

Hammond Theatre Presents



**March 3-11
2017**

produced by special arrangement with Samuel French, Inc.

**Book by
William F. Brown**

**MUSIC & LYRICS BY
Charlie Smalls**

ADAPTED FROM "THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ" BY FRANK L. BAUM

PRESENTED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH Samuel French, Inc.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Producer & Director: Lauren Tobiason

Music Director: TJ Lukacsina

Vocal Director: Carolyn Freel

Technical Director: Donald Chiarella

Choreographers: Alex Krebs, CJ Cunningham

Lighting Design: Jaeden Arrington, Ben Yodzis

Costume Coordinator: Samantha Duvall

Makeup Design: Cathy Vaas

Stage Manager: Christine Gilbert

Assistant Directors: Kaitlin Landfried, Shelby Waters

Assistant Stage Manager: Jill Mason

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful to the administrative and custodial teams for their essential support. We would also like to thank:

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- ~ Zach Sager and Josh Lee for assistance with lighting
- ~ Pat Burns, Hannah Grabenstein, Casey Hereth, The Kreh Family, Jennifer Marker, Mr. Mason, Shannon Nabors, Elizabeth Savopoulos, Mr. Waak, & Jordan Zuelsdorf for set building and painting assistance
- ~ Kris Woodson for coordinating volunteers and arranging meals
- ~ Darrin Allen for photography
- ~ The Wakefield and Duvall families for paint donations
- ~ Hammond Dance Department, LRHS Theatre Department, & Cami Wise for the loan of costumes
- ~ Flo Arnold for costume rental

In consideration of the performers and the audience, cell phone use during the performance is prohibited. Recording of any kind is not allowed during the performance.

Please turn off all cell phones prior to the start of the show!

Scenes and Songs

KANSAS

The Feeling We Once Had: Aunt Em

Tornado Ballet: Tornado Dancers

OZ

He's the Wiz: Addaperle, Munchkins

Soon As I Get Home: Dorothy

I Was Born on the Day Before Yesterday: Scarecrow, Crows

Ease On Down the Road: Dorothy, Scarecrow

Slide Some Oil to Me: Tinman

Ease On—Reprise: Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman

Mean Ole Lion: Lion

Ease On—Reprise: Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion (Friends)

Kalidah Battle: Friends, Kalidahs

Be A Lion: Dorothy, Lion

Lion's Dream: Lion, Poppies

EMERALD CITY

Emerald City Ballet: Friends, Citizens

So You Wanted To Meet The Wizard : The Wiz

To Be Able To Feel: Tinman

- 15 MINUTE INTERMISSION -

EVILLENE'S CASTLE

No Bad News: Evillene, Winkies

FOREST

Funky Monkeys: Monkeys, Friends

EVILLENE'S CASTLE

Everybody Rejoice: Friends, Winkies

EMERALD CITY

Who do You Think You Are?: Friends

Believe In Yourself: The Wiz

Y'all Got It: The Wiz, Citizens, Friends

A Rested Body is a Rested Mind: Glinda

Believe In Yourself—Reprise: Glinda

Home: Dorothy

THE CAST

DOROTHY	Jessica Ramon* Kayla Sharp**
AUNT EM	Emma Schreier* Abby White**
ADDAPERLE	Keche Arrington* Renee Lindenmann**
SCARECROW	Rhea Bradley** Hosea Mundi*
TINMAN	Josh Olujide* Nick Zuelsdorf**
THE LION	Jack Buzard* Mikey Peterson**
THE WIZ	Han Wagner* Jasmine Phillips**
EVILLENE	Lexi Wakefield*** Rachel Wattanarungsikajorn****
GLINDA	Kira Bennett
UNCLE HENRY	Nigel Guest-Hatcher
TOTO	Skipper
MUNCHKIN #1	Katie Rees
MUNCHKIN #2	Olivia Irby
MUNCHKIN #3	Grace Quade
MUNCHKIN #4	Jordan Kreh
MUNCHKIN #5	Samantha Kargbo
YELLOW BRICK ROAD	Simon Guteng, Jr.
FIRST MOUSE	Danny Quinter
SECOND MOUSE	Nia Anderson
GATEKEEPER	Michael Weiss
FIRST CITIZEN	Grace Woodson
SECOND CITIZEN	Justin Beahm
THIRD CITIZEN	Armonie Lane
LORD HIGH UNDERLING	Simon Guteng, Jr.
MESSANGER	Isabelle Dyson
FLYING MONKEY	Naw Share
FIRST WINKIE	Hanaa Omran
GLINDA (UNDERSTUDY)	Ina O’Ryan

