



Front Row Center

LAURA R. CHARLES THEATER

The title 'THE WIZARD of OZ' is rendered in a classic, ornate yellow font. The word 'THE' is in a smaller, cursive script above 'WIZARD'. The word 'of' is in a smaller, cursive script below 'WIZARD'. The letter 'O' in 'OZ' is a large, stylized circle. A blue hot air balloon with red and yellow stripes and a small basket is positioned behind the 'O'.

THE WIZARD of OZ

YOUTH
EDITION

Our Mission:

Front Row Center is San Diego's newest 501(c)3 non-profit performing arts company focused on providing equitable and accessible youth theatrical opportunities, through exceptional educational programming, theatrical productions, and workshops. Front Row Center strives to make these Theatre Arts experiences attainable to all young performers regardless of socio-economic, cultural, ethnic background, skill level, disability, gender identity or sexual orientation. Along with cultivating a lifelong admiration and passion for the performing arts, Front Row Center is committed to bringing high-quality youth theatre productions to San Diego. Our programming will supplement regional educational resources and school curriculums with accessible tuition fees.

Executive Director:

Michael Kirsch

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President: Alex DeCosta

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Treasurer: Nancy Peña

For more information about our programming or to register for a class, workshop, or production, please visit

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THE
WIZARD
of
OZ
YOUTH EDITION

By
L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics
**Harold Arlen &
E. Y. Harburg**

Adapted by John Kane for the
Royal Shakespeare Company.
Based upon the Classic Motion Picture
owned by Turner Entertainment Co.
distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

Orchestration
Larry Wilcox

Background Music
Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal
Arrangements
Peter Howard

Assistant Director &
Stage Manager
Teagan Lisama

Director & Choreographer
Michael Kirsch

Music Directors
**Michelle Gray
Victoria Patton**

Technical Director &
Sets
Alex DeCosta

Costume, Hair, &
Makeup Coordinators
**Heidi Lawrence
Polly Bild**

Lighting Designer
Russell Chow

Assistant Stage
Manager
Ashley Hilliard

Sound Designer
Zen Schenkelberg

Back of House
Coordinator
Nancy Peña

Front of House
Coordinator
Elisa Hilliard

Props Lead
Shannon Garcia

Greenroom Leads
**Harmony Carrera
Alexis Kincaid**

Hair &
Makeup Leads
**Vanessa Rodriguez
Mariana Castillo**

Merchandise Lead
Heather Toudle

Alterations Leads
**Alma Harder-Ortega
Heather Harris**

Crew Leads
**Kimberly Hale
Bill Howeth**

Lead Usher
Ruben Ceballos

Concessions Lead
Ariel Alander

Raffle Lead
Jackie Alvarez

Follow Spot Ops
**Isabella Alvarez &
Izzy Perez**

Videographers
**Arnold Alonzo
Lito de los Reyes**

Cast Care Lead
Cynthia Padilla

Photographer
Jessica Luongo

A huge thank you to all our dedicated parent volunteers for their unwavering support in nurturing young talent and fostering creativity on and off the stage.

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Adaptation and support materials developed by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald

Song List

ACT ONE

Somewhere Over the Rainbow.....	Dorothy
Cyclone.....	Dorothy • Featured Dancers
Munchkinland.....	Glinda • Dorothy • Munchkins
Follow the Yellow Brick Road.....	Dorothy • Toto • Munchkins
If I Only Had a Brain.....	Scarecrow • Dorothy • Toto • Crows
Were off to see the Wizard.....	Scarecrow • Dorothy • Toto • Crows
If I Only Had a Heart.....	Tin Man • Apple Trees • Scarecrow • Dorothy • Toto
Were off to see the Wizard (Reprise 1).....	Tin Man • Scarecrow • Dorothy • Toto
If I Only Had the Nerve.....	Lion • Tin Man • Scarecrow • Dorothy • Toto
Were off to see the Wizard (Reprise 2).....	Lion • Tin Man • Scarecrow • Dorothy • Toto
Jitterbug.....	Wicked Witch • Lion • Tin Man • Scarecrow • Dorothy • Toto • Jitterbugs • Leapin' Larvae

INTERMISSION

ACT TWO

Optimistic Voices.....	Ozian Citizens
Merry Ole Land of Oz.....	Ozian Citizens • Lion • Tin Man • Scarecrow • Dorothy • Toto
King of the Forest.....	Lion • Tin Man • Scarecrow • Dorothy • Toto • Ozian Citizens
Winkie's March.....	Winkies
Over the Rainbow (Reprise).....	Aunt Em • Dorothy



At Front Row Center, Everyone Belongs

We believe the magic of theater is for everyone. Whether you're seated in the front row or the back, your presence matters deeply to us. We're committed to creating a space where all identities, backgrounds, and voices are not only welcomed but celebrated. Inclusion isn't just a value - it's in the spotlight. Thank you for being here with us.



In acknowledgment of San Diego's First Nations and as a mark of respect, we recognize that Front Row Center currently rents venues that occupy the land historically belonging to the Ipai-Tipai, also known as the Kumeyaay Nation, within the present-day San Diego region. We honor the tribe and its members - those of the past, those in the present, and those who will come in the future. We are mindful of the cycles of colonization that have inflicted historical and ongoing hardships upon these nations. Rooted in our core principles, we hold that comprehending the journey that led us to inhabit this land is paramount, and we pledge to consistently seek understanding of our role within this intricate narrative.

