks his family and friends for all the support they give him in everything he does.

CAST MEMBERS



KATHRYN MAGEE (*Student Director*) Kathryn is ecstatic to be a part of *Wizard of Oz* at Jackson High School! She is currently a junior member of the Jackson School for the Arts. She has appeared in several shows at Jackson and at the North Canton Playhouse, including *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Lion King Jr.*, *Suessical Jr.*, *Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe*, *Elf*, *Jingles of Christmas Past*, etc. Upon graduation, Kathryn hopes to attend Baldwin Wallis University and double major in Psychology and Musical Theater. She is a visual artist and enjoys writing music. She is a proud member of Concert Choir. Kathryn thanks her entire family for supporting her through this incredible journey.



EMMA MAIER (*Dorothy*) Emma is thrilled to be returning to the JHS stage as Dorothy in this year's production of *Wizard of Oz*! She is currently a senior in the Jackson School for the Arts. Her favorite past roles include Hunyak in *Chicago* at the Players Guild Theatre and a featured dancer in *Beauty and the Beast*. In addition to performing with Chorale, Women's Chorus, Jacks-N-Jills, and the Edge Dance Company, she has also trained at Studio 136 Dance Center for 13 years. She would like to thank her family, friends, and the whole JSA community—there's no place like home.



EMMA REINDEL (*Ensemble*) Emma is excited to be making her performing debut in the ensemble of *Wizard of Oz*. She is a Jackson School for the Arts junior, as well as a member of Women's Chorus, Chorale, and first-year member of JSA's Edge Dance Company! Emma also loves participating in gymnastics and dance. Enjoy the show and remember to follow the yellow brick road!



JASON RUPPERT (*Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz*) Jason is thrilled to be performing as Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz in *Wizard of Oz*. He is currently a sophomore member of Jackson School for the Arts and has appeared as a featured dancer of *Mamma Mia* as well as Bert in *Mary Poppins Jr.* Jason is a dedicated musician as a member of the Jackson Purple Army, playing percussion, and is a proud member of Chorale and the Jacks-N-Jills. He is a Life Scout in Scouts BSA. Jason thanks his parents for always encouraging him and helping him achieve his dreams.



SAMANTHA RYAN (*Ensemble*) Samantha is so excited to be a part of the ensemble in *Wizard of Oz* and is a sophomore in the Jackson School for the Performing Arts. She has been in different shows like *Seussical Jr.*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, and more! She is also a member of Chorale! Sam also plays volleyball and enjoys singing and dancing outside of school. Sam wants to thank her JSA teachers and her family for pushing her and making her where she is now.

CAST MEMBERS



MICHAEL STOKES (*Uncle Henry/Emerald City Guard*) Michael is excited to appear as Uncle Henry and the Emerald City Guard in *Wizard of Oz*. Michael is a senior in the Jackson School for the Arts and is a member of Chorale, Jacks-N-Jills, and the Jackson Band. He has appeared in the ensemble of *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* and *Mamma Mia*, in addition to working as a student director in Jackson's production of *Clue*. Michael is interested in visual art, fashion design, and music. After high school, Michael hopes to attend Kent State University and major in fashion design.



GRACE SYKES (*Glinda*) Grace is excited to return to the stage as Glinda for her senior year performance. Grace is a senior with the Jackson School for the Arts and has previously been seen as Sophie Sheridan in *Mamma Mia* and in various productions at the North Canton Playhouse. Grace is also a proud member of J-N-J, Chorale, and the Jackson mock trial team. In her free time, she volunteers as a poll worker recruiter. Grace would like to thank Mrs. Rissler, Mr. E, Miss GP, and Mrs. Gardner for their constant support, Lisa Paynter for helping her grow as a performer, and her parents for their unceasing love and encouragement.



ZOE VAUGHN (*Ensemble*) Zoe is ecstatic to be a part of *Wizard of Oz* this year! She is a freshman member of the Jackson School for the Arts. She has previously been seen on the JHS stage as Princess Jasmine in *Aladdin Jr.*, Jane Banks in *Mary Poppins Jr.*, JoJo in *Seussical Jr.*, and Gracie Shinn in *The Music Man*. She is a part of Speech & Debate and enjoys singing, playing guitar, and dancing in her free time. Zoe thanks her family, her vocal coach Mrs. Laurel Seeds, and Mr. Eversdyke, Mrs. Rissler, Mrs. Seeman, Ms. Galloway-Purcell, and Mrs. Gardner for this opportunity.



GRACIE WARDEN (*Ensemble*) Gracie is excited to be in the ensemble in *Wizard of Oz* and is a freshman in Jackson School for the Arts. She has appeared in *Mary Poppins* and *Aladdin* at JMMS. She also has appeared in multiple shows at The North Canton Playhouse, including Anna in *Frozen Jr.*, Amanda Thripp in *Matilda*, Baby Audrey 2 in *Little Shop of Horrors*, and more. Gracie hopes to be Anna at Disney World when she graduates, which has been one of her biggest dreams for years. Gracie is also a black belt in Karate, dances, and takes voice lessons. She loves to sing and dance and can't thank her family enough for supporting her in everything that she does!



DANE WEST (*Scarecrow*) Dane is excited to be a part of *Wizard of Oz*! He is a senior with the Jackson School for the Arts and was previously seen as Sky in last year's *Mamma Mia* and was in the ensemble in both *Bye Bye Birdie* and *Beauty and the Beast*. He is a member of Jacks-N-Jills and in JSA. Dane appreciates the dedication of the JHS staff that have made this weird year as "normal" as possible and would like to thank his family for all of their love and support!

