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WELCOME BACK TO THE UMEI STAGE!

We are thrilled to welcome you to this year's UMEI Community Players production of *The Wizard of Oz*. It is such a joy to once again see this stage filled with creativity, collaboration, and community spirit.

This production represents months of hard work from an incredibly dedicated group of performers, musicians, painters, set builders, and volunteers. Their passion and commitment have brought this classic story to life, and we are so proud of what we have created together.

This year also marks an exciting step forward with the introduction of a new sound system and orchestra pit, made possible through the generosity of our sponsors and supporters. These upgrades will enhance not only tonight's performance, but many productions to come.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support the arts in our community and at UMEI, including our sponsors, volunteers, families, and audience members. Your encouragement makes it possible for the UMEI Community Players to grow and thrive.

Now, sit back, relax, and join us on the yellow brick road!

UMEI Community Players,
Jillian Suta, Artistic Director
Alyssa Epp, Music Director
Nicholas Driedger, Technical Director

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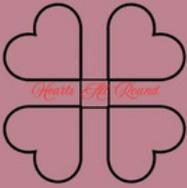
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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

OPENING – GIRLS CHORUS

SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW – DOROTHY

DING DONG THE WITCH IS DEAD! – GLINDA, DOROTHY,
MUNCHKIN CHORUS

YELLOW BRICK ROAD – DOROTHY, MUNCHKIN CHORUS

IF I ONLY HAD A BRAIN – SCARECROW, DOROTHY, CROWS

WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD – DOROTHY, SCARECROW

IF I ONLY HAD A HEART – TINMAN, DOROTHY, TREES

WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD – DOROTHY,
SCARECROW, TINMAN

LIONS, TIGERS AND BEARS – DOROTHY, SCARECROW,
TINMAN

IF I ONLY HAD THE NERVE – LION, DOROTHY,
SCARECROW, TINMAN

WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD – DOROTHY, SCARECROW,
TINMAN, LION

POPPIES – GLINDA, DOROTHY, SCARECROW, TINMAN, LION,
TREES, SNOWMEN

INTERMISSION

ACT II

ENTR'ACTE – CHORUS

THE MERRY OLD LAND OF OZ – GUARD, DOROTHY,
SCARECROW, TINMAN, LION, OZ CHORUS

IF I WERE KING OF THE FOREST – LION, DOROTHY,
SCARECROW, TINMAN

MARCH OF THE WINKIES – WINKIE CHORUS

JITTERBUG – DOROTHY, SCARECROW, TINMAN, LION, TREES

REPRISE: DING DONG THE WITCH IS DEAD! – WINKIE
CHORUS

THE CREW

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR..... Jill Suta
MUSIC DIRECTOR..... Alyssa Epp
TECHNICAL DIRECTOR..... Nicholas Driedger
CAST CHOREOGRAPHY.....Andrea Froese
LIGHTS..... Mckayla Peters
SOUND..... Luke Lear
STAGE MANAGER..... Joel Warkentin
PROP MANAGER..... Sonya Bedal
HEAD GRIP.....Billy Good
MARKETING..... Chani Wiens
SET BUILDING..... Walter Balzer, Jeff Unrau
SET PAINTING.....Natasha Schartner, Jen Driedger,
Luke Froese, Andrea Froese, Suzanne Balzer,
Pete Driedger, Sonya Bedal
MUNCHKINLAND SET.....Derek Bedal
EMERALD CITY SET.....Natasha Schartner
COSTUMES..... Nancy Armstrong, Justina Wieler,
Teresa Mazzella, Eva Wiens,
Kate WheeltonLukaniuk
SPONSORSHIP &.....Jane Wiens, Suzanne Balzer,
PROMOTION Lindsey Ecker, Chani Wiens
VOLUNTEERS.....Angie Logan-Toupin,
Bo Dominguez, Hayley Romanyck,
Tabby Tofan, Rachel Kuli,
Erica Derksen, Sue Black, Katie Omstead,
Matt Olewski, Hillary Fiss,
Kaela Fuller, Lenore Raisbeck