Elphaba Cast

Dorothy.....	Gabby Anne Ortega
Toto.....	Layla Carrera
Toto Puppeteer.....	Kailyn Felix
Scarecrow.....	Julian Fericelli
Tin Man.....	Siena Madaffari
Lion.....	Alex Alonzo
Glinda.....	Elissa Oxina
Wicked Witch.....	Adeleine Rose
Wizard of Oz.....	Quentin Rooke
Uncle Henry.....	Izzy Perez
Aunt Em.....	Giuliana Marin

MUNCHKINS

Mayor of the Munchkin City.....	Sebastian Padilla
Barrister.....	Annelise Guynes
Coroner.....	Zoey Carpenter
Lullaby League.....	Aerilyn Alander • Samy Townsley • Sofia Perez
Lollipop Guild.....	Jaksen Kullman, • Mateo Cardenas • Josie Howeth
Featured Munchkin.....	Julyana Alvarez • Nevan Woods • Juliette Rooke
City Mothers.....	Evelyn Dobberteen • Mikaelya Matthews
Munchkin Ensemble.....	Kailyn Felix • Melissa Torres • Ily Rodriguez
Mini Munchkins.....	Harper Alander • Caitlin Cook • Amelia Kincaid

APPLE TREES

Apple Tree #1.....	Kailyn Felix
Apple Tree #2.....	Melissa Torres
Apple Tree #3.....	Ily Rodriguez

OZIANs

Doorman.....	Grayson Mills
Guardzman.....	Emi G. Gonzalez
Julyana Alvarez • Nevan Woods • Sebastian Padilla • Annelise Adele • Evelyn Dobberteen • Mikaelya Matthews • Zoey Carpenter • Juliette Rooke • Giuliana Marin • Izzy Perez	

JITTERBUGS & CROWS

Taylor Toudle • Idalis Canada • Paisley Madaffari • Sasha Cohen • Quinn Hebron

LEAPIN' LARVAE

Harper Alander • Caitlin Cook • Amelia Kincaid

WINKIES

Leader of the Winkies.....	Taylor Toudle
Idalis Canada • Paisley Madaffari • Sasha Cohen • Quinn Hebron • Kailyn Felix • Melissa Torres • Ily Rodriguez	

WINGED MONKEYS

Niko.....	Jaksen Kullman
Aerilyn Alander • Samy Townsley • Sophia Perez • Mateo Cardenas • Josie Howeth	

Glinda Cast

Dorothy.....	..Mariah Hale
Toto.....	..Sophia Perez
Toto Puppeteer.....	..Keira Sugapong
Scarecrow.....	..Brielle Carter
Tin Man.....	..Abel Saldivar
Lion.....	..Kate Fjeldsted
Glinda.....	..Liv Salas
Wicked Witch.....	..Pia Inzunza
Wizard of Oz.....	..Gio DePascale
Uncle Henry.....	..Jonathan Proctor
Aunt Em.....	..Dahlia de los Reyes

MUNCHKINS

Mayor of the Munchkin City.....	..Lauren Hilliard
Barrister.....	..Briella Olaes
Coroner.....	..Hannah Holt
Lullaby League.....	..Layla Carrera • Penelope Mullins • Cora Sameit
Lollipop Guild.....	..Zach Garcia • Emma Holt • Serena Del Rosario
Featured Munchkins.....	..Mia Peña, Frankie Bernal
Munchkin Woman.....	..Mia Peña
City Mother & Father.....	..Karissa Lombard • Jacob Del Rosario
Munchkin Ensemble.....	..Keira Sugapong • Kristen Harris • Uma Amezcua
Mini Munchkins.....	..Annabelle Guillermo • Valentina Sandoval • Heidi Fjeldsted

APPLE TREES

Apple Tree #1.....	..Keira Sugapong
Apple Tree #2.....	..Kristen Harris
Apple Tree #3.....	..Uma Amezcua

OZIANs

Doorman.....	..Aly Luongo
Guardsmen.....	..Kaia Carrera
..Frankie Bernal • Mia Peña • Lauren Hilliard • Briella Olaes • Karissa Lombard ..Jacob Del Rosario • Hannah Holt	

JITTERBUGS & CROWS

Victoria Villanueva • Liliana Sosa • Alina Herrera • Lucia Ceballos • Camille Rodriguez

LEAPIN' LARVAE

Annabelle Guillermo • Valentina Sandoval • Heidi Fjeldsted

WINKIES

Leader of the Winkies.....	..Victoria Villanueva
..Liliana Sosa • Alina Herrera • Lucia Ceballos • Camille Rodriguez ..Keira Sugapong • Kristen Harris • Uma Amezcua	

WINGED MONKEYS

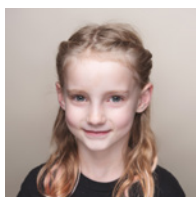
Niko.....	..Zach Garcia
..Layla Carrera • Penelope Mullins • Cora Sameit • Emma Holt • Serena Del Rosario	



Annelise Adele (Barrister, Ozian Citizen): Annelise Adele loves to be a part of the Front Row Center musical theater family. Annelise has been studying musical theatre since 2021. Her previous roles include playing Tinkerbell in *Peter Pan Jr.*, A Who in *Seussical*, a merfolk and tentacle in *The Little Mermaid*. Past performances also include Duloc Dancer in *Shrek Jr.*, Little Orphan in *Annie*, and Buddy's Buddy in *Elf Jr.* A special thank you to Mr. Michael and Ms. Teagan for helping her grow in theater. Make sure to enjoy having fun with us somewhere over the rainbow.



Aerilyn Alander (Lullaby League, Winged Monkey): Aerilyn is excited to return to Front Row Center in *The Wizard of Oz*! This is her fourth musical with FRC and her fifth musical to date. Aerilyn enjoys singing, playing with her friends, and taking care of her pets. When not on stage, she loves riding her bike. Aerilyn would like to thank her family for all their support and encouragement and the FRC director's for their dedication.



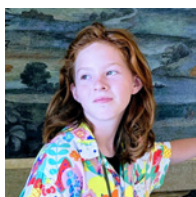
Harper Alander (Mini Munchkin, Leapin' Larvae): Harper is excited to be back with Front Row Center for her fourth production! She recently appeared as a Whittle Who in *Seussical* and as a Pixie Pal in *Peter Pan, Jr.* When she's not on stage, Harper loves playing with her friends and eating. She thanks her family, the cast, and the creative team!



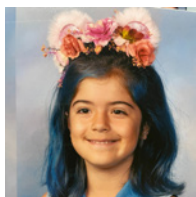
Alex Alonzo (Zek, Lion): Alex is thrilled to be in his fifth musical at Front Row Center. Alex is a student at SDSCPA and he has been in 15 musicals! His most favorites are Sebastian in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Nigel in *Matilda*, and Pugsley in *The Addams Family*. When he is not performing, Alex likes to hang out with his friends, watching musicals, playing the piano, being a game developer and hopes to become a director in the future. Alex would like to thank his family, his friends and the creative team for supporting him in musical theater.



