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Youth Theatre

THE WIZARD OF OZ

Youth Edition

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

background music by
Herbert Stothart
dance & vocal arrangements by
Peter Howard
orchestration by
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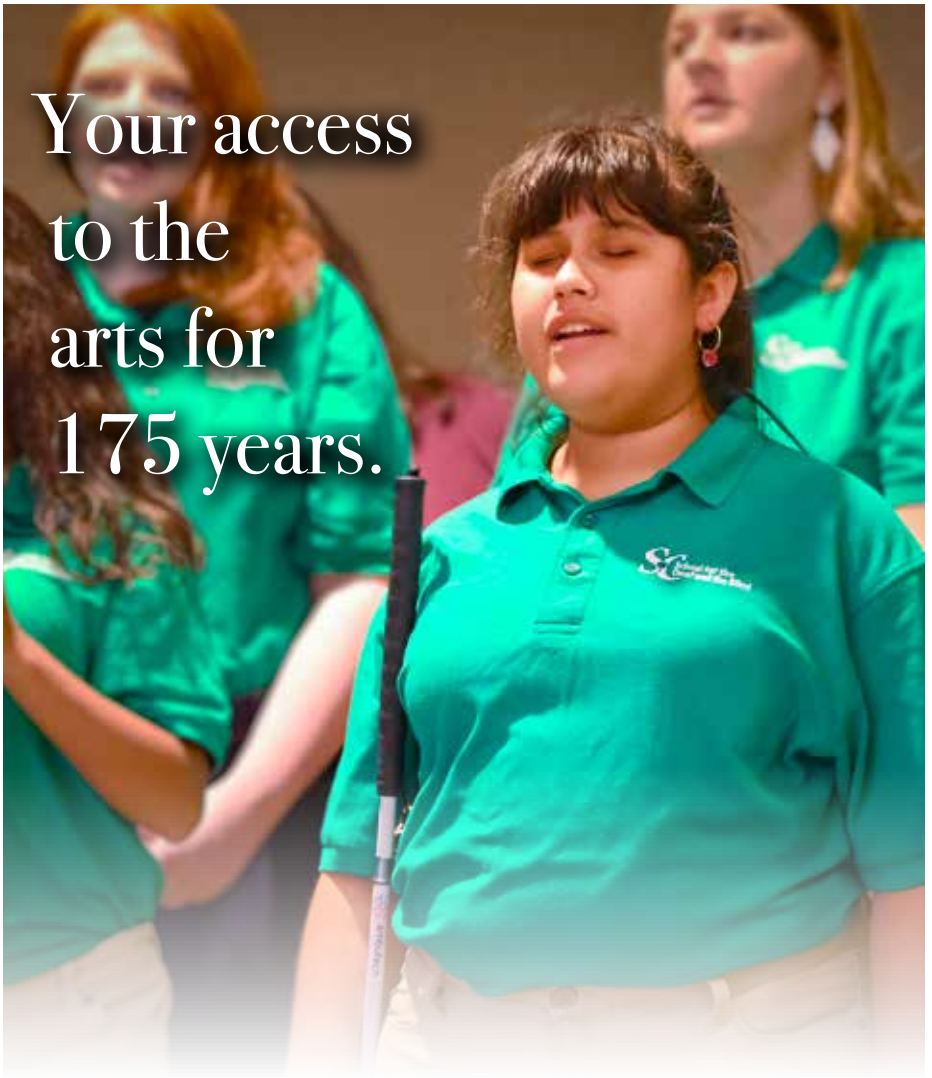


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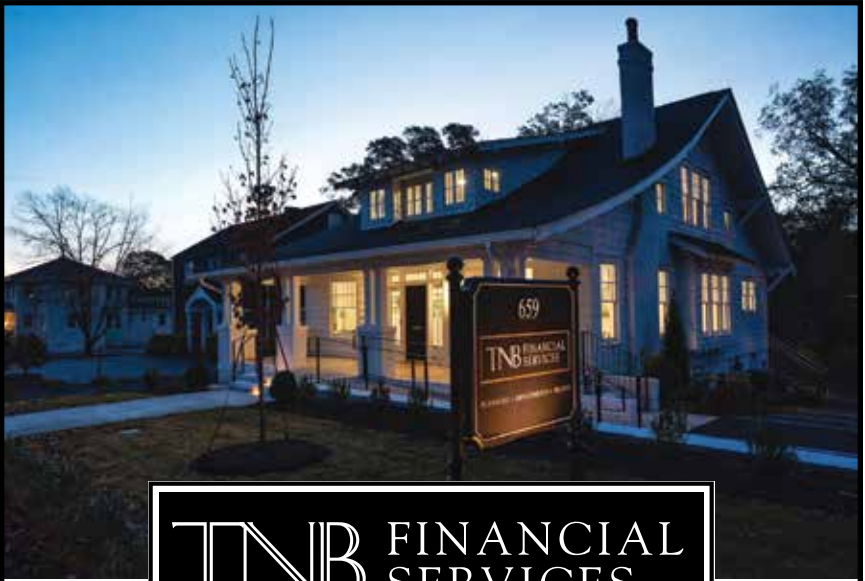
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A photograph of a symphonic band performing in a concert hall. The conductor is on the left, facing the band. The musicians are seated and playing various instruments including saxophones, trumpets, trombones, and woodwinds. The hall has a large, ornate organ in the background and a high ceiling with recessed lighting.

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The Junior Advisory Board (JAB for short) is a group of 10th-12th graders with a passion for the performing arts and for serving the Spartanburg Youth Theatre (SYT). JAB members apply for a spot on the board and must have been involved onstage or backstage in at least two previous SYT productions before they can apply.

JAB exists to allow the youth to have a voice at SYT. They give the SYT director valuable input regarding shows and productions. JAB also provides extensive services to the theatre, including but not limited to assisting with auditions and audition workshops, participating in at least two SYT productions each season, and producing the annual Senior Showcase.

Each May rising 10th-12th graders interested in applying for JAB will have the opportunity to submit an application that will be posted to the SYT website and Facebook page.

2024-2025 SEASON

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE MUSICAL

OCTOBER 11-13, 2024

Middle school, ugh. It's the worst. But Greg is determined not to be at the bottom of the popularity chart. He'll leave that to his weird neighbor, Fregley. Or maybe Greg's best friend, Rowley Jefferson. But it's not going to be Greg...no way. Jeff Kinney's popular character takes center stage as Greg's cartoon diary becomes a hilarious and heartfelt musical. Grab a hall pass and don't be late for an adventure familiar to anyone who actually survived middle school.

