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**~ Musical Numbers ~**

**ACT I**

“Overture” ..... “The Girls”

**The Kansas Prairie \***

“Over the Rainbow” ..... Dorothy

**Munchkinland**

“Munchkin Musical Sequence” ..... Glinda, Dorothy, “The Girls”,  
Munchkins

“Yellow Brick Road” ..... Munchkins, “The Girls”

**A Corn Field**

“If I Only Had A Brain” ..... Scarecrow, Dorothy, “The Girls”

“We’re Off To See The Wizard” ..... Scarecrow, Dorothy

**A Forest**

“If I Only Had A Heart” ..... Tinman, Dorothy, “The Girls”

“We’re Off To See The Wizard” ..... Tinman, Dorothy, Scarecrow

“Lions, Tigers & 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

**A Poppie Field**

\*A strobe light will be in use during this scene

## ACT II

"Entr'Acte"....."The Girls"

### **The Emerald City**

"Merry Old Land of Oz".....Guard, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman,  
Lion, "The Girls", Ozians

"King of the Forest".....Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman

### **The Witch's Castle**

"March of the Winkies".....The Winkies, "The Girls"

### **The Haunted Forest**

### **The Witch's Castle**

### **Entrance to the Witch's Castle**

"March of the Winkies" Reprise.....The Winkies, "The Girls"

### **The Witch's Castle**

"Over the Rainbow" Reprise.....Dorothy

"Ding Dong The Witch is Dead".....Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion,  
"The Girls", The Winkies

### **The Emerald City**

### **The Kansas Prairie**



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# JULIA

WE'LL BE THINKING OF YOU  
IN OZ...

LOVE,

HANNAH, PINNEE, GRANDMA,  
MARVIN, MOM & DAD

# The Wizard of Oz

## ~ Cast Members ~

Dorothy

Aunt Em/Glinda, Good Witch of the North

Uncle Henry/The Wizard of Oz

Hunk/ The Scarecrow

Hickory/The Tinman

Farmhand Zeke/The Cowardly Lion

Miss Gultch/The Wicked Witch of the West

Nikko (Commander of the Flying Monkeys)

Professor/Guard

Hope Kovera

Kira Alexander

Emma Peterson

Annie McCullough

Kelsey Evenson

Julia Craig

Dylan Wicke

Cherilyn Marrocco

Vaughn Thomas

### THE GIRLS

*Angelic Voices, Crows, Trees and everything in between*

Kate MacPherson, Courtney Evenson, Meredith Robertson

### C-OZ

*Munchkins, Poppies, Ozians, Winkies*

Mayor

Coroner/City Father

Barrister/City Father

City Father/Lullaby League

City Father/Lollipop Guild

Katie Evenson

Sarah Speckhart

Grace Mahoney

Virginia Gaylord

Anna Forrest



## Staff & Volunteer Staff

Candace Wicke.....Executive Director  
 Catharine Layton.....Executive Assistant  
 Cherilyn Marrocco.....SMTC Director  
 Chelsea Bene.....Intern Assistant  
 Emma Peterson.....Stage Manager  
 Lyle Brehm.....Development Associate  
 Matthew Andrews.....Sound  
 Elizabeth McGlone, Brittany Clark.....Lighting  
 Craig Wicke.....Spotlight  
 Mickey McNany.....Sets  
 Judy Alexander.....Program  
 Pam McCullough, Pam Robertson.....Costumes  
 Cynthia Gaylord.....Concessions  
 Susan Peterson.....Videographer  
 Margaret Kovera.....Tickets

## Board of Directors

Candace Wicke	Heidi Evenson
Mark Jones	William Hildebrant
Joe Ciresi	Jesse Peterson

TO DYLAN.....

...OUR WONDERFUL 'WICKE'  
 WITCH,



BREAK-A-LEG & MUCH LOVE!  
 MOM, DAD, DALLAS, CHERILYN,  
 ACE & TOD!





## ~ Synopsis ~

**GINNY,**

**ALTHOUGH THE ROAD WILL TAKE  
YOU FAR, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE OUR  
LITTLE MUNCHKIN!**

**LOVE,  
MOM & DAD**



In the Wizard of Oz (RSC), Dorothy Gale is a young girl who lives with Aunt Em, Uncle Henry and dog Toto on a remote farm in Kansas. One day, on her way home, a cyclone hits the area and Dorothy and Toto are locked out of the storm cellar. Hiding in her bedroom with Toto, Dorothy accidentally bumps her head, and so begins their journey to the Land of Oz.