and many others who joined after the date of printing

THE CAST

DOROTHY GALE	Emry Murray
DOROTHY UNDERSTUDY (WED FEB 11)	Natalia Good
TOTO	Marilla
AUNT EM/GLINDA	Paige Frankfurth
UNCLE HENRY/EMERALD CITY GUARD	Mat Suta
ZEKE/COWARDLY LION	Terry Raisbeck
HICKORY/TINMAN	Luke Froese
HUNK/SCARECROW	Kyle C. Haight
ALMIRA GULCH/	Kimberly Schmitt
THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST	
PROFESSOR CHESTER MARVEL/	John Harder
THE WIZARD OF OZ	
DANCING COW	Joella Tofan
CITIZENS OF MUNCHKINLAND	Gwen Toupin, Josiah Good, Emerence Omstead-Olewski, Olive Suta Eloise Wigcherink, Delilah Suta
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CORONER	Joella Tofan
BARRISTER	Emmett Wiens
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FIDDLER	Kara Dick
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BRAGGART	Tessa Tofan
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CROWS

Julianne Wiens, Jaelyn Brett

Em WheeltonLukaniuk

TREES

Natalia Good, Leeanna Hildebrandt, Jessica

Wigcherink, Andrea Froese

Mya Youssef, Ava Austin, Hannah Dick

SNOWMEN CHORUS

Billy Good, Aaron Wigcherink,

Sammy Tofan, Levi Peifer, Kyle Ribble

OZIANs

Sammy Tofan, Wendy Cincurak,

Billy Good, Kyle Ribble, Alicia Good, Aaron

Wigcherink, Julianne Wiens, Jaelyn Brett,

Em WheeltonLukaniuk,

Jessica Wigcherink, Levi Peifer

WINKIE GENERAL

Aaron Wigcherink

WINKIES

Sammy Tofan, Kyle Ribble, Billy Good,

Julianne Wiens, Jaelyn Brett,

Alicia Good, Em WheeltonLukaniuk

NIKKO

Aaron Waldt

MONKEYS

Doug Toews, Nathan Toews

JITTERBUG

Jaelyn Brett

POPPIES/JITTERBUGS

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CHORUS



BACK ROW: BILLY GOOD, ALICIA GOOD, AARON WIGCHERINK, JESSICA WIGCHERINK, KYLE RIBBLE, WENDY CINCURAK
FRONT ROW: LEVI PEIFER, JULIANNE WIENS, JAELYN BRETT, EM WHEELTONLUKANIUK

TREES



BACK ROW: NATALIA GOOD, MYA YOUSSEF, HANNAH DICK
FRONT ROW: ANDREA FROESE, JESSICA WIGCHERINK, LEEANNA HILDEBRANDT, AVA AUSTIN

MONKEYS



NATHAN TOEWS, DOUG TOEWS, AARON WALDT

CROWS



EM WHEELTONLUKANIUK, JAELYN BRETT, JULIANNE WIENS

MUNCHKINS



BACK ROW: FINN SMYTH

SECOND ROW: EMERENCE OMSTEAD-OLEWSKI, IRIS GORI,
PENELOPE WIGCHERINK, TIMOTHY WIGCHERINK, EMMETT WIENS,
KARA DICK, ETTA WHEELTONLUKANIUK, HANNAH GOERTZEN

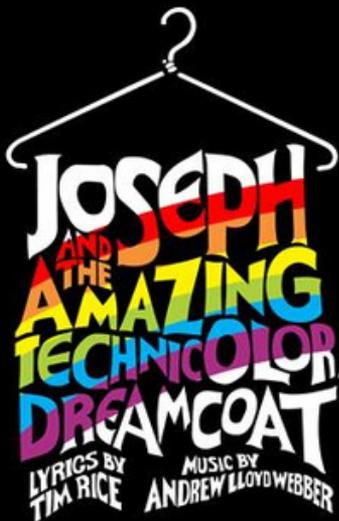
THIRD ROW: GWEN TOUPIN, KATIE NOLAND, GRACE KULI, JOELLA
TOFAN, EVERLEIGH WIENS, TESSA TOFAN, LEENA FISS

FRONT ROW: OLIVE SUTA, DELILAH SUTA, ELOISE WIGCHERINK,
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