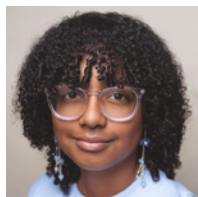
Julyana Alvarez (Munchkin): Julyana loves to perform in musical theater! In addition to small-scale rec center productions, she was in Front Row Center's *The Little Mermaid Jr.*! Outside of theater she is a Girl Scout and she loves to be creative in other ways with drawing, painting and creating things! She wants to thank her mom and dad for supporting her musical theater journey and giving her the opportunity to grow in the arts!



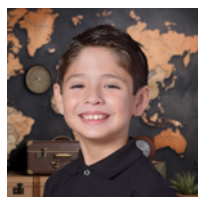
Uma Amezcua (Apple Tree, Munchkin): Uma Amezcua is in her fifth production with FRC. When she's not clicking her heels on stage she enjoys drawing, playing flag football, strumming the uke, surfing, and traveling. Uma reminds you that you don't have to follow any brick road; you already possess the power to make your dreams come true. You're the rainbow, look for yourself. An apple for my thoughts.



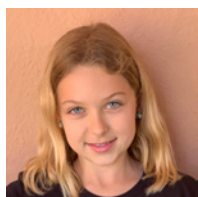
Frankie Bernal (Munchkin 1, Ozian Citizen): Frankie Bernal is so excited to be in her first play ever! She aspires to be an actor when she grows up and Front Row Center will be able to say that she got her start here. Outside of theater, Frankie enjoys playing soccer and singing. She thanks her Mommy and Daddy for practicing with her and for making her so happy! Thank you for supporting her in *The Wizard of Oz*!



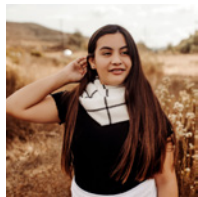
Idalis Canada (Jitterbug, Winkie, Crow): Idalis is excited to perform with Front Row Center in *The Wizard of Oz*! This is her first production with FRC and her third musical to date. Idalis enjoys drawing, writing, and fashion. When not on stage, she loves spending time with friends and listening to her favorite music. Idalis would like to thank her family for all their support and encouragement—especially during the “caw laugh” practice!



Mateo Cardenas (Lollipop Guild, Flying Monkey): Mateo is super excited to be returning to FRC for his second production and musical. He has been training hard attending improv, group vocals and musical theatre classes. Mateo would like to thank his family for coming along with him on this journey. He'd also like to thank his FRC teachers and classmates for their constant support and encouragement. Now follow the yellow brick road and meet me in the merry old land of Oz!



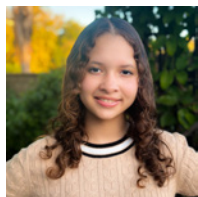
Zoey Carpenter (Coroner, Oz Woman): Zoey is thrilled to be at Front Row Center! She has been performing for 3 years and loves it. Her favorite roles include Noel's friend in *Noel Noel* at the Rady Shell and an Oompa Loompa in *Willy Wonka*. Zoey is heading to 6th grade. Outside of theatre, she loves playing soccer, hanging with friends, reading, drawing and cooking! She wants to thank her family and her voice teacher, Ms. Abby.



Kaia Carrera (Guardman, Munchkin Ensemble): Kaia is a proud member of the Front Row Center Debut Crew. You might have caught her on stage in *Seussical*, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Peter Pan Jr.*, *Shrek Jr.*, and *Elf Jr.* She also loves her FRC classes. Kaia's favorite role to date has been that of Jukes the Pirate in *Peter Pan Jr.* When not performing, you might find Kaia reading or making jewelry. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her and would like to thank the creative team for their mentorship. She hopes you can sit back, relax, and enjoy your time in Oz!



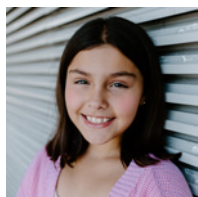
Layla Carrera (Lullaby League #1, Flying Monkey, Toto): Layla is proud to welcome you to Oz! This is her fifth musical production. She has taken the stage in *Seussical*, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Peter Pan Jr.*, and *Shrek Jr.* Layla's favorite role to date is the Young Kangaroo in *Seussical*. She also loves performing in Front Row Center classes. Layla thanks her family, friends, Mr. Michael, Miss Teagan, and her FRC family for their endless love and support. Along with performing, Layla loves ice cream, swimming, and spending time with her besties.



Brielle Carter (Scarecrow): Brielle is excited for her 12th show and 7th production at Front Row Center, playing the Scarecrow! Favorite roles include Ariel in *The Little Mermaid* and Sponge in *JATGP Jr.* She loves reading, writing, and baking. Thanks to her family for their support, the creative team for this opportunity, the amazing parent volunteers, and God for His goodness. Now click your heels three times—off to Oz we go! <3



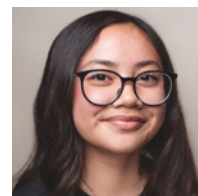
Lucia Ceballos (Jitterbug, Crow, Winkie): Lucia is excited for her first performance with Front Row Center in *The Wizard of Oz*! She has been enjoying learning the choreography and seeing the production come to life. Lucia enjoys drawing, learning the piano, she plays the guitar and practices juditsu. Lucia would like to thank her family for their support and big thanks to the cast and creative team for making this happen.



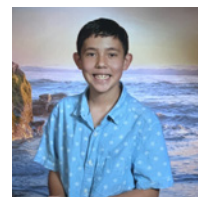
Sasha Cohen (Jitterbug, Winkie, Crow): Sasha is thrilled to return to Front Row Center in *The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition*! This marks her fifth production with FRC, having previously performed in *Elf Jr.*, *Peter Pan Jr.*, *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, and *Seussical*. As a proud member of FRC's Debut Crew, Sasha has cherished every moment on stage. Outside of theater, she enjoys dancing and crafting. Sasha extends heartfelt thanks to her family, friends, Mr. Michael and Ms. Teagan for their encouragement!