Awakening in Oz, Dorothy is greeted by Glinda, the kind Witch of the North. She explains that upon landing, Dorothy's house inadvertently killed the Wicked Witch of the East. The Wicked Witch of the West comes to avenge her sister's death and claim her magic ruby slippers, only to find that Dorothy now has them. Dorothy discovers that the only person that can help her get back home is the Wizard of Oz. So Dorothy sets off to meet the Wizard, and the Wicked Witch of the West sets out to get the magic slippers.

Along the way Dorothy meets three new friends, Scarecrow, Tinman and Lion who also need to see the Wizard and continue along on the journey with her. The Wicked Witch of the West makes a number of attempts to get the ruby slippers but Dorothy is aided by her travel companions and the good witch Glinda.

Our travelers arrive at the Emerald City only to discover they must prove themselves worthy of the Wizard's help by bringing him the Wicked Witch of the West's broomstick. So off the foursome go to the land of the Winkies and the witch's castle. At the castle the witch fails again to take the ruby slippers and threatens the scarecrow with fire on her broomstick. Dorothy throws a bucket of water at the fire and soaks the witch. The witch screams, smoulders and melts into nothing.

The four friends take the broom back to the wizard where all but Dorothy receive their wishes. Glinda arrives to save the day and explains that all this time Dorothy has had the power herself to go home. All she has to do is close her eyes, tap her heels together and repeat three times, "there's no place like home."

## ~ Cast ~

**KIRA ALEXANDER** (*Glinda/Aunt Em*) is 14 years of age Soprano Singer. She performs Opera, Classical, Musicals. She delights audiences wherever she performs, and really enjoys sharing her vocal gift. Kira has performed through invitations at various venues over the

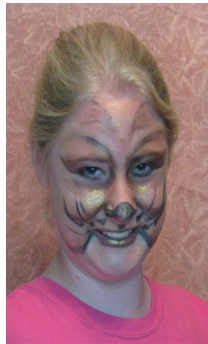
past three (3) years, including Celebrations; Christmas Carol Events; New Years Eve; Special Church Gatherings (Funerals, Sacraments etc); Eisteddfods and Musicals. Kira's recent musical performance was as the Rose Seller in Chatham Players *Oliver!* 2010, and has also performed in *HMS Pin afore* 2009; *Facade* 2009, *Oliver!* 2009 and *Guys and Dolls Jr* 2008. Kira is aspiring to be a world renowned Opera Singer/performer in musicals and she gets her inspiration from Dame Joan Sutherland. Kira says "Thank you" to Dr Wicke and crew for all their dedication in creating a great musical, and to her family for their support.



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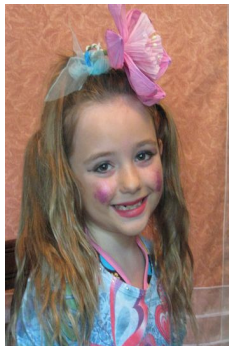
**JULIA CRAIG** (*Farmhand Zeke/The Cowardly Lion*)

is entering ninth grade at Madison High School. She has sung with The Continuo Arts Foundation at Carnegie Hall, various venues in Rome, and in Atlantic City with Andre Rieu. She love to sing and perform and is very excited for *The Wizard Of Oz*.



**KATHRYN (KATIE) EVENSON** (*C-Oz/Mayor*)

is a rising third grader at Brayton School, Summit. Katie sang with the Continuo Arts Foundation Children's Chorus at Carnegie Hall in 2010 for the premiere of Gary Fry's *Hope*. Katie also enjoys gymnastics and hip hop dance and plays soccer and lacrosse.



**"A heart is not judged by how much you love;  
but by how much you are loved by others."**

*The Wizard of OZ 1939*

You continue to amaze us  
and we love you Meredith!!

Mom, Dad, William,  
Mimi and Teddy

Thank you Candace Wicke  
and the Continuo Arts  
for enriching Meredith's life  
with these great experiences!



CONGRATULATIONS  
TO THE  
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Break a leg, Vaughn!

The Thomas &  
Evenson Families



# Congratulations to the entire cast for such a fabulous show!

Kelsey, Courtney and Katie – break a leg! Always remember (and remind your big brother) that there is no place like home.