THE WIZARD OF OZ: YOUTH EDITION

DECEMBER 6-8 & 13-15, 2024

Join Dorothy and her loyal companion Toto as they "follow the Yellow Brick Road" through the Land of Oz, determined to reach the Emerald City, where the great and powerful Wizard of Oz will help them get home. Along the way, Dorothy encounters witches (both good and bad), Munchkins, talking trees, and winged monkeys. But most importantly, she befriends a Scarecrow with no brain, a Tin Man with no heart, and a Lion with no "nerve." Their journey to happiness is a glowing testament to friendship, understanding, and hope.

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FEBRUARY 14-16, 2025

Travel through the wardrobe into the magical land of Narnia where the White Witch has cast a spell of never-ending winter. When almost all hope is lost, the return of the Great Lion, Aslan, signals a great change and an even greater sacrifice. Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy must battle the forces of evil and discover that love is the deepest magic of all.

THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR SHOW

APRIL 4-6, 2025

Eric Carle's timeless classics will come to life on the SYT stage, featuring a menagerie of over 75 magical puppets. Other Carle stories including *Brown Bear, Brown Bear*, *10 Little Rubber Ducks*, and *The Very Lonely Firefly* accompany the show, ending with the star of the show - *The Very Hungry Caterpillar!* These beloved tales and their messages of community, self-expression, and the power of creativity are brought to life by a captivating cast of storytellers, sweeping original music, and stunning puppetry.

A Word from SYT

This year we are celebrating our 50th season of “for youth, by youth” productions at the Spartanburg Youth Theatre! With such a milestone, it’s suiting that this season brings many new additions to SYT. Our new logo, designed by Arrowhead Design Group, perfectly encapsulates our youth-minded mission and professional quality. We hope you love it as much as we do! We’re also thrilled to welcome new staff members Anna Renninger as our Media Coordinator and Lucia Standridge as our Production Manager.

Along with our internal additions, we’re excited to celebrate many firsts for SYT this season. In October, we’re the first theatre in the upstate to premiere the brand-new musical *Diary of a Wimpy Kid!* In December, we produce *The Wizard of Oz* for our first ever two-weekend run of a production. In February, we revive a classic we always love to produce, *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*. And in April, for the first time we’re producing *The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show*, where over 75 puppets shipped directly from the Eric Carle Organization will come to life on our stage!

We’re so thrilled to celebrate 50 seasons with you! Thank you for continuing to support us and the remarkable talent of the youth in our community!




Adam Sanders
Artistic Director

Director’s Note

I love this show. *The Wizard of Oz* is the first movie I remember as a kid. My mom would play with my hair as I watched in tense anticipation as Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and The Cowardly Lion battled the Wicked Witch. The movie was on constant rotation for every sick day and during the holidays. Ever the performer, I would walk down the hallway with my baby blanket draped over my shoulders like the Cowardly Lion and sing “If I Were King of the Forest.” I’m sure that is where my vibrato developed! In 2012, I played Dorothy in my high school’s production! My whole family, including some all the way from Washington state, came out to see the show. What followed was my dad showing everyone he could a video he illegally took of me singing “Over the Rainbow.” Then subsequently a bedroom redecoration to be *Wizard of Oz* themed at both my parents’ houses. I received vintage sheet music from the show, music boxes, and a homemade *Wizard of Oz* blanket from my mom that I keep in my office. My sister even gave me an entire Oz themed gift basket to ask me to be her maid of honor. To me, like it is with most of us, this show is synonymous with family. I have also come to realize that Dorothy is one of my heroes. She faced a hard and terrifying journey to self-confidence with bravery and heart. After playing her in 2012, I chose theatre as my career path. I moved states away from my family without knowing a single person and have found my own Kansas. The journey was sometimes hard and terrifying, but, like Dorothy, I faced it with bravery and heart. *The Wizard of Oz* summarizes what it takes to make a life for yourself. All you need is a brain, a lot of heart, and courage. With those, you’ll find yourself a home. Then you fill it with family, chosen or not, and you’ll have everything you’ll need in this life. There really is no place like home.




Maddie Tisdell
Education Coordinator
Director of *The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition*

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THE WIZARD OF OZ Youth Edition

CAST OF CHARACTERS

In order of appearance

Dorothy Gale	Jaeleah Wise	10th	Dorman High
Toto	Chase	2 Years	Spartanburg Humane Society
Aunt Em	Adison McAbee	12th	Landrum High
Uncle Henry/Ensemble	Strong Jones	10th	Fountain Inn High
Hunk/Scarecrow	Jaiden Nolan	12th	Dorman High
Hickory/Tin Man	Colten Bruce	11th	Dorman High
Zeke/Lion	Josiah Greene	10th	Broome High
Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch	Gloriana Howard	11th	Chapman High
Professor Marvel/Wizard	Madison Miller	11th	Dorman High
Glinda	Moss Evelyn Wise*	10th	Spartanburg High
Mayor of Munchkin City/Ensemble	Ben Rodriguez	5th	Woodland Heights Elementary
Coroner/Ensemble	Hunter Earls	6th	Green Charter
Barrister/Ensemble	Reese Green	7th	Florence Chapel Middle
City Father 1/Ensemble	Sophie Varner	12th	Dorman High
City Father 2/Ensemble	Chloe Hujik	11th	Spartanburg Day
Apple Tree 1/Ensemble	Felicity Ferguson	7th	Spartanburg Day
Apple Tree 2/Ensemble	Adri Patterson	12th	Dorman High
Apple Tree 3/Ensemble	Penelope McDaniels	7th	McCracken Middle
Doorman/Guard/Ensemble	Lakelynn McRoberts*	4th	Jesse Boyd Elementary
Nikko/Ensemble	Dylan Morrison	12th	Governors School of Science & Math
Leader of the Winkies/Ensemble	Neaisha Jones	11th	Dorman High
Ensemble	Pressley Campbell	11th	Dorman High
	Grace Clary	6th	Abner Creek Middle
	Charlotte Johnson*	5th	Libertas Academy
	DJ Johnson	7th	Mountain View Preparatory
	Caroline Keever*	4th	Anderson Mill Elementary
	Olivia Marsh	9th	Dorman Freshman Campus
	Stephen Wilson	7th	Imago Dei Academy