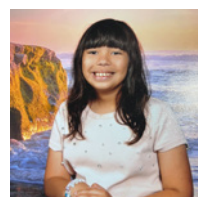
Caitlin Cook (Little Munchkin, Leapin' Larvae) Caitlin is thrilled to return to Front Row Center for her second production! She recently appeared as a Whittle Who in *Seussical*, an experience that deepened her love for theater. When she's not on stage, Caitlin is a proud Girl Scout and enjoys attending Rising Star classes each week with Front Row Center. She extends a heartfelt thank-you to everyone supporting the cast of *The Wizard of Oz*!



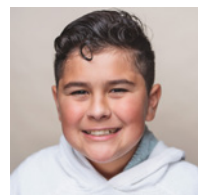
Dahlia De los Reyes (Aunt Em): Dahlia De los Reyes is excited to perform in *Wizard of Oz Youth Edition*! She recently played Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical* and has appeared in Junior productions of *Beetlejuice*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *The Little Mermaid*, *Peter Pan*, *Elf*, and *Shrek*. She has written and acted in award-winning student films at the iVie Film Festival. A Girl Scout Cadet and green belt in karate, Dahlia loves theater and is grateful for her family and friends' support.



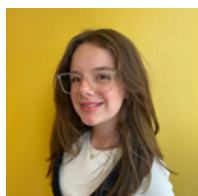
Jacob Del Rosario (Ozian Citizen): Jacob Del Rosario has had a joyful experience with being cast in *The Wizard of Oz*. He has participated in past Front Row improv recitals and classes. He plays piano and enjoys playing with his friends. He loves science and spending time with his family. He is thankful to Front Row, his friends, and his family for their support.



Serena Del Rosario (Lollipop Guild, Ozian Citizen): Serena Del Rosario is delighted to be participating in *The Wizard of Oz*. She has participated in past Front Row improv recitals and classes. She plays piano, loves drawing, and enjoys solving math problems. Serena enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She is thankful to Front Row, her friends, and her family for their support.



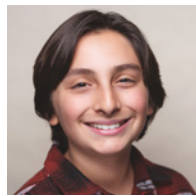
Gionni DePascale (Professor Marvel, Wizard): Gionni is excited to make his debut at Front Row Center. Gio discovered his passion for acting about one year ago and recently performed as Scar in *The Lion King Jr.* at Liberty Elementary. When not on stage, Gio loves to hang out with his friends at the paintball park and play video games with his brother, Leo. Gio thanks his dog Archie for not eating his script.



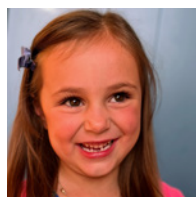
Evelyn Dobberteen (Munchkin, Ozian): Evelyn is thrilled to be part of *The Wizard of Oz*. Evelyn is 12 years old and she is excited to bring her passion and energy to the stage. Evelyn is grateful for the opportunity to be part of such a magical and joyful production. This will be Evelyn's second production with Front Row Center. When not performing, she enjoys listening to music, reading, and hanging out with her friends. Evelyn looks forward to more adventures in theater.



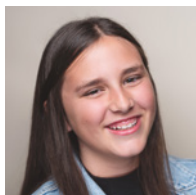
Kailyn Felix (Apple Tree 1, Munchkin Ensemble, Winkie Guard): Kailyn is thrilled to star in Front Row Center's production of The Wizard of Oz as Apple Tree 1, Munchkin Ensemble, and a Winkie Guard! This is her second stage production at FRC, as well as her second stage production ever—her first appearance was in Seussical. She has taken a vocal arts class at her school, SDSCPA. She wants to thank the cast and her family.



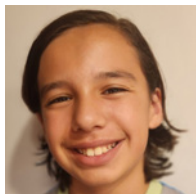
Julian Fericelli (Scarecrow): Julian is over the rainbow to return to the stage after letting his "thinks" get him in trouble as JoJo in Seussical, haunting the stage in Beetlejuice Jr., and squirming into hearts as Earthworm in James and the Giant Peach. When he's not performing, he's autograph hunting at the Civic Center or growing pixelated produce in Grow Garden on Roblox. He may play a Scarecrow, but this kid's got brains to spare. Thanks to his family, friends, and the Oz-some FRC team!



Heidi Fjeldsted (Munchkin, Leapin' Larvae): Heidi is thrilled to be performing in her very first musical! When not rehearsing for Wizard of Oz, Heidi can be found coloring, playing with Barbies and riding her bike. She would like to thank her mom for being her favorite person ever and her sister, Kate (Cowardly Lion), for practicing with her at home and for helping her be brave at rehearsals.



Kate Fjeldsted (Cowardly Lion): Kate is thrilled to perform in her fourth show with Front Row Center, and her sixth show in total. Her favorite roles have been Peter Pan in Peter Pan Jr. and General Genghis Khan Schmitz in Seussical the Musical. Other than musical theater, she enjoys improv and reading. Kate would like to thank her family, friends, and of course the creative team for helping this show come to life!



Zachary Garcia (Lollipop Guild #1, Nikko): Zachary Garcia is so excited to be performing in his 8th musical production! As a member of the Lollipop Guild, he is able to show off his sweet side. He's a natural at monkeying around, so Nikko is a perfect fit! Zach is an all-around creative kid. When he's not performing, he loves to write and illustrate his own stories, make stop-motion movies with his Legos, play Minecraft, sing, and listen to music. He perfects his skills by taking classes with FRC during the week, and private voice lessons. He would like to thank his family, the cast, and the creative team for this opportunity to showcase the arts. Now, off to see the Wizard!



Emi G. Gonzalez (Guardsmen, Munchkin Ensemble): Emi is excited to debut with Front Row Center in The Wizard of Oz! She had performed in musical theatre school shows as Belle's dad in Beauty and the Beast, as crew in Willy Wonka Jr., Seussical Jr. and Mulan Jr. Emi attended Disney musical theatre workshops, enjoys drawing, reading and writing stories. She loves dragons, cats and musicals. She thanks her parents and family for supporting her dreams.