**We love you!**



Special thanks to the CAF's tireless and dedicated director,

Dr. Candace Wicke!

**The Evenson Family**

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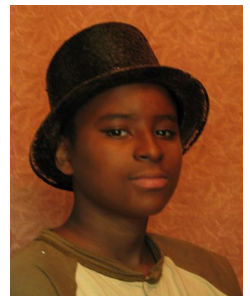
**KELSEY EVENSON** (*Hickory/Tinman*) is a rising sophomore at Kent Place School, Summit. Kelsey was most recently the milkmaid in Chatham Players' *Oliver!*, 'Grace' in Stony Hill Players' "Annie", and a fairy in Stony Hill Players' *Iolanthe*. She is the President of the Continuo Arts Foundation Singers and a member of the New Jersey Youth Chorus since 2005. She also is a member of two choirs and the Treblemakers a capella group at Kent Place School. Kelsey plays the flute and guitar and is a member of the Kent Place softball team. Kelsey was privileged to have been a member of the Continuo Arts Foundation's Symphonic Chorus, who sang the world premiere of Stephen James Edward's *Requiem for My Mother* at Carnegie Hall in 2006 and the international premiere at the Vatican in 2008. Kelsey also sang at Carnegie Hall in 2009 for the premier of Stephen James Edward's *A Carol Fantasy*, as well as Gary Fry's *Hope* in 2010 with the Continuo Arts Foundation Symphonic Chorus.



**COURTNEY EVENSON** (*The Girls*) is a rising seventh grader at Summit Middle School. Courtney was in the chorus of Stony Hill Players' "Annie" in 2010. Courtney is a member of the Continuo Arts Foundation Singers and a member of the New Jersey Youth Chorus since 2008. Courtney also plays the violin and competitive soccer, lacrosse and field hockey. Courtney sang with the Continuo Arts Foundation Children's Chorus at Carnegie Hall in 2006 for the world premiere of Stephen James Edwards' *Requiem for My Mother* and in 2010 for the premiere of Gary Fry's *Hope*.



**VAUGHN FERREIRA** (*Professor Marvel/Guard*) is 16 years of age and will be a junior at Columbia High School this year. Vaughn has sung with the Columbian HS Concert Choir and enjoys video games and reading. The Wizard of Oz is his musical theater debut.



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### ANNA FORREST (*C-Oz/City Father/Lollipop Guild*)



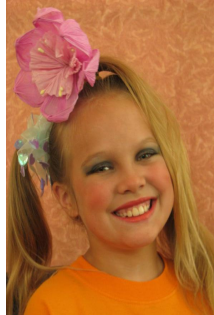
is 8 years of age and will be in third grade at Brayton Elementary in the fall. Anna lived in London for six years before moving to Summit NJ two years ago. Although Anna loves singing, acting and dancing she also participates in gymnastics and loves to read.



### VIRGINIA GAYLORD (*C-Oz/City Father/Lullaby League*) is 11 years of age and is going to be a sixth-grader at Chatham Middle School.



She studies ballet, tap, and jazz at Anne Fattal's Footnotes. Virginia was previously 'Squeaky' in *Cinderella*, and in the orphan chorus in *Annie!* She would like to thank her parents and Klem for their help and loving support. Virginia would also like to thank Miss Tiffany, Miss Anne, and Miss Jackie for all their wonderful help with dancing!

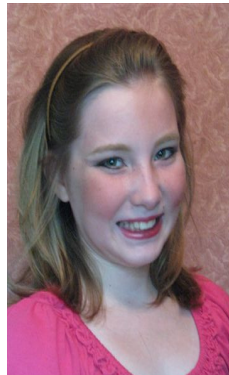


### HOPE KOVERA (*Dorothy*) is a recent graduate of Brayton Elementary



School in Summit, NJ and was chosen as the vocalist to represent Brayton at the All-City Music Masters Program in 2010. She has been a featured soloist in the Oasis musicals at Central Presbyterian Church, most recently appearing as Noah's Wife in the musical *Two by Two Zoo Cruise*. With the Continuo Arts Foundation Children's Chorus (under the direction of Dr. Candace Wicke), Hope has performed the European Premiere of Stephen

Edwards' *Requiem for My Mother* at the Festival Internazionale di Musica e Arte Sacra in Rome, the world premiere of Gary Fry's *Hope* in Carnegie Hall, and with the Andre Rieu Orchestra in Atlantic City. Hope will be a student at Summit Middle School this fall.