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CROWS

Isabelle Dyson
Ina O'Ryan
Jackayla Pendergast
Nya Stevens

TORNADO/POPPY

Kira Bennett
Isha Brockenberry
Isabelle Dyson
Diamond Fatoki
Ariana James
India Wise

KALIDAHS

Chinaza Ezeh
Olivia Irby
Jordan Kreh
Hanaa Omran
Anna Tache
Kayelee Wisdom
Shiya Yancey

ENSEMBLE

Nia Anderson
Emilia Azurmendi
Justin Beahm
Isabel Berry
Chloe Booher
Tristan Decker
Isabelle Dyson
Chinaza Ezeh
Chinyere Godfrey N.
Nigel Guest-Hatcher
Simon Guteng, Jr.
Alex Holtz
Eric Hryniewicz

Olivia Irby
Samantha Kargbo
Jordan Kreh
Armonie Lane
Brenda Merino
Hanaa Omran
Ina O'Ryan
Jackayla Pendergast
Sydney Phillips
Grace Quade
Daniel Quinter
Katie Rees
Logan Seely

Naw Share
Amika Smart
Nya Stevens
Anna Tache
Sasisara Trithavorn
Michael Weiss
John White
Kayelee Wisdom
Grace Woodson
Sydney Woodward
LaMar Young

PIT SINGERS

Celeste Ampaah
Dareliz Wong Arbelo
Tyrone Jones
Lyndsay Katz
Tess McRae
Leah Messer
Mathias O'Neil
Terra O'Rourke
Rachel Osborne
Diane Perez
Mikayla Prettyman

*3/3 and 3/4 at 7pm, 3/11 at 2pm
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THE CREW

CONSTRUCTION/ PAINT

Mansa Asiedu
Kevin Baker*
Skylar Bennett
Ahna Feldstein*
Lyndsay Katz
Matt Lupo
Caitlin Pettengill*
Emily Renfro*
Leslie Sparling
Caroline Waak

SOUND

David Garvey*
Alex Pyryt*
Jade Smith*

COSTUMES/MAKEUP

Jenaye Brooks-Rivers
Sophia Moyer
Reyna Condon
Grace Woodson*
Shelby Waters*

LIGHTS

Brooke Albright
Jaeden Arrington*
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Mandi Bhatt
Ana Davis
Ethan Fox
Grace Hartley
Cameron Jones*
Madison Woodward
Ben Yodzis

*denotes running/shift crew

THE ORCHESTRA

Conductor **Mr. Tj Lukacsina**

Violin	Sarah Horton Zach Lee Molly Shreier Kunal Thapar	French Horn	Julia Linthicum
		Trombone	Cory Larsson
		Keyboard	Ellie Whittenberger
Cello	Karina LaCroix	Guitar	Chris Sisson
Oboe	Daniel Ruiz Perez	Electric Bass	Eli Cohen
Flutes/Piccolo	Kaylee McDonald Bhumi Patel	Drum Set	Tony Terrasa
		Percussion	Akash Chauhan
Clarinets	Jenna Dietrich Emily Vander Velden		Josh Carbo
Alto Sax	Charlie Schneider		
Tenor Sax	Josh Wild		
Trumpets	Leslie Sparling Natalie Ward Randy Whittenberger		

SHOUT OUTS!