Annabelle Guillermo (Mini Munchkin, Leapin' Larvae): Annabelle is excited to be a part of her very first on stage musical in the Wizard of Oz. She first joined Front Row Center when she took Rising Stars and fell in love with musicals since then and has enjoyed watching many of the Front Row Center Musicals. Annabelle enjoys doing arts and crafts, and exploring different places in San Diego. She would like to thank her parents, sister Malina, and brother Keanu for their support, and to her cast for the amazing experience together



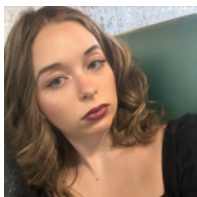
Mariah Hale (Dorothy): Mariah is thrilled to be in her fourth year of theater and tenth show! Her favorite roles include Flounder (The Little Mermaid Jr.) and Sour Kangaroo (Seussical). Beyond theater, she loves music, reading, and crocheting. She thanks Mr. Michael and the creative team for their guidance, as well as her parents, FRC family, and supporters. Mariah is grateful for everyone here cheering her on—see you in Oz!



Kristen Harris (Apple Tree, Munchkin, Winkie): Kristen Harris is excited to be performing in her third FRC show! This performance is her 9th musical. Some of her favorite roles have been the Genie (*Aladdin Jr.*), Rafiki & Young Simba (*The Lion King Jr.*), and Mrs. Potts (*Beauty and the Beast Jr.*). Kristen is a Cadette Girl Scout, who enjoys reading in her spare time, and a member of ASB at Rancho Del Rey Middle School. Kristen is thankful to all of the FRC family and creative team! She would also like to thank her parents and sister for always supporting her.



Quinn Hebron (Crow, Jitterbug, Winkie): Quinn is happy to perform in her first production with FRC in The Wizard of Oz! Offstage she plays the bass with her band, The Beat, practices Filipino martial arts (eskrima), sings in her church choir, and loves to crochet. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.



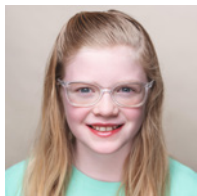
Alina Herrera (Winkie #2, Jitterbug): Alina Herrera is ecstatic about being at Front Row Center for the first time and her second musical! She appeared as Rapunzel and Little Red Riding Hood in the musical *Into the Woods Jr.*, her favorite roles to date. When she's not on stage, Alina likes to sing and write her own songs, write poetry, and binge-watch *Bridgerton*. She thanks her family for supporting her in all her creative endeavors in musical theater.



Lauren Hilliard (Mayor of Munchkin City): Lauren is excited to join this magical production and grateful to the team for the opportunity! When not on stage, she enjoys musical theater dance classes, including tap, at FRC, earning badges in Girl Scouts, and volunteering at community events. Lauren thanks her incredible family for always encouraging her dreams and driving her to every rehearsal. She's had a blast bringing the Land of Oz to life and hopes you enjoy the show!



Emma Holt (Lollipop Guild, Winged Monkey): Emma has appeared in productions such as Shrek Jr., Elf Jr., Peter Pan Jr, Little Mermaid Jr, and Seussical and loves bringing stories to life on stage. She currently performs with her school Choir and attends Triple Threat class at FRC, and is always working hard to grow as a performer. Emma appreciates all the support she gets from her family, friends, and FRC's creative team. She is thrilled to be part of Wizard of Oz Jr. and hopes you enjoy the show!



Hannah Holt (Coroner, Oz Woman): Hannah has always loved performing. She has performed in 6 musical theater shows, and this will be her 4th show with FRC. She takes FRC's improv class and Triple Threat and does vocal lessons on the side. She is excited to share the stage with her fellow cast mates in the Wizard of Oz Jr.! Her dedication and self-motivation shows as she continues to strive to be the best she can be! Hannah appreciates all the support she gets from her family, friends, Ms. Willow and FRC's creative team.



Josie Howeth (Lollipop Guild, Winged Monkey): Josie is excited to be in this show! She's been acting for two years and has performed in The Little Mermaid Jr., Seussical, and Peter Pan Jr. Josie trains at FRC in Improv and Musical Theater 101. She's a proud Girl Scout who loves to dance. As the youngest of five, she brings big energy to every role and is thrilled to be part of this production!



Pia Luna Inzunza (Wicked Witch of the West, Miss Gulch): Pia is thrilled to perform in one of her dream musicals, The Wizard of Oz! She has performed in 11 productions since 2022, her most recent role being Sky/Ensemble in FRC's most recent production, Beetlejuice Jr. The Wicked Witch is one of her all-time favorite characters, and she's honored to be given this incredible opportunity. She hopes you enjoy your journey somewhere over the rainbow!



Amelia Kincaid (Munchkin/Leaping Larva): Amelia is so excited to join FRC for the Wizard of Oz Jr. production. When she's not performing on the stage or in the audience of a show, she is usually making a new clay masterpiece or at the zoo sharing all she knows about tigers. Amelia loves performing with her FRC family and would like to thank Mr. Michael, Ms. Teagan, the FRC creative team, and her family for their continued support and guidance as she develops her passion for theatre.



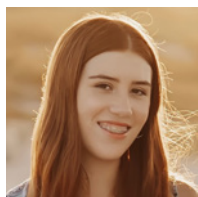
Jaksen Kullmann (Lollipop Guild #1/Nikko): Jaksen Rain Kullmann is over-the-moon in anticipation for her first full stage production. She has always been a huge fan of *The Wizard of Oz*, and now she has the opportunity to bring a piece of that magic to a live audience! Jaksen has been a passionate performer since she was able to stand. She found her creative home with Front Row Center and has been honing her talents through classes such as Acting and Improv 101 and Musical Theatre. Jaksen hopes you enjoy her first production and she looks forward to many more to come! Thank you for supporting her and her love for acting through Front Row Center!



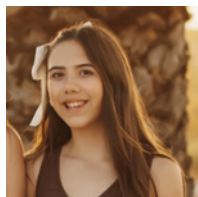
Karissa Lombard (Ozian Citizen/City Mother #1): Karissa Lombard is excited to be performing in her first professional production! Karissa enjoys singing and laughing to jokes with her fellow cast. When she is off stage she likes to play the piano, play video games, and do puzzles. She goes to the tap class, the TTT class, and the Group Vocals class here at the FRC. Karissa would like to thank her parents, her amazing cast, and the staff that made this show possible.



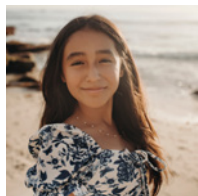
Aly Luongo (Doorman, Munchkin): Aly is excited for an Oztaastic show! Having been involved in musical theatre since 2022, this will be her 8th musical and 5th production with Front Row Center. When she is not at rehearsal, she enjoys reading, playing with her brother, and hanging with her friends. She wants to thank mom and dad for their support, Mrs. Ruthie for her guidance, and the creative team for the opportunity to relive Oz!