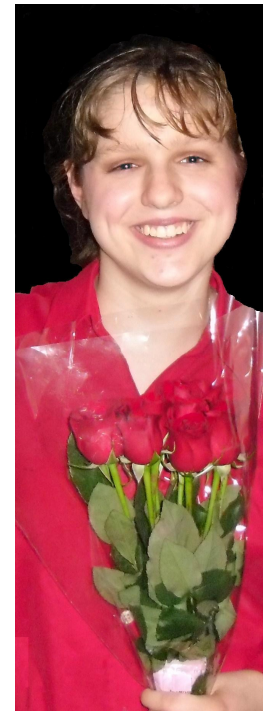
## ~ Hope Kovera ~



You, take us 'over  
the rainbow'  
everyday!  
Break a leg  
Love  
Mom & Dad

Kira,  
your great enthusiasm  
really makes your characters  
shine.

We are very proud of you  
And love you very much,  
Mum and Phil







*To Our Wonderful Munchkin Grace-*

*May all your days be filled with rainbows!*

*Best "Witches" to you and the Cast and Crew-*

*Mom Dad Matthew and Luke*



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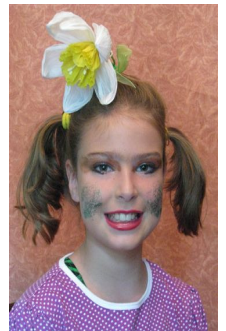
**KATHRYN MACPHERSON** (*The Girls*) is entering ninth grade at Summit High School. She performed in the Treble Chorus in the 2006 and 2008 inaugural concert of *Edwards Requiem* 2009 *Christmas Time in the City* and 2010 *Sounds of Music Series* with The Continuo Arts Foundation. She plays the violin and piano and enjoys horse-back riding. Kathryn would like to thank Dr Candace Wicke for introducing her to the world of professional music and all the staff who helped to create this wonderful musical.



**ANNIE MCCULLOUGH** (*Hunk/Scarecrow*) is a rising Senior at Oak Knoll School in Summit. Annie has performed in the past four Oak Knoll Spring Musicals: *Leader of the Pack (Ensemble)*, *Little Women (Ensemble/Rodrigo 2)*, *Once Upon a Mattress (Ensemble/Pantomime Queen)*, *Once on this Island (Ensemble/Andrea)*. Annie is a co-president of the Oak Knoll Ensemble, and was privileged to sing with the Continuo Arts Foundation's Symphonic Chorus in 2009 at Carnegie Hall for the premiere of Stephen James Edward's *A Carol Fantasy*. Annie would like to thank the great cast and crew (especially her fellow "Stooges") for this amazing experience.



**GRACE MAHONEY** (*C-Oz/Barrister/City Father*) is 9 years of age and she will be entering fourth grade at Brayton School in Summit. She was last seen in *Annie Jr.* at the Summit Playhouse this spring, as well as *Annie* at Stony Hill Players last winter playing an orphan in both productions. Grace likes soccer, basketball and swimming. Grace would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her and also bringing her to practice everyday.

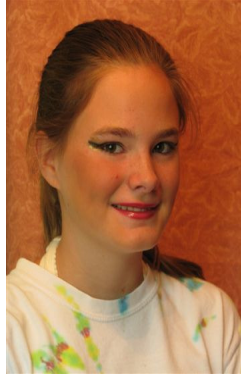
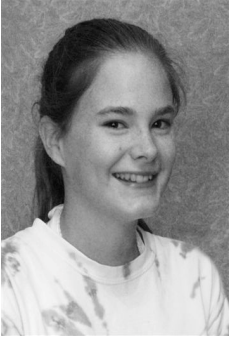


**WE LOVE  
GRACE!  
WE LOVE  
MUNCH-  
KINS! WE  
LOVE POP-  
PIES!  
LOTS OF  
LOVE! GG  
AND POPPY**



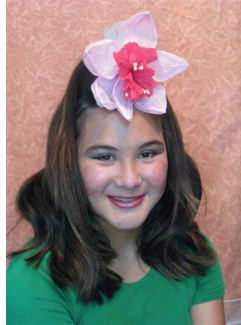
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**MEREDITH ROBERTSON** (*The Girls*) is 13 years of age and going into eighth grade at the Lawton C. Johnson Summit Middle School. Previously, Meredith has worked backstage in costume crew during several shows, most recently *Seussical the Musical*. Meredith enjoys writing, running, and singing with the Continuo Arts Foundation's chorus. Being part of the show was a great experience and allowed her to become more confident with her singing and acting abilities. Meredith hopes to continue to grow and be part of more experiences in the world of theater.