- ⇒ Alex & CJ—Your choreography brings light, life, and joy to this stage. Thank you for sharing your time and talent with us. ~ Mrs. Tobiason and cast
- ⇒ Emily R.—Congrats on your last Hammond Production. Looking forward to more drama as a Terrifying Green Fighting Squirrel! Quack! ~ Mom, Dad, Beth and Johnny
- ⇒ "As we travel on, love's what we'll remember" A Chorus Line. For Danny
- ⇒ To Jasmine, Renee, Kayelee, Lexi, Abby, and Orm. Bonjour and Au Revoir.
- ⇒ A big SHOUT OUT to Jaeden Arrington for all your dedication, time and energy this year that kept a spotlight on the Arts. - Mom & Dad
- ⇒ Shelby Waters, We are very proud of you and the great theatre experience you have gained at HHS. Love, Mom and Dad
- ⇒ Ms. Nibber—We are incredibly grateful for your assistance with vocal coaching and sharing your theatrical insights with us! ~Mrs. Tobiason and cast
- ⇒ Shelby, I have really enjoyed the plays you have been a part of at HHS. Best wishes for all your future theatre endeavors! Love, Nana
- ⇒ Shelby, We want to tell you how much we love you. Enjoy the love, laughter and limelight that is yours today. Love, Grammy & Grampy
- ⇒ Congratulations Michael! It's been so much fun watching you shine on the stage. We're proud of all your accomplishments. We love you, Mom & Dad
- ⇒ Renee Lindenmann . . . 30 Years!!!
- ⇒ Lyndsay, Mazel Tov on your singing and all your hard work as a techie. We're very proud of you! Love Dad, Mom and Jordan!
- ⇒ Christine, Kaitlin, Shelby and Jill—Thank you for helping me keep my brains intact, my heart inspired, and my courage at the ready. You are all magnificent. ~ Mrs. Tobiason

Kaitlin,

You've always been our star! Acting, directing, dancing – it's been a great ride thanks to Hammond and your passion for the arts. Wishing you happiness and success in college and beyond!

Love,

Mom, Dad, Andrew, Erica



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KECHE ARRINGTON (Addaperle) is excited and sad that this is her last Hammond musical. She is thankful for the guidance from Ms. Tobiason and Mr. Chiarella during her time at Hammond. She is grateful for the countless friends she's made through theatre and knows she wouldn't be the same without them and loves them all. Her next adventure is SVA 2021!

KIRA BENNETT (Glinda) is so excited (and a little heartbroken) to be playing Glinda in her last ever high school show. She would like to thank everyone who has supported her throughout the years. She loves theater and this show so much and hopes everyone enjoys this amazing production! Xoxo, Gossip Girl

ISABEL BERRY (Citizen) is a freshmen and is happy to be part of the cast for *The Wiz*. Isabel enjoys singing and all forms of art !

CHLOE BOOHER (Munchkin, Citizen) is a freshman and is so excited to be part of her first production at HaHS. She wants to thank her friends and parents for all the support of the show. Enjoy the show.

RHEA BRADLEY (Scarecrow) is excited to finally be getting her brains and to be performing in her last show at Hammond! She is planning to pursue musical theatre as a career and going to college to major in it. She thanks everyone in the cast, crew, and production team for making her last show a memorable one.

JACK BUZARD (Lion) is a senior and has performed with HaHS theatre for 4 years. Some favorite roles include Horton (*Seussical*), Prez (*PJ Game*), Man in Chair (*Drowsy*), and most recently the Writer (*The Good Doctor*). He would like to thank his mom, dad, and Ms. Freel for being the best people ever and always being there!