Paisley Madaffari (Crow, Jitterbug, Winkie #2): This is Paisley's 6th show and 4th with Front Row Center. Her past roles include Mrs. Greenway in Elf Jr., Dragon in Shrek Jr., Mrs. Darling in Peter Pan Jr., Ursula in The Little Mermaid Jr., and Mayzie La Bird in Seussical. When not at rehearsal, she enjoys hanging out with friends, traveling, and baking. She is also a member of the Professional Performers Program and assists in the Group Vocals class. Paisley would like to thank her family for all of the love and support they have shown throughout this production as well as in the past.



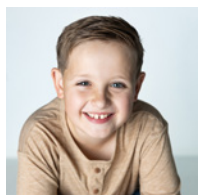
Siena Madaffari (Tin Man): Siena is thrilled to be stepping into the role of Tin Man! This will be her 4th show with Front Row Center and 7th show overall. Her past roles include Cecco the Pirate in Peter Pan Jr., Chef Louis in The Little Mermaid Jr., and most recently Mrs. Mayor in Seussical. She is also a part of the Group Vocals class. In her free time, Siena enjoys crocheting, listening to Taylor Swift, and spending time with friends. She would also like to thank her family for all of the love and support they have shown throughout the process!



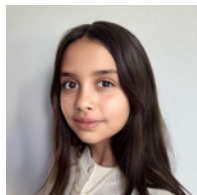
Giuliana Marin (Aunt Em, Ozian Citizen): Giuliana Marin is excited to be back on stage with Front Row Center, where she's been performing for the past two years. In this production of The Wizard of Oz, she takes on the role of Aunt Em and joins the cast as an Ozian in the land of Oz. She loves being part of a cast, stepping into new characters, and sharing the magic of live theater with an audience. Offstage, Giuliana enjoys arts and crafts, coming up with creative business ideas, attending Broadway shows and concerts!



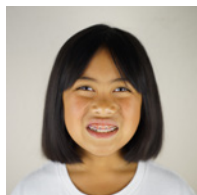
Mikaeyla Matthews (Munchkin, Ozian Citizen): Mikaeyla is excited for her first Front Row Center production as a Munchkin/Ozian Citizen. Mikaeyla is eager to continue her journey with Front Row Center and has immersed herself into learning about theatre production. Mikaeyla would like to thank her parents for their support and her little sister, Maliyah, for watching her rehearse at home.



Grayson Mills (Doorman): Grayson is thrilled to make his stage debut in his first play! Entering 3rd grade, he brings boundless curiosity and a love of storytelling to his role. Offstage, Grayson enjoys reading, hunting for bugs, drawing, and playing with his dog, Piper. He's had an amazing time being part of this production and is grateful to his family and friends for their support. He hopes you enjoy the show as much as he loved preparing for it!



Penelope Mullins (Lullaby League, Winged Monkey): Penelope is excited to take part in her all-time favorite musical, Wizard of Oz, with Front Row Center. She has participated in various musicals with FRC and her elementary school since the age of 8. She truly enjoys being on stage! Penelope would like to thank her family, friends, and wonderful FRC staff and castmates for all of their support.



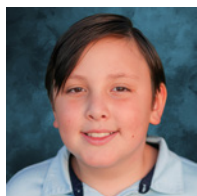
Briella Olaes (Munchkin Barrister): Briella is no stranger to the stage and is back in her second FRC production. She is enthusiastic, tenacious, and loves reading, singing, gardening, and being with friends. Briella has a passion for music, catching onto beats and quickly learning words to songs. As she embarks on a new move, she will miss her FRC family dearly and promises to continue to perform. She would like to thank her ever-supportive family and friends.



Gabby Anne Ortega (Dorothy): Gabby is excited to be returning to the land of Oz as Dorothy! Gabby has been in 13 shows, including: Beetlejuice Jr (Ensemble), Matilda jr (Ensemble), Little Mermaid Jr (Adella). When she's not performing Gabby enjoys listening to music, talking to friends, and reading. Gabby is also enrolled at SDSCPA where she is learning to pursue her passion in the arts. She would like to thank the cast and creative team for this wonderful opportunity!



Elissa Oxina (Glinda): Elissa is ecstatic to be playing Glinda in Front Row Center's production of Wizard of Oz! Elissa is part of the FRC Debut Crew. This marks her ninth musical, with previous roles in FRC including Curley in Peter Pan Jr, Alana in The Little Mermaid, Bitsy Botana in James and the Giant Peach Jr, Bird Girl 2 in Seussical, and most recently Lydia Deetz in Beetlejuice Jr. Beyond performing, Elissa enjoys art and spending time with friends and family. She's very grateful for her family supporting all of her theater endeavors. Enjoy this journey down the yellow brick road!



Sebastian Padilla (Mayor of Munchkin City): Sebastian is thrilled to be a part of his 6th musical theater production and 4th production with Front Row Center. Sebastian's favorite role has been playing Wickersham #2 in Seussical last Fall. Sebastian also enjoys being part of the soccer and birding club at school. Sebastian enjoys singing, dancing, gaming, and spending time with his family, friends, and two dogs. Sebastian is thankful for all the support from his family, friends, and Front Row Center.



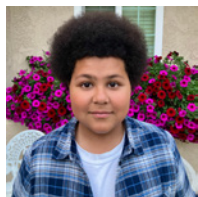
Mia Peña (Munchkin, Ozian Ensemble): Mia is excited to be part of this magical production. She loves singing and dancing and is thankful for the chance to perform on stage. Mia would like to thank her amazing family for their love and support, and the creative team for their guidance and encouragement. She has had so much fun bringing the Land of Oz to life and sharing it with everyone!



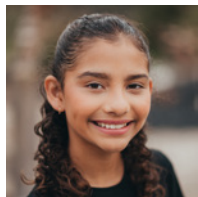
Izzy Perez (Uncle Henry, Ozian Citizen): Izzy Perez is so happy to be in FRC's *Wizard of Oz* production! Izzy has a passion for performing, singing, and acting on stage, and hopes to continue this hobby for many years to come. Izzy gives a special thanks to her supporters—her family, friends, fellow performers, FRC staff, and many, many others!