CAST



Colten Bruce



Pressley Campbell



Chase



Grace Clary



Hunter Earls



Felicity Ferguson



Reese Green



Josiah Greene



Gloriana Howard



Chloe Hujik



Charlotte Johnson



DJ Johnson



Neiasha Jones



Strong Jones



Caroline Keever



Hollie Marsh



Adison McAbee



Penelope McDaniels



Lakelynn McRoberts



Madison Miller



Dylan Morrison



Jaiden Nolan



Adri Patterson



Ben Rodriguez



Sophie Varner



Stephen Wilson



Jaeleah Wise



Moss Evelyn Wise

STAGE MANAGEMENT TEAM



Madeline Hall



Bella Scott



Evan Wood



PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Maddie Tisdell
Assistant Director/Makeup Designer	Samantha Lee
Stage Manager	Bella Scott, 11th, Homeschool
Assistant Stage Manager	Madeline Hall, 11th, Spartanburg Day
Assistant Stage Manager	Evan Wood, 11th, Dorman High
Music Director	Paula Arnold
Choreographer	Tiffany Austin
Production Assistant	Erin O'Neil Taylor
Dance Captains	Adri Patterson, 12th, Dorman High Felicity Ferguson, 7th, Spartanburg Day
Scenic Designer	Clint Walker
Costume Designers	Kelly Casteel & Anna Renninger
Properties Master	Jade Alford
Lighting Designer	Peter Lamson
Scenic Painters	Jade Alford, Oliver Ellis, Cat Judice, Jeremy Kemp, Adam Sanders
Sound Consultant	Trey Hendon
Poster Design	Peter B. Kay
Photography	Wendy McCarty
Stage Crew	Wells Abee*, 7th, McCracken Middle Eowyn Connor, 8th, Homeschool Lauren Dinacci*, 7th, McCracken Middle Zoie Johnson*, 7th, Southside Christian Taylor Keipper*, 7th, Gable Middle Samuel Kitchen, 11th, Spartanburg Day Cooper Martsberger, 8th, Spartanburg Day Selah Rodriguez, 7th, Dawkins Middle John Scott, 12th, Homeschool Jonathan Wilson*, 12th, Imago Dei Academy Delaney Zibell, 9th, Dorman Freshman Campus

*SYT Crew Debut


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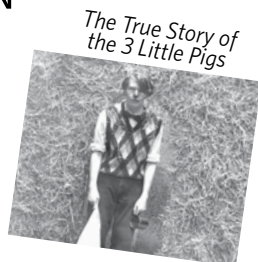
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THE
WIZARD
OF
OZ Youth
Edition

SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

SCENE 1: KANSAS, 1931, OUTSIDE THE GALE FARM

Over the Rainbow Dorothy

SCENE 2: THE ROADSIDE ENCAMPMENT OF PROFESSOR MARVEL

SCENE 3: OUTSIDE OF THE FARM/CYCLONE

SCENE 4: MUNCHKINLAND

Munchkinland Musical Sequence Glinda, Dorothy, Munchkins

Yellow Brick Road Dorothy, Munchkins

SCENE 5: A FORK IN THE ROAD/CORNFIELD

If I Only Had a Brain Scarecrow, Dorothy

We're Off to See the Wizard Duet Dorothy, Scarecrow, Dorothy

SCENE 6: THE APPLE ORCHARD

If I Only Had a Heart Tin Man, Dorothy

We're Off to See the Wizard Trio Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man

SCENE 7: DARK AND CREEPY FOREST

If I Only Had the Nerve Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man

Jitterbug Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Jitterbugs

SCENE 8: THE GATES OF THE EMERALD CITY

We're Outta the Woods Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Optimistic Voices

– 15-MINUTE INTERMISSION –

ACT TWO

SCENE 1: THE GATES OF THE EMERALD CITY

The Merry Old Land of Oz Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Ozians

If I Were the King of the Forest Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion,

SCENE 2: THE WIZARD'S CHAMBER

SCENE 3: THE HAUNTED FOREST

SCENE 4: INSIDE THE WITCH'S CASTLE

SCENE 5: THE HAUNTED FOREST

SCENE 6: INSIDE THE WITCH'S CASTLE

Over the Rainbow (Reprise) Dorothy, Aunt Em

Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead Dorothy, Winkies

SCENE 7: THE WIZARD'S CHAMBER/OZ

SCENE 8: DOROTHY'S BEDROOM

MEET THE CAST

COLTEN BRUCE (Hickory/Tin Man) is extremely excited to be back at SYT! Colten has worked on many productions in the past with Spartanburg Youth Theatre, Dorman High School and Spartanburg Little Theatre. Some of his favorite roles include Crutchie in *Disney's Newsies Jr.*, Jem in *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and Cosmo Brown in *Singin' in the Rain*. Colten attends Dorman High School and loves to draw, sing and perform for others. Finally, Colten would like to thank his family and friends for all their love and support throughout this rehearsal process.

PRESSLEY CAMPBELL (Ensemble) is a junior at Dorman High School and is thrilled to be part of *The Wizard of Oz*. Pressley's favorite roles include Roz Keith in *9 to 5 the Musical* and Lina Lamont in *Singin' in the Rain*. She is grateful for the support of her family, friends, and teachers. Pressley hopes you enjoy the show!

CHASE (Toto) is a rescue pup from the Spartanburg Humane Society. He was found during the hurricane and is the sweetest and most relaxed little dog you've ever met. He's 2 years old and loves cuddling and hanging with this awesome cast. He looks forward to being adopted after the show!

GRACE CLARY (Ensemble) is a 12 year old student at Abner Creek Middle School. She is so excited to be back on the SYT stage. Grace was recently seen in *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.* as Alice and in *The Rainbow Fish* as ensemble. Grace has been involved in musical theatre since she was five years old. In her free time, she likes to sing, act, and hang out with her best friends. Grace would like to thank Maddie, the team, Mrs. Lauren, and her friends and family for their continued support.

HUNTER EARLS (Ensemble) is a 6th grade honor student at Green Charter School and a vocal student with Lawson Academy at Converse College. He loves music, video games, and working out. This is Hunter's fourth production with SYT/SLT, with his most recent appearance as Lionel in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*. Hunter is thankful for the opportunities the theater has given him and the friends he's made through the process. He would like to thank his family and friends for their continued support.

FELICITY FERGUSON (Apple Tree 1/Ensemble/Dance Captain) is a 7th grader at Spartanburg Day School. She was last seen at SYT in *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.* In addition to her time at SYT, she also studies Irish Dance and Lyrical Dance at Ballet Spartanburg, plays basketball, and loves to travel and spend time with friends. She would like to thank her brother Beckett for inspiring her to do theatre and her sister Mirabelle for being her number one supporter while doing it. Hugs to mom and dad!

REESE GREEN (Barrister/Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of this play! She's a middle schooler at Florence Chapel and has loved acting from a young age. Most recently, Reese appeared in *The Rainbow Fish* at SYT. She would like to thank her parents, DeAndera Sosa, Steve Bailes, Adam Sanders, Hannah Shadburn, Connor Vetter, and Maddie Tisdell for their support.