TRISTAN DECKER (Munchkin, Citizen) is excited to be part of his 3rd Hammond production. Delighted to work with another great cast and crew, Tristan is looking forward to seeing *The Wiz* come together. He would like to thank everyone involved with the production for the opportunity to be part of wonderful Hammond Theatre Family!

ISABELLE DYSON (Crow, Poppy, Messenger) is a junior and is so excited to be participating in her third musical at Hammond. She would like to thank her parents and her friends.

CHINAZA EZEH (Munchkin, Winkie) is very excited to be involved in her first Hammond production. She plans to continue to take theatre classes and participate in productions her entire high school career.

CHRISTINE GILBERT (Stage Manager) is very happy to be working on her second production with Hammond. She is delighted to work with the aspects behind the scenes that help bring the show together. After working with this cast and musical throughout all stages of production, she is excited to see it come to life on the stage.

ALEX HOLTZ (Munchkin, Citizen) With two shows playing cello in the pit band, Alex is excited to now lend his voice to Hammond's production of *The Wiz*.

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ERIC HRYNIEWICZ (Munchkin, Winkie), a Sophomore, loves performing, from theatre to trumpet to Polish dance. He is thrilled to be in his third production at Hammond High and hopes everyone enjoys *The Wiz*.

SAMANTHA KARGBO (Munchkin, Winkie) is a sophomore who is very excited to be in *The Wiz*.

JORDAN KREH (Munchkin #4, Kalidah, Winkie) is a freshman and is excited to be in her first Hammond production! She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her and coming to the show.

KAITLIN LANDFRIED (Assistant Director) This is Kaitlin's 8th and final Hammond production. Although she loves many disciplines of theatre, assistant directing is her favorite as she helps enhance performances and make artistic choices about the show. Kaitlin plans to continue directing in the future, hopefully in the film industry. She wants to thank Mrs. Tobiason, her family, and her friends for their undying support. Enjoy the show!

ARMONIE LANE (Munchkin, Citizen), a sophomore, is very grateful to be in her second production with Hammond theatre, *The Wiz*. Her work on *The Good Doctor* has her very excited. Armonie is very thankful to everyone for all of their help and support. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

RENEE LINDENMANN (Addaperle) is currently a senior and is so happy to be in her 5th Hammond Production. She has been a part of the Hammond theatre department since her Freshman year and has been doing theatre for a total of 9 years now. Renee will be attending college in Southern California next year to study film/theatre.

JILL MASON (Assistant Stage Manager) This is Jill's third year at Hammond and she got involved with the theatre department this year. She has worked on two productions and has enjoyed getting to know everyone.

BRENDA MERINO (Citizen) is a freshmen who is excited to be in her first Hammond production. Brenda enjoys dancing and playing sports.

HOSEA MUNDI (Scarecrow) is a junior and is very excited to be acting in his third musical. Off stage, Hosea enjoys playing piano, guitar, drums, and film making. He dreams of becoming a film director!

JOSHUA OLUIDE (Tinman) is just your average, ordinary, optimistic, energetic, eccentric, eclectic, bewildering enigma of an 11th grader. He's also known to be a world renowned HAMILTON expert, thespian extraordinaire, and active writer/blogger.

INA O'RYAN (Crow, Winkie, Glinda US) simply had to perform again after being in Hammond's last musical, the *Pajama Game*. She is excited to be playing a crow in the cast.

MICHAEL PETERSON (Lion) is a bundle of joy blessed with the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful cast. He loves everyone at Hammond, especially his fellow cast members. This will be Mikey's 2nd musical he has ever been in and he is beyond ecstatic to be back on stage!

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SYDNEY PHILLIPS (Munchkin, Winkie) is a freshman, and this is her first performance in a musical. She enjoys singing, dancing and acting.

JASMINE PHILLIPS (The Wiz) is a senior who loves theatre. This is her 8th production at Hammond and she is thrilled to play *The Wiz*; the fabulous and magical ruler of Oz. She is excited to hit the stage one last time for the March musical. She will most definitely continue to perform in college and beyond. She hopes you enjoy the show.