Sophia Perez (Munchkin, Winged Monkey, Toto): Sophia Perez is so happy to be in FRC's *Wizard of Oz* production! Sophia has been singing, dancing, and performing for a long time and hopes to continue for many years to come. Sophia gives a special thanks to her family, friends in FRC and outside, and many others!



Jonathan Proctor (Uncle Henry, Ozian Citizen): Meet Jonathan Proctor in his second Front Row Center production of *The Wizard of Oz*! Jonathan was most recently seen as Wickersham in FRC's *Seussical*. He is a bright and enthusiastic young actor who enjoys playing Pokémon, going to school, and having fun just like any kid his age. He brings great energy to the stage and loves being part of the theater community. Jonathan is already excited about future productions and can't wait to keep growing as a performer!



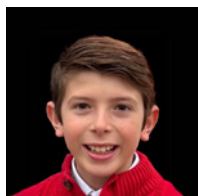
Camille Rodriguez (Jitterbug): Camille is so excited to welcome you to Oz! This is her ninth production and her fourth with FRC. Her favorite role so far has been Jojo in *Seussical*. She loves being on stage and performing with her incredible cast mates. In her free time she likes to read, write, and dance. She would like to thank the creative team for all their hard work and her family and friends for always supporting her. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Ily Rodriguez (Apple Tree, Munchkin, Winkie): Ily is super excited to make her debut at Front Row Center! She previously played Glinda in *The Wizard of Oz* at school and recently took on the role of Willy Wonka/Candyman. When she's not on stage, Ily loves reading *Percy Jackson*, hanging out with friends, and singing. Fun fact: she's a total *Percy Jackson* fanatic!



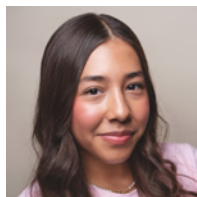
Juliette Rooke (Munchkin, Ozian): Juliette is 9-years-old and excited to be in her first full-length theatrical production. She has loved each and every moment of her journey to Oz. Juliette is a fierce competitor and has already run over 200 miles this school year in the morning run program at her school. She loves all animals and is excited for you to see the show!



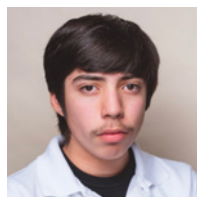
Quentin Rooke (Wizard of Oz): Quentin is beyond excited to make his stage debut with Front Row Center in *The Wizard of Oz*! He is 11 years old and previously attended FRC for tap and Triple Threat. Playing the Wizard of Oz is a dream come true, and he is so grateful to the Oz production team for their support. When not rehearsing, Quentin enjoys Legos, learning the piano, and is trying out tennis.



Adeleine Rose (Wicked Witch): Ade would like to welcome you to Front Row Center's Wizard of Oz Youth Edition! This is Adeleine's seventh production with Front Row Center, and she is so eternally grateful for the iconic role of The Wicked Witch! Some of her other favorite roles include Ursula in *The Little Mermaid Jr.*, Miss Hannigan in *Annie*, and Rudolfo in *Matilda Jr.* Adeleine would like to thank this amazing cast and her family for supporting her on her theatre journey. See you in Oz!



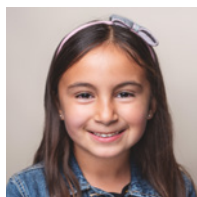
Liv Salas (Glinda): Liv is thrilled to sparkle as Glinda in this incredible production of *Wizard of Oz*! This marks her tenth show overall. Past favorite roles include Ensemble (*Beetlejuice Jr*) and Bird Girl (*Seussical*). She is part of FRC's Debut Crew and currently in the Professional Performers Program. Liv also enjoys cheerleading, piano and dance. She thanks the creative team, family and friends for their support. Enjoy your journey to the land of Oz!



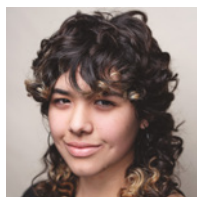
Abel Saldivar (Tin Man): Abel is excited to be in *The Wizard of Oz Youth Edition*! This will be Abel's 6th show! Some of his favorite past roles include John in *Peter Pan Jr*, Pilot in *The Little Mermaid Jr* and Horton the Elephant in *Seussical the Musical*. He was recently seen as Charles in his first Front Row Center advanced production, *Beetlejuice Jr*! Abel is grateful for every chance to grow on stage and is thrilled to bring HEART to this classic story. Enjoy the show!



Cora Sameit (Munchkin, Flying Monkey): Cora loves the stage! Her previous roles with Front Row Center include Cindy Lou Who in *Seussical* and Christine Cryersmouth in *James and the Giant Peach*. She also enjoyed playing Matilda in *Matilda* and Alice in *Alice in Wonderland* in local productions. Cora also loves gymnastics, tap and ballet. She'd like to thank her family and friends for their support. Now enjoy getting swept away in *The Wizard of Oz*!



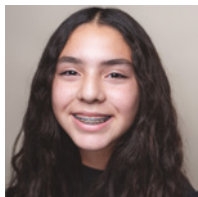
Valentina Sandoval (Mini Munchkin, Leapin' Larvae): Valentina is thrilled to make her stage debut in *The Wizard of Oz*! She began taking classes at Front Row Center over a year ago and has loved learning the magic of theater. This is her very first production, and she's excited to bring the story to life. When she's not on stage, Valentina enjoys playing softball, tennis, and soccer. She thanks her teachers, family, and friends for their support and encouragement!



Liliana Sosa (Jitterbug, Crow, Winkie): Lili is excited to be in her first musical with Front Row Center. She has been playing guitar and performing with School of Rock for two years, where she discovered her love for the stage. Passionate about music, this experience has opened her eyes to new possibilities. When she's not singing or playing guitar, Lili enjoys sewing, painting, and learning Japanese. She thanks her friends and family for their love, support, and encouragement throughout this journey.