JOSIAH GREENE (Zeke/Lion) is a sophomore at Broome High School. Josiah was recently in SYT's *Disney's The Lion King Jr.* as Banzai, as well as *The Wizard of Oz* at Broome High School as Tin Man. Josiah previously participated in Spartanburg District 7's *Frozen* and several SYT *Storybook Live* productions. Josiah is also active in his church, school and Spartanburg Jack and Jill Chapter. In his spare time, Josiah loves to spend time with his family, listen to music, sing, and watch movies.

GLORIANA HOWARD (Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch) is beyond grateful for this opportunity! She has been seen onstage many times, with her favorite roles including Summer Hathaway in *School of Rock*, Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*, Ghost of Christmas Present in *A Christmas Carol*, and Starfish in *The Rainbow Fish*. She also recently assistant stage managed for *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*. She would like to thank her loved ones for their support, the production team for believing in her, and her castmates for their uplifting nature! Galatians 6:9

CHLOE HUJIK (City Father 2/Ensemble) is so excited to be back on the SYT stage! She was last seen in *Annie Jr.* as Annette. Chloe is a junior at Spartanburg Day School where she most recently played Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*. She would like to thank her family and friends for their endless support and the production team for giving her this wonderful opportunity.

DJ JOHNSON (Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of another SYT production. He was most recently seen at SYT as Fregley in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*. He also played James in *School of Rock* at Spartanburg Little Theatre. Dylan has been performing with the Inman Children's Theatre for the past few years where his love of the stage was first born. He attends Mountain View Preparatory School as a 7th grader and his favorite subject is math. Outside of theatre, he enjoys playing pickleball at McMillan Park, listening to music, and spending time with friends and family. He would love to thank his friends and family for always cheering him on and all his kind supporters who have been guiding him through his theatre journey.

CHARLOTTE JOHNSON (Ensemble) is thrilled to be making her SYT debut and would like to thank Maddie and the rest of the Oz crew for such an incredible opportunity. Charlotte has been performing with the Inman Children's Theatre for the past few years, where her interest in the performing arts started. Offstage, Charlotte is a 5th grader at Libertas Academy and her favorite subject is math. She loves reading, making bracelets, and practicing gymnastics. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her through her theatre journey, especially her big brother, DJ, for always being by her side and inspiring her to become a theatre kid.

NEAISHA JONES (Leader of the Winkies/Ensemble) is very excited and thrilled to be doing her third show with Spartanburg Youth Theatre! She was previously seen at SYT in *Diary of A Wimpy Kid: The Musical* and *Disney's The Lion King Jr.* She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her, and the talented cast for working so hard!

STRONG JONES (Uncle Henry/Ensemble) is 16 years old and a sophomore at Fountain Inn High School. He has done several productions with SYT, his favorites including *Disney's Newsies Jr.*, *The Drowsy Chaperone*, *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, and *Songs for a New World*. He is extremely thankful for everyone who has supported him throughout his theatre journey.

CAROLINE KEEVER (Ensemble) has loved singing and performing for years and is thrilled to be in her first SYT show! She has taken musical theatre classes since 2nd grade. Caroline attends Anderson Mill Elementary, and her favorite subject is social studies. She is eager to see where her love of music and theatre take her, and is grateful for the support of her family!

OLIVIA MARSH (Ensemble) is thrilled to be back on the SYT stage! She is currently a freshman at Dorman High School. This is her ninth production with SYT. Favorite roles include Junie B. in *Junie B. Jones Is Not a Crook*, Goose in *Charlotte's Web*, and Dance Captain/Ensemble in *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.* Olivia would like to thank her family, Ms. Maddie, and the rest of the Oz production team.

ADISON MCABEE (Aunt Em) is so incredibly excited for you to see this wonderful show! She was most recently seen onstage at SYT as a Caroler in *A Christmas Carol*. Other favorite roles include Medda Larkin in *Disney's Newsies Jr.* and Trix the Aviatrix in *The Drowsy Chaperone*. Adison is the proud President of the Junior Advisory Board at SYT and the Student Body Vice-President at Landrum High. She's so thankful to be a part of the SYT family, and is grateful beyond belief for the opportunities she's been given and the support she's received from everyone these past three years! She'd like to thank Adam, Maddie, Sam, Paula, Erin, and Tiffany for allowing her to be a part of this beautiful story, as well as her family for constantly loving and supporting her through everything. Break all your legs, my loves.

PENELOPE MCDANIELS (Apple Tree 3/Ensemble) loves SYT and is excited to return to the stage! Previous roles include Pauline in SYT's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*, Dance Corps in District 6's production of *Descendants*, ensemble in SYT's *The Rainbow Fish*, Squirt in District 6's production of *Finding Nemo Jr.*, and various plays at Pine Street School and Spartanburg District 7. She enjoys playing the viola and singing with McCracken Middle School's Southern Accents group. Penelope would like to thank her family, her friends, and Becca for their support. She would also like to give a special shout out to the amazing cast and crew of *The Wizard of Oz*! There's no place like SYT!

LAKELYNN MCROBERTS (Doorman/Guard/Ensemble) is excited to make her SYT debut in *The Wizard of Oz*. Her love for musical theatre began with Ms. Lauren at Arts Academy of the Carolinas. She has performed in Jesse Boyd Elementary and Spartanburg District 7 productions including *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin), *Madagascar* (Fossa), *The Jungle Book* (Lioness), *Frozen* (Ensemble) and *The Music Man* (Ensemble). Lakelynn is a fourth grader at Jesse Boyd where she enjoys chorus and Boyd Buddies. She is an active member of First Baptist Spartanburg. Lakelynn would like to thank her family for making it possible to juggle all the activities she loves- especially theatre!

MADISON MILLER (Professor Marvel/Wizard) is thrilled to return to the stage in *The Wizard of Oz*. She is a junior at Dorman High School. Previous roles include Maleficent in *Descendants the Musical* at Dorman High School and Rafiki in *Disney's The Lion King Jr.* at SYT. She thanks her family, friends, and the amazing cast and crew for their support.

DYLAN MORRISON (Niko/Ensemble) is thrilled for his final mainstage production at SYT. He is a senior and has vastly appreciated his time with the theater. He would like to thank his teacher and parents and wishes his fellow castmates to "break a leg!"

JAIDEN NOLAN (Hunk/Scarecrow) is so honored to be back on the SYT stage. Previous roles include Rodrick in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*, Zazu in *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, and Mr. Wormwood in *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.* Jaiden is a senior at Dorman High School and would like to thank Maddie for this wonderful opportunity, as well as Alexa for helping him grow and achieve new things!