GRACE QUADE (Munchkin #3, Citizen) is extremely excited to be partaking in *The Wiz*. She sends an enormous thanks to her theatre family for working with her and helping her in all times of struggle.

JESSICA RAMON (Dorothy) is a senior thrilled to play Dorothy for the second time in a theatre production! Including her role as Dorothy in *The Wiz* in 8th grade, she has been in all the musicals at Hammond since freshman year and will miss every part of it. She wants to thank and send love to her friends, Mom, Dad, Braulio, Mrs. Tobiason, and Ms. Freel!

KATIE REES (Munchkin #1, Winkie) is so excited to be in her second musical with Hammond. She would like to thank her family, the directors, and cast for making this such a great experience.

EMMA SCHREIER (Aunt Em, Winkie) is so excited to be part of her second Hammond production on stage. Emma would like to thank everyone who came out to see the show and support her.

LOGAN SEELY (Munchkin, Citizen) is a freshman playing as an Emerald City Citizen and is a part of the Munchkin Ensemble and he hopes you all enjoy *The Wiz*.

KAYLA SHARP (Dorothy) This is Kayla's first musical ever! She thanks her mother and friends for encouraging her to try out. She is ecstatic to be a part of something so amazing and diverse.

AMIKA SMART (Munchkin, Winkie) This is Amika's first Hammond theatre production. It has been an amazing experience; thank you to our cast for being amazing!

SASISARA TRITHAVORN (Munchkin, Citizen) is thrilled to be a part of her first musical production at Hammond during her exchange year in America. She has enjoyed making the best memory with everyone here!

HAN WAGNER (The Wiz) is very excited to be in his final Hammond High Musical performance. He would like to thank his parents and family as well as Mrs. Tobiason, Ms. Freel and Mr. Dunlap for their support in his scholastic and artistic endeavors. He hopes you enjoy the show.

LEXI WAKEFIELD (Evillene) is thrilled to play the evil villain in Hammond's production of *The Wiz*. Recently she portrayed Mistress from *TGD* and Poopsie from *PJ Game*. Enjoy the show; it brings good news!

SHELBY WATERS (Assistant Director) is happy to be working on her fourth and final show with Hammond's theatre department. She's had the amazing experience of being on running crew, acting, and now ADing. Shelby has been extremely blessed during her years at HaHS to be involved with such an

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enriching and positive program as this theatre department. Additional many thanks to Mrs. Tobiason.

RACHEL WATTANARUNSIKAJORN (Evillene, Winkie) is a junior who is excited to be among such a talented cast for her third musical at Hammond. Previous roles include Mayzie from *Seussical the Musical*.

MICHAEL WEISS (Gatekeeper) is ecstatic to be in his 5th production with the Hammond theatre department. He is incredibly saddened that he has to leave a program that he has been proud to call home for the past four years. He made many close friends and so many wonderful memories. He hopes his bio made it into the program this time.

ABBY WHITE (Aunt Em) has come a ways since her role as an ensemble member in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* freshman year. She's grateful for everything the theatre department has given her over these four years. Abby would like to thank Ms. Cami Wise, her church theater director, who as always encouraged her to pursue singing and acting. She hopes you enjoy her final production at Hammond.

JOHN WHITE (Citizen) has been performing in musicals since 2009, and he is in the Hammond concert choir. The Wiz is his first performance at Hammond and he's had fun working with everyone.

KAYELEEE WISDOM (Munchkin, Kalidah, Winkie) is pleased to be in her third Hammond Production. She is a Junior and loves singing and acting. She's going to miss all her senior friends next year. Enjoy!

NICK ZUELSDORF (Tinman) is extremely blown away by his fellow cast and crew members in Hammond's *The Wiz*. Performing as the Tinman for his 5th and final Hammond production is an incredible feeling for Nick; he hopes you enjoy every second of it! Nick would like to thank his family, the Mijas, Mrs. Tobiason, and Ms. Freel for everything they've done.