Keira Sugapong (Apple Tree, Munchkin, Winkie): Keira is excited to make her Front Row Center debut! She was previously in Bonitafest Melodrama's 2024 production of *Thin Skins* and *Hayseeds*. She takes voice lessons at Allegro Music Studio, loves Broadway musicals, and enjoys arts and crafts. Keira thanks her parents, her sister Eva—her biggest inspiration—her friends and family for their support, and the amazing FRC cast and team for an unforgettable experience!



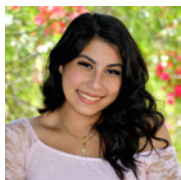
Melissa Torres (Apple Tree, Munchkin, Winkie): Melissa is excited to perform in *The Wizard of Oz*! She began exploring theater through classes in drama and improv, and recently played Maui in *Moana Jr.* Melissa loves acting, storytelling, and bringing characters to life on stage. Outside of theater, she enjoys sports, public speaking, and writing. She's grateful to her teachers, family, and friends for their constant encouragement and support on her performance journey!



Taylor Toudle (Lead Winkie, Crow, Jitterbug): From the moment she could speak, Taylor Toudle has been fascinated with vocal performance. Her theatrical debut came at age seven when she played a supporting role in *Mulan*. Taylor is a proud member of Front Row Center's (FRC) Debut Crew and currently performs with the Professional Performers Program (PPP) team. Most recently, she starred in her dream role as Gertrude McFuzz in *Seussical the Musical*. Taylor's heart belongs to the FRC creative team, and her theater dreams are continuously made possible by the support of her dedicated family and friends. Now, follow us down the yellow brick road!



Samy Townsley (Lullaby League, Winged Monkey): Samy is so happy to be back for her second production with Front Row Center. When not performing Samy loves to draw, sing, spending time with her best friends and exploring the outdoors. Samy would like to thank her parents for their support in her theatre dreams, Ms Alexis and Ms Ariel for including her in rides to rehearsal, and Coach Michael for always believing in her!



Victoria Alegra Villanueva (Tornado, Crow, Jitterbug, Winkie Leader): Victoria Alegra Villanueva is thrilled to be working with Front Row Center again. In 2024, Victoria focused on diverse roles, both on stage and in front of the camera. She was in an original musical *Chasing Fear*, and played a dramatic role as the Cursed Woman. She was also a featured dancer in a PSA film *Move America*, and an Amazon TV commercial for Drinklits. She's grateful for her supportive and loving parents.

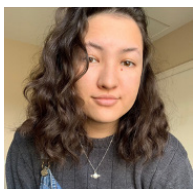


Nevan Woods (Munchkin #2, Ozian): Nevan is so excited to perform in her first Front Row Center production, *The Wizard of Oz*. Nevan is playing Munchkin #2 and an Ozian citizen. Nevan has loved being a part of the FRC family. When not on stage, Nevan loves to play with her dogs, Bruin and Bailey, and bunny, Max! She also loves swimming and art! Nevan wants to thank the FRC cast and crew, and her family!



Michael Kirsch (Director, Choreographer): Mr. Michael is absolutely thrilled to be directing and choreographing Front Row Center's 8th production! As one of the co-founders of Front Row Center, he has made it his life's mission to create a community of performers and amazing youth theater experiences. Before launching FRC, Mr. Michael was actively directing, choreographing, and teaching throughout San Diego. One of his most memorable career moments came when, at just 8 years old, he had the incredible opportunity to perform as Michael Darling in the national tour and Broadway production of

Cathy Rigby's Peter Pan. That experience sparked his lifelong passion for the performing arts. Mr. Michael dedicates every performance to his fabulous family, his incredible husband and fellow co-founder Alex, and their beloved fur babies, Dori and Nacho. **Enjoy the show!**

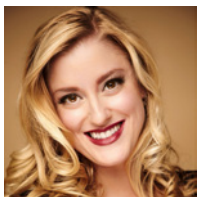


Teagan Lisama (Assistant Director, Stage Manager): Teagan Lisama, or Miss Teagan, grew up doing youth theater in San Diego from the age of 10 until she was 19 years old. She has performed in over 25 shows over the years and has worked backstage on a handful of productions as well. She has been the Stage Manager for every Front Row Center production so far. Most recently, Teagan was the Assistant Director/Stage Manager for "Beetlejuice Jr." here at FRC. Along with stage managing, Teagan also assists Mr. Michael with FRC classes and teaches the Rising Stars and Musical Theatre 101 classes. She has been having a blast working for Front Row Center, and wants

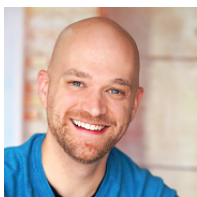
to thank Mr. Michael Kirsch for allowing her to be a part of this wonderful theatre company.



Michelle Gray (Music Director): Michelle Gray is thrilled to be joining Front Row Center for her fourth production *Wizard of Oz*. Michelle studied Music at UCSD and is an accomplished pianist and keyboardist. She has worked with many regional theatre companies, including Moonlight Stage Productions, CCAE Theatricals, San Diego Musical Theatre, and Cygnet. Favorite theatre credits include *Evita*, *Something Rotten!*, and *title of show*. In addition to music directing, Michelle teaches private piano and vocal coaching lessons. Michelle dedicates each and every performance to Parker and Victoria.



Victoria Patton (Music Director): Victoria Patton is an experienced music director and music educator, as well as a professional vocalist and stage performer. Favorite music direction credits include [title of show], *Something Rotten*, and *The SpongeBob Musical*. As a performer, she most recently appeared in San Diego Musical Theatre's production of *Sweeney Todd* (ensemble/Lovett u/s); favorite performance credits include Mabel in *Pirates of Penzance* (LimonCarr DesertTheatricals), *Evita* in *Evita* (OnStage Playhouse), and Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady* (Old Town Temecula). Victoria is also passionate about teaching private voice and piano lessons and providing performance coaching to students of all ages. With gratitude to the cast and production team and love always to Michelle.



Alex DeCosta (Technical Director, Board President, Sets): Alex DeCosta (he/him) is excited to bring the *World of Oz* alive with such a talented cast and creative team! As an artist, graphic designer, arts administrator, and exhibition curator, Alex is committed to expanding access to the arts through education, exhibitions, and community-centered programming. With a Studio Arts BFA from NYC's School of Visual Arts and over 15 years of experience in curating and creative engagement for institutions including Sotheby's, the