ADRI PATTERSON (Apple Tree 2/Ensemble/Dance Captain) is thrilled to be back onstage for another SYT show. Adri was last seen onstage as Ensemble in *Disney's The Lion King Jr.* She most recently served as Stage Manager for *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*. Other favorite roles include Nancy in *Disney's Newsies Jr.*, and Stage Manager for *A Christmas Carol*. Adri is a senior at Dorman High School and is very grateful for the endless love and support from her family and friends.

BEN RODRIGUEZ (Mayor of Munchkin City/Ensemble) is excited to be back on stage with SYT! Some of his favorite roles include Bruce in *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.* and Ensemble in *The Rainbow Fish*. Ben is a 5th grader at Woodland Heights Elementary and in his free time he enjoys playing video games, reading, and sleeping.

SOPHIE VARNER (City Father 1/Ensemble) is extremely honored for this opportunity. She has been active at SYT since she was young, taking classes and camps. In the last 3 years she has crewed and acted in several shows, including *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.* and *A Christmas Carol* at SYT, and *Anastasia* at Dorman Theatre. Sophie is excited that her acting has come full circle, since her first play at Dorman was *The Wizard of Oz* when she was

in 5th grade. Now, a senior at Dorman High School, she is so happy that you chose to follow the yellow brick road and support this show! Sophie would like to thank her family, friends, and church family of Bogansville UMC for their love and support. She would like to thank Maddie, Paula and Adam for this opportunity, and she hopes you enjoy this journey "over the rainbow!"

STEPHEN WILSON (Ensemble) has loved participating in *The Wizard of Oz*. Previous shows at SYT include *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical* (Rowley) and *The Rainbow Fish* (Ensemble). Stephen is beginning his fifth year of piano and starting his first year of voice. He enjoys reading Harry Potter, The Three Investigators, and learning about engineering through Crunch Labs. Stephen loves spending time with his siblings and playing board and video games.

MOSS EVELYN WISE (Glinda) is a sophomore at Spartanburg High School and is so excited to be involved in her first production with the Spartanburg Youth Theatre. She has been performing since she was 7 years old and enjoyed supporting roles at Village Square Theatre, and swing roles for Spartanburg School District 7 musicals. As the understudy, Moss Evelyn was thrilled to have the opportunity to perform the lead roles of Anna in *Frozen* and Marian in *The Music Man* at District 7. She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for always supporting and encouraging her.

JAELEAH WISE (Dorothy) is a sophomore at Dorman High School. She was last seen in SYT's *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*. Jaeleah has also been in nine shows with the Dorman Theatre Department, and performed the role of Mal in their summer camp production of *Descendants Jr.* She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her theatre career and Jaeleah hopes you enjoy the show!

MEET THE CREW

WELLS ABEE is excited to make her SYT crew debut in the wonderful land of Oz! She was most recently seen onstage at SYT in *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*. She would like to thank the directors and SYT staff for this opportunity and her family for their love and support!

OWYN CONNOR is a homeschooled 8th grader and is excited to be back on crew. She has helped backstage with SYT's *Road Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*, as well as assisting with costumes during Ballet Spartanburg's *The Nutcracker*. Working backstage is always a pleasure, and she hopes everyone enjoys the show.

LAUREN DINACCI is excited to crew her first SYT production! Lauren is a student at McCracken Middle School, and her favorite subject is art. She would like to thank her family for supporting her.

ZOIE JOHNSON is a singer and songwriter who loves to connect with others through music. Earlier this year, Zoie made her musical debut as Elsa in *Frozen Jr.* Since then, she has become a Greer Idol finalist, and played Caterpillar in *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* Zoie is honored to transport you to the Land of Oz as part of the crew in her first show with SYT!

TAYLOR KEIPPER is excited for her SYT crew debut. Taylor is a student at Gable Middle School. She enjoys mountain biking and lacrosse. She would like to thank her parents for their love and support.

SAMUEL KITCHEN is ecstatic for his thirteenth SYT production. He is a junior at Spartanburg Day School where he serves as President of the Drama Club. Samuel is a JAB member, last seen onstage as Marley in *A Christmas Carol* at SYT and Friedrich in *The Sound of Music* at SLT. Samuel has also acted/crewed at BSIS, SDS, OPS, CAC, and USC. Samuel is an academic in ten school clubs, aspiring biochemist, and future ethnobotanist. Samuel thanks his nine-person family and this team for their support.

COOPER MARTSBERGER is thrilled to be crewing his second show at Spartanburg Youth Theatre. When he is not at the theatre, he loves reading and drawing. He would like to thank Maddie, Adam, and the rest of the team at the Spartanburg Youth Theatre for this opportunity to be part of *The Wizard of Oz*.

SELAH RODRIGUEZ is very happy to crew this production while her brother Ben performs in it! She is a 7th grader at Dawkins Middle School and enjoys playing the violin in the school orchestra. In her free time, Selah loves to read. She would like to thank the librarians at Dawkins Middle School, Dr. Cox and Mrs. Zibell, for always providing her with recommendations of great books to read and for always supporting their students in theatre.

JOHN SCOTT has crewed four shows at SYT and has loved every one of them! Theatre has made such a big impact on his life, and the people at SYT have made an even greater impact! He loves it here at SYT, and he hopes everyone enjoys the show!

JONATHAN WILSON feels right at home in the theater. Some of his favorite roles have been Troy Bolton in *High School Musical*, Gilbert Blythe in *Anne of Green Gables*, Scar in *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, and Ensemble in *The Sound of Music*. This past summer his skills were challenged and stretched in *Songs for a New World*. He takes voice and violin lessons and enjoys playing video games and reading fantasy novels. As a senior this year, Jonathan plans to attend Clemson University to major in engineering and stay involved in musical theatre.

DELANEY ZIBELL is a 9th grade student at the Dorman Freshman Campus. She is actively involved in the Spartanburg Youth Symphony Orchestra and the Dorman Theatre Department. This is Delaney's fifth time crewing with SYT, having most recently crewed *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*. In her down time, she enjoys playing violin and guitar, listening to Broadway

showtunes, and playing board games with her family. Delaney would like to thank Adam and all the SYT staff for all of the support they have shown her over the years!

MEET THE **PRODUCTION TEAM**

MADDIE TISDEL (Guest Director/Education Coordinator) feels so lucky to get to direct *The Wizard of Oz*! She graduated from Converse University in 2018 with a BA in musical theatre and history and has been seen onstage at The Warehouse Theatre, South Carolina Children's Theatre, Glow Lyric Theatre, and Centre Stage. She has also directed SYT's *The Rainbow Fish* and *Charlotte's Web*, SYT on Tour's productions of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* and *Balloonacy*, SLT's *Footloose* and *The Red Velvet Cake War*, and Proud Mary Theatre Company's *Head Over Heels*. She could not have done this without the incredible artistic team: Adam Sanders, Sami Rae Lee, Erin Taylor, Paula Arnold, Tiffany Austin, Ashley Crane, Anna Renninger, Kelly Casteel, Clint Walker, Jade Alford, and Peter Lamson. Maddie is prouder than she can express of the cast and crew of *The Wizard of Oz*. They showed up every single day with a spirit of collaboration, community, and joy, which is what theatre is all about! Finally, she would like to thank her family, friends, and Austin and AI for all their love and support, and for helping her make her dreams possible.

ADAM SANDERS (Artistic Director) grew up with SYT and loves directing the program that shaped him! He has been the SYT Artistic Director since 2015, and previously worked at the South Carolina Children's Theatre. He is also a Cycle Instructor at CycleBar Spartanburg. While he loves all his roles, his favorite role is husband to his favorite person in the world: his wife Kelsey. Galatians 2:20.

SAMANTHA LEE (Assistant Director/Makeup Designer) is over-the-rainbow to be back with SYT. She has a BS in acting and directing from Baldwin Wallace University. She was makeup designer for *Disney's The Lion King Jr.* with SYT, and she has worked both backstage and onstage with SLT, including *Kinky Boots* (Assistant Director), *School of Rock* (Ensemble), *Footloose* (Stage Manager), and *The Addams Family* (Stage Manager). She would like to thank the cast and crew for an Oz-mazing time!

BELLA SCOTT (Stage Manager) is an 11th grade homeschooler and is SO HONORED to have been given this chance to go to Oz! She has participated in numerous productions including assistant stage managing *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.* and playing the role of Octopus in *The Rainbow Fish*. She would like to thank her entire cast and crew for being the best ever, and she hopes you enjoy your trip "over the rainbow!"

MADLINE HALL (Assistant State Manager) is so excited to see this show come to life in front of an audience for SYT's first ever two-weekend run! This is her 6th show at SYT and her first time assistant stage managing. She's thrilled to be a part of this production. Thank you to the Oz team and to her family for supporting her throughout her journey at SYT. Enjoy the show!

EVAN WOOD (Assistant State Manager) is so excited for the opportunity to assistant stage manage for the first time! Evan has been at SYT for three years now and is so excited to start being on the management side of things. He would like to give a special thanks to his parents, Adam, and Maddie for everything. There's no place like SYT!

ERIN O'NEIL TAYLOR (Production Assistant) is an avid performer, teacher, and musician. She has earned degrees from Radford University (Music Business) and Converse University (Masters of Music Education) and is now the Director of Chorus and Theatre for 6th-12th grade at the Spartanburg Day School. Erin has worked on both the administrative, performance, and educational sides of the theatre and loves everything that goes into making a production run! Since moving to SC, you may have seen her performing with Spartanburg Little Theatre (*Legally Blonde*, *Rock of Ages*, *The Rocky Horror Show*, *Footloose*, *Rent*), Gaffney Little Theatre (*Steel Magnolias*), Centre Stage (*Mamma Mia*), Proud Mary (*Becoming*), and Converse Opera Theatre (*Alcina*, *Speed Dating Tonight*, *Hansel and Gretel*). When she's not watching or rehearsing for a production, you can usually find Erin cuddled up with one of her four cats or out with her two friendly Huskies, Zeke and Aurora, and her husband, Austin!

PAULA ARNOLD (Music Director) is excited to be serving as music director for *The Wizard of Oz*, one of her all-time favorites! Other SYT shows she has enjoyed working on include *Annie* and *A Christmas Carol*. Currently, Paula is a school counselor at Dorman Freshman Campus. She has also worked as a high school choral director in addition to teaching drama, voice, and piano. She has enjoyed singing and playing the keyboard on her church's worship team. Paula and her husband, Chris, have 3 boys. She is grateful to Adam and Maddie for this opportunity to work with such amazing kids!

TIFFANY AUSTIN (Choreographer) has been in multiple Spartanburg Little Theatre productions including *The Music Man*, *Mary Poppins*, *Legally Blonde*, and *The Little Mermaid*. She has worked as Dance Captain for Spartanburg Little Theatre's production of *Smokey Joe's Cafe* and *The Rocky Horror Show*. Most recently she choreographed Spartanburg Youth Theatre's production of *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.* Tiffany has attended summer intensives for The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and The American Ballet Theatre, where she performed as a demi-soloist. Tiffany is thrilled to be part of this production of *The Wizard of Oz* and to share her passion for dance with others. "The world is your stage!"

CLINT WALKER (Scenic Designer) is excited to be back in his tenth season collaborating with the SYT team! His SYT design credits include *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*, *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, *Disney's Newsies Jr.*, *Disney's Freaky Friday the Musical*, *Elf the Musical Jr.*, and *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* Additionally his design collaborations with SLT have included this season's *Cinderella* and the upcoming *Little Shop of Horrors*. Previous designs with SLT include *The Sound of Music*, *Motown Magic*, *School of Rock the Musical*, *Bright Star*, *Mamma Mia*, *Blithe Spirit*, *Chicago* and *Joseph... Dreamcoat*. Some of Clint's other production credits include scenic designer for *Into the Woods* and *Little Shop of Horrors* at Centre Stage as well as *Once on this Island*, *Charlotte's Web*, and the upcoming *Matilda the Musical* at SCCT.

KELLY CASTEEL (Costume Designer) is excited to be working again with SYT as one of the costumer coordinators. Her previous costuming experience includes SYT's *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.* and *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, as well as SLT's *Motown Magic* and *School of Rock*. Kelly is grateful to both organizations for continuing to let her be a part of their magical productions. She would like to congratulate the cast and crew on a fabulous show!

ANNA RENNINGER (Costume Designer/Media Coordinator) is excited to be costuming for another SYT production. She was last seen stitching hakuna matata into every seam for *Disney's Lion King Jr.* This season also marks her first year as Spartanburg Little Theatre's office/media manager, and she's grateful to be part of the team. When not working behind the scenes, Anna enjoys relaxing at home with her husband, Dustin, traveling to new places, experimenting with creative crafts, and spending time with friends. She's proud to contribute to the magic of SYT and SLT!

JADE ALFORD (Properties Master/Scenic Painter) is so excited to be working with Spartanburg Youth Theatre again. She has a BFA in musical theatre from Limestone College. She has previously designed props for *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*, *Annie Jr.*, *Dragons Love Tacos*, *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, and *The Rainbow Fish*. Her scenic painting has also been seen in SYT's *Charlotte's Web*, *Annie Jr.*, *Dragons Love Tacos*, *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, *Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical Jr.*, and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Musical*.

PETER LAMSON (Lighting Designer/Technical Director) has worked with SLT/SYT since 2010. Prior to his arrival in Spartanburg, Peter worked with several theatre companies in Wilmington, NC, including City Stage, Tapestry Theatre Company, and at historic Thalian Hall. Peter relishes working with talented directors, actors, and other designers in order to solve the different challenges each production presents in order to be successful.

JAY E. COFFMAN (Executive Artistic Director) most recently directed last season's *The Sound of Music*, *School of Rock*, and *Kinky Boots*. Other favorite directorial credits include *Sister Act*, *We Will Rock You*, *Sh-Boom!*, *Bright Star*, and *The Rocky Horror Show*. In past seasons he has occasionally appeared on stage in *Legally Blonde* (Dad/Winthrop), *Blithe Spirit* (Charles Condomine) and *Every Christmas Story Ever Told (and then some!)*. A native of Southern California and former senior instructor of German at USC Upstate, Jay is in his 17th year as SLT's executive artistic director.

LUCIA STANDRIDGE (Production Manager) is thrilled to be joining the SLT team after several years of being a traveling stage manager. Lucia grew up in Milan, Italy and moved to Virginia to pursue theatre arts administration in 2016. In college, she helped develop the script and stage managed the all-female original play *Bloodroot: The Ballad of Clinch Mountain*, which was nationally recognized by the 2019 Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival after performing in Twitchell Auditorium. Her stage management credits include *The Will Rogers Follies*, *Parade*, *A Christmas Carol: The Musical*, *Fiddler on the Roof* (Alluvion Stage Company), *Tecumseh! Outdoor Drama* (Scioto Society), *Color Me Beautiful* (Building Bridges Productions), *A Christmas Carol: The Musical* (The Naples Players), and *Unto These Hills* (Cherokee Historical Association). In her spare time, Lucia loves being outdoors and doing puzzles with her family.

OLIVER ELLIS (Scene Shop Foreman) has worked for the Little and Youth Theatre since 2021. He has worked with local companies such as Ballet Spartanburg and Greenville Light Opera Works and graduated from Converse University in 2020. He is glad to be given the opportunity to grow in theatre here and looks forward to creating art this season.

EMILY ROSE WATTS (Scene Shop Assistant) is excited to be joining SLT/SYT for another season. Starting as an intern at SLT in 2021, she is glad to be given the opportunity to grow with this season's productions. Emily Rose graduated from Converse University with a BA in theatre. Previously she has worked with GLOW Lyric Theatre, Ballet Spartanburg, and the Spartanburg Philharmonic Orchestra.



COLTEN BRUCE

Colten, you have the biggest heart - there's no one better to play the Tin Man! As always, we are so proud of you!

Much love from Mom, Dad,
Connor and Tanner

Break a LEG

GRACE CLARY

Grace, we love you so much and are so proud of you! We love watching you do what you love, and we hope you have the best time!

Love, Mom, Dad, Elliott, Isaac,
Mimi, Abe, and Gigi



Break a LEG



HUNTER EARLS

At the beginning of this year, you decided to attend your first ever audition just to try something new. Now we're ending this year watching you in your 5th play! You amaze us all in everything you do and make us so proud!

We love you! Mom and Dad

Break a LEG

JOSIAH GREENE

Josiah, continue to grow the gifts given to you. We are pleased and excited to see the good fruits of your effort. Have fun being the best version of yourself!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Jeremiah, Syreigna
Mema, Lee Papa & Johnny Papa



Break a LEG

MADELINE HALL

Keep shooting for the stars and remember "there's no place like home!"

Love, Jim, Charlotte and Jackson



Break a LEG



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GLORIANA HOWARD

Every opportunity has led you to this moment! Take your place Gloriana! GO GET THAT GIRL...and her little dog too!

Dad, Mom, Ethan, and Jake

CHLOE HUJIK

We are always so proud of you, both on and off the stage. Keep working hard and shooting for the stars!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Porter



Break a LEG



Break a LEG

STRONG JONES

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Oz! Strong, as always, we love to see you follow your heart. Remember, there's no place like...theater!

Love you forever,
Mom and Dad



CAROLINE KEEVER

We are so proud of you! Keep following your dreams and doing great things!

Love, Mom, Braddy, Zeke,
Lucy, and Palmer

Break a LEG

CAROLINE KEEVER

Congratulations on your first theatre performance! We are so excited to watch you grow in your musical theatre talents!

Love, Daddy, Brittany,
Palmer, Belle & Chipper



Break a LEG



OLIVIA MARSH

Always proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad

Break a LEG

ADISON MCABEE

We're so proud of you! Keep working hard and reaching for the stars baby girl!

We love you!
Mom, Dad, Tallon, Megan & Nana



Break a LEG

PENELOPE MCDANIELS

The Wizard says, "A heart is not judged by how much you love but by how much you are loved by others," and you are loved tremendously! We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, and Banks



Break a LEG



PENELOPE MCDANIELS

"You've always had the power, my dear.
You just had to learn it for yourself"

We love you,
Hoppa and Amma

Break a LEG

LAKELYNN MCROBERTS

Lakelynn! We couldn't be more excited for your first SYT performance! Never forget to honor the Lord with your talent.

You make us so proud. Do it girl!
Mom, Dad, Hudson, and Lucy



Break a LEG



LAKELYNN MCROBERTS

We are so proud of you! We can't wait to see what God has planned for you in the future.

Love, MeMe and Pops

Break a LEG



JAIDEN NOLAN

Jaiden, we couldn't be prouder of you if we tried! You've come so far, and we love watching you on the stage!

We love you so much.

Mom, Dad, and JoJo

Break a LEG

ADRI PATTERSON

It has been a joy watching you thrive on and off stage at SYT these last few years.

We are so proud of you!

Love,

Dad, Mom, Cooper,
Londynn, and Emory



Break a LEG



BEN RODRIGUEZ

Cheering on our friend, Ben!
We love you! "A heart is shown not by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others."

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Break a LEG

BEN RODRIGUEZ

We are undeniably and reliably thrilled to see you on stage as The Mayor!

Love

Mom, Mia, & Selah



Break a LEG

BELLA SCOTT

We can't wait to travel to the emerald city with you. You are absolutely Oz-some and we all love you bunches!

Love, Mom, Dad, John Wesley
and all the Grands!



Break a LEG



Break a LEG

SOPHIE VARNER

Break a leg Soph! Follow the yellow brick road over the rainbow! You will always be our favorite munchkin! Have fun!

We love you,
Mama & Daddy

SOPHIE VARNER

"Break your arm, your ankle
or your neck...but don't break
anything valuable!" - Bob Wallace

Love,
Audra



Break a LEG



Break a LEG

STEPHEN WILSON

Stephen, way to represent the
"Wilson Guild!" We love you
and are so proud of you!