**SARAH SPECKHART** (*C-Oz/Coroner/City Father*)

is entering the seventh grade at St James the Apostle School in Springfield. Sarah is a member of the St James Children's Choir and has participated in the Tri State Pueri Cantori Choral Festivals the past 2 years. In addition to singing, Sarah plays the piano, volleyball and swims.



**DYLAN WICKE** (*Miss Gultch/Wicked Witch of the West*) is a 7th grader at Roosevelt Middle School in Westfield, NJ. Dylan plays baritone and sings with the Continuo Arts Children's Chorus with whom he has appeared twice in Carnegie Hall, and with Andre Rieu at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, and in Vatican City as part of the Pro Musica E Arte Sacra Series. Portraying the 'Wicke'd Witch of the West marks Dylan's musical theater debut. Dylan enjoys outdoor activities, gaming, music and spending time with



his friends.

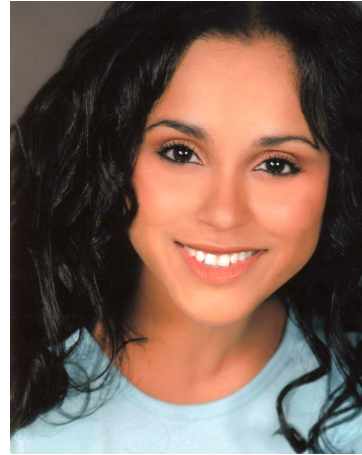
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**EMMA PETERSON** (*STAGE MANAGER/Uncle Henry/The Wizard of Oz*) graduated from New Providence High school in June and is attending The College of New Jersey in the fall as a Music Education major. She has appeared with the Chatham Players *Beauty and the Beast*, Ridge Light Opera *H.M.S. Pinafore*, Summit Playhouse *Disney's Beauty and the Beast Jr.* and New Providence High School *Seussical*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. Emma has also worked behind the scenes on many productions for children at Allen W. Roberts Elementary school in New Providence, where her adaptation of "Puss in Boots" was produced last year. Emma sang with the Continuo Arts Foundation's Symphonic Chorus at Carnegie Hall in 2009 for the premier of Stephen James Edward's *A Carol Fantasy*, as well as Gary Fry's *Hope* in 2010. Emma is grateful to Dr. Wicke for the opportunity to work on this amazing production.



**CHERILYN MARROCCO** (*DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER*) is a Miami /New

York-based choreographer, director, instructor and performer. She received a BFA from New World School of the Arts/University of Florida Music Theater Program. A native of Miami, Cherilyn trained at the age of 4 at the Ballet Academy of Miami under the direction of Tony Catanzaro and Lizette Piedra. She then received a full scholarship at Miami City Ballet and trained with renowned teachers Edward Villella, Violette Verdy, and Nancy Raffa. Her repertoire includes such classics as *George Balanchine's The Nutcracker*, *Les Sylphides*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Serenade*, *Paquita*, *Valse Fantaise*, *Concerto Barrocco*,



*Who Cares*, *Raymonda*, as well as a wide variety of modern and contemporary works. As dancer, teacher, and choreographer, Cherilyn has had the privilege of working in many different capacities. She has performed at such venues as the International Hustle and Salsa Competition, Jacob's Pillow in MA, and Carnegie Hall under the direction of Dr. Candace Wicke. Her theater credits include: "Carrie Pipperidge" in *Carousel*, "Peggy Sawyer" in *42nd Street*, "Ilona Ritter" in *She Loves Me*, "The Witch" in *Into the Woods*, "Iris" in *No Dogs Allowed*, *White Christmas* the Musical, "Angela" in *Fools Paradise* and as "Little Sally" in *Urinetown* the Musical at Actors Playhouse in which she was nominated for a Carbonell Award at the Broward Center for the Performing Arts in 2007.