Han,
We are so proud of the person you have become.
We wish you nothing but the best as you ease on down the road.
Love, Dad, Mom and Kelly



**Congratulations
Kayelee~
We're proud of you!**

**Once a Munchkin...
always a Munchkin!**

**Love you! Mom,
Anthony, & Erwyn**



It all started in 6th grade -
 As Cat in the Hat you took the stage.
 We had no idea - then you belted it out,
 As Louis Armstrong no less - how'd we ever doubt?
 You soon would take on many more roles.
 (As your family, we think the shows - you stole)
 Seussical and Almost Maine,
 Mabel in Pajama Game,
 Dr. Einstein - full of action,
 The Good Doctor with tooth extraction!
 With Scarecrow, High School credits end.
 Soon off to college where they'll begin.
 The three of us, with pride are filled.
 We look forward to every future playbill!

Congratulations and break a leg!
 Love,
 Mom, Dad and Will





We love you Rhea!

Oh, the places you'll go! And we can't wait to watch. We'll be cheering you on from here, and are so glad we got to be a small part of cheering you on along the way.

*Aunt Shari, Uncle Tim,
Phoebe, Rebekah, T.J. &
Charlie
(Bailey & Penny Lane too!)*

*Dreams you own, just set your goals
And have the utmost faith in it; tread
your own path. You'll never make it as a
follower, you'll never know where you will
go or where you will be tomorrow.*

-Ed Sheeran

*The future belongs to those who believe
in the beauty of their dreams.*

- Eleanor Roosevelt



Jack,

As Chanakya said, "The one excellent thing that can be learned from a lion is that whatever a man intends doing should be done by him with a whole-hearted and strenuous effort."

From Bun Foo to Horton to Prez and now the Lion, you always perform with your whole heart.

Congratulations on a great run of musicals at Hammond High School. We're so proud of all you have accomplished. Looking forward to traveling with you as you navigate the corn maze of life! Love, Mom, Dad, Matt, Maw-Maw, and Hank



**You clicked your heels
three times and
transported us to a world
of joy and amazement
these past four years.**

**Congratulations Keche
and never stop believing
in yourself!**

-Mom & Dad





Jessica –

From a munchkin at age 5 to Dorothy... we are so proud of all you have accomplished thus far and cannot wait to see what lies ahead for you on the stage and in life.

Congratulations on your role as Dorothy from your biggest fans!

Love, Dad, Mom & Braulio

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Journey (noun): An act of traveling from one place to another.

This musical is a journey in many senses of the word. In 2+ hours of performance, it travels from Kansas to Oz and back, and it traveled from page to stage in our three-month production process. Figuratively, a journey should leave its travelers changed, even if they end up in the same literal place they began (whether Kansas or Hammond's theatre). Travelers should have a new perspective on their lives, as well. Perhaps it's an appreciation for the warmth of home, a renewed commitment to important people in their lives, or the confidence to know that they can affect change in the world.

The story is a classic one, first told in L. Frank Baum's novel *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* (1900) and then in the movie musical adaptation starring Judy Garland (1939). *The Wiz* debuted on Broadway in 1978 with an all-black cast, combining soulful music with a powerful belief of the transformative power of community. It was a hit, running for 1,600+ performances and winning 7 TONY awards. Its relevance today is clear, as the characters search for their purpose and fight to free their lives from fear and deception. Yet, in all this, they maintain an underlying hope and joy.

It has been my great joy to direct this production. I am proud of the work that our immensely talented group has poured into this epic show. It features the largest musical cast in my time here, our first time performing over two weekends, and many double-cast leading roles. We're all here because we think this story, these songs, and these characters deserve to be shared, discussed, and celebrated. Thank you for your patronage and for joining us on this journey.

~ Lauren Tobiason

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