Love, Mom & Dad



STEPHEN WILSON

Stephen,
We are so proud of you!
We will celebrate your time in Oz
with some Winkie ice cream!

Love,
Uncle Joe and Grandma

Break a LEG

JAELEAH WISE

Break a leg!!! You've worked so hard, and
now it's your time to shine. Remember,
there's no place like the stage, and
you've got all the magic to make it
unforgettable. I'm so proud of you!

Love, Mom



Break a LEG



MOSS EVELYN WISE

We are so proud of our sweet
little "good witch," always!

Love,
Mommy, Daddy, Fellers Jr.
and Georgia Kay

Break a LEG

MOSS EVELYN WISE

We are so very proud of you,
our li'l Mouse!

Love you,
Granna and Tompaw



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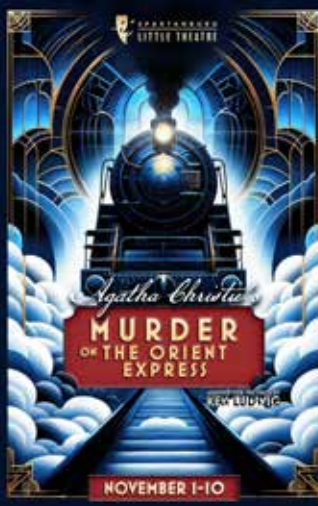
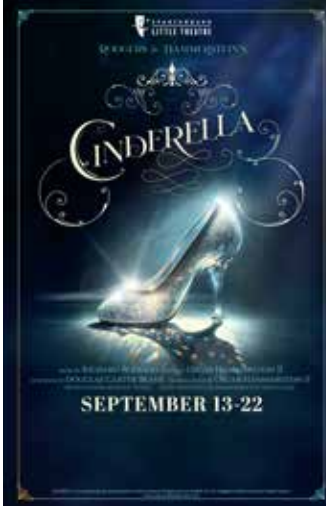
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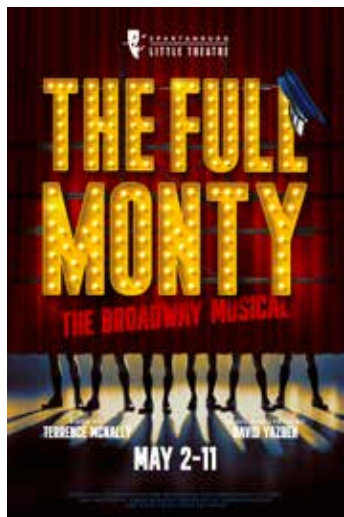
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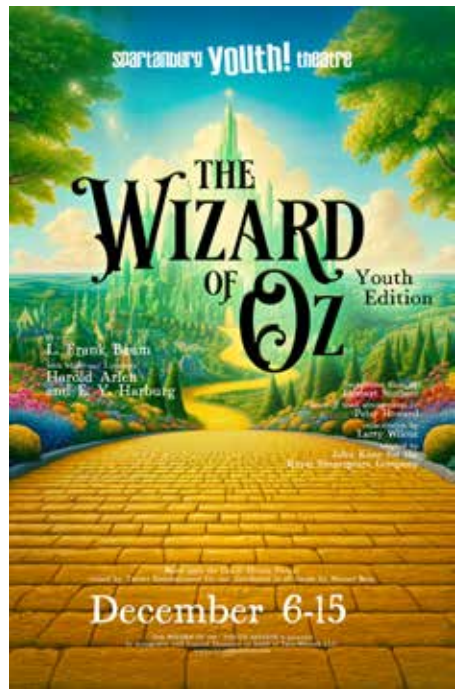
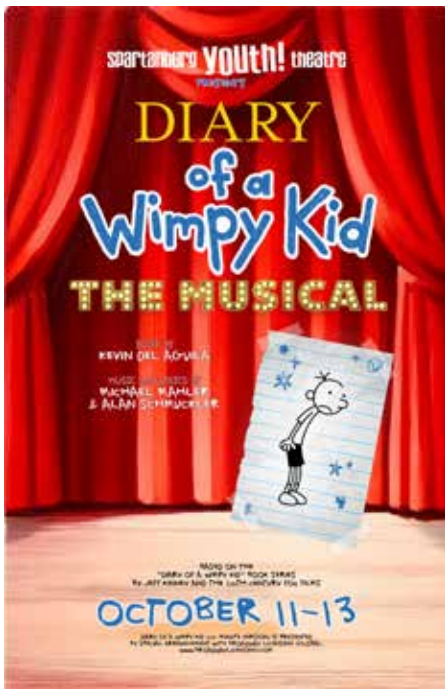


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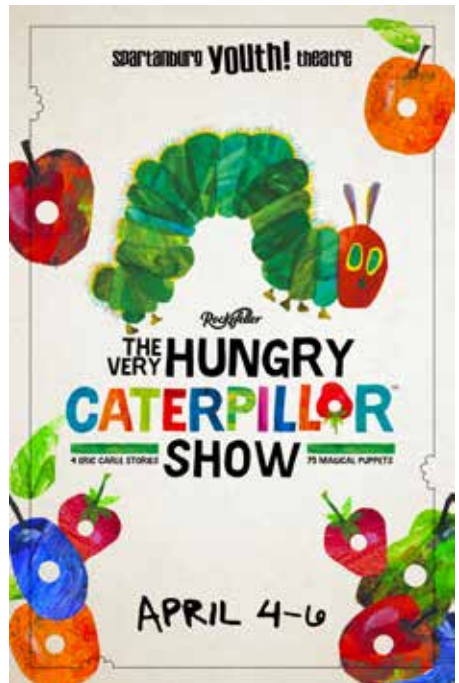
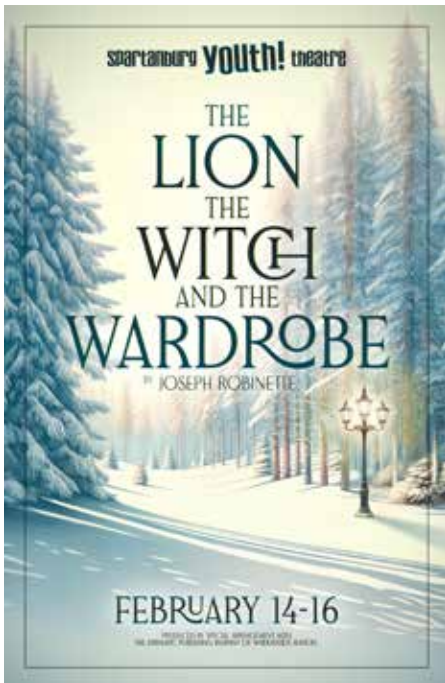
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