CAST MEMBERS



EMMELYN WOOLBERT (*Ensemble*) Emmelyn is excited to be performing as an ensemble member in *Wizard of Oz*. She is currently a freshman member of Jackson School for the Arts and has preformed in many musicals, including *Aladdin Jr.*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, and *Seussical Jr.* She enjoys the visual arts and loves to play softball. Emmelyn thanks her friends and family for always encouraging her to do what she loves.



JAYLYNN WOOTEN (*Student Director*) Jaylynn is very happy to take on the position of student director for *Wizard of Oz*. She is a senior in Jackson School for the Arts and a member of the band as well as various theatrical activities. She has been a part of props crew for *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Lion*, *The Witch*, and *The Wardrobe*, and *Mamma Mia*. After high school, Jaylynn hopes to pursue in the field of Social Service working and minor in child psychology.



PRODUCTION/CREATIVE TEAM

Artistic Director & Co-Musical Director.....Mrs. Hannah Rissler
Music Director & Co-Musical Director.....Mr. Scott Eversdyke
Choreographer.....Mrs. Megan Seemann
Assistant Music Director.....Miss Elizabeth Galloway-Purcell
Assistant Artistic Director & Producer.....Mrs. Susan Gardner
Music Production Assistant.....Miss Elizabeth Galloway-Purcell
Financial Manager.....Mrs. Lisa Ayres Surber
Costumer.....Mrs. Hannah Rissler
Publicity Manager.....Mrs. Ryann Despot
Technical Director & Manager of JCPA.....Mr. Carl Palmer
Assistant Technical Director.....Mr. D. Paul Skidmore
Student Technical Director.....Jonah Russ
Scenic Designer.....Mr. D. Paul Skidmore

STUDENT DIRECTORS:

Maria Hisey
Kathryn Magee
Jalynn Wooten

PUBLICITY CREW:

Sara Bennett
McKenzie Czekansky
Gabby Morris
Olivia Richardson
Jessica Westfall

STAGE CREW:

Logan Bishman
Blair Blythe
Sam Courson
Ashley Drensky
Jude Hartman

Morgan Klemens
Haley Potts
Joe Richmond
Ashley Scaife

Sarah Schmidt
Lia Swinehart
Dominic Thompson
Navaeh Trammel

SCENIC CREW:

Thank you to the Jackson High School stage crew and JSA Theatrical Production class.

© 2020.

THIS AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION WAS PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS CORP.
ALL RIGHTS RESERVED. THIS AUDIO-VISUAL PRESENTATION IS AUTHORIZED FOR NON-COMMERCIAL USE ONLY.
FURTHER DISTRIBUTION OF THIS PRESENTATION BY DOWNLOAD, STREAMING, REPOSTING, BROADCAST,
TELECAST, OR IN ANY OTHER MANNER OR MEDIUM, IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED, A VIOLATION OF THE
AUTHOR(S)'S RIGHTS, AND ACTIONABLE UNDER APPLICABLE COPYRIGHT LAW.

JSA *Important Dates*

THE ALL DISTRICT ARTS EXTRAVAGANZA AND AUCTION:
FEBRUARY 20, SNOW DATE 2/21

SPRING PLAY:
APRIL 9, 10

JSA SENIOR CELEBRATION AND BRUNCH:
APRIL 25

DANCE SHOWCASE:
MAY 7, 8

JSA SUMMER CAMPS:
JUNE 1-18



THE
meraki
GALLERY

A Jackson School
for the Arts Project

SPECIAL THANKS TO GENEROUS ARTS SPONSORS

**Nickles
BAKERY**



PlasDECK



**eAsh
Family Dental**

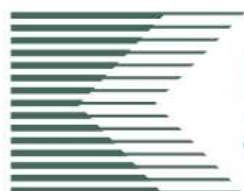
**Prato's
Pizza**



**OnTheBrink
Creative.com**



**CLARKE
FAMILY MEDICINE, LLC**



**KRUGLIAK, WILKINS, GRIFFITHS
& DOUGHERTY CO., L.P.A. attorneys at law**

Krugliak, Wilkins, Griffiths & Dougherty Co., L.P.A. (KWGD) has been serving Northeast Ohio clientele with exceptional legal services since 1958. Having been recognized among Best Law Firms by U.S. News, KWGD is full service law firm with nearly 60 attorneys and six office locations throughout Ohio. KWGD is proud to support JSA as the 2019 Program Sponsor. www.kwgd.com.

SPECIAL THANKS TO GENEROUS ARTS PATRONS

Bruce & Beth Altieri, David & Susie Gardner, Rita Haines, Dr. Gregg & Kristine Elefterin, Brian & Victoria Baxter, Chanda Dempsey & Bill Schmidt, Glenn & Peggy Mears, Sally Streiber & Doug Lasick, Rob & Ann McManis, Dr.'s Dan & Dayna Charlick, David & Laura Grabowsky, Dr.'s Jon & Doreen Ash, The Millner Family, Dr. Joe & Jennifer Hellmann, Dr. Sladjanna Courson & Anna Istnick and Dr. Clarke.



There's

NO PLACE

**LIKE
HOME**

Jackson High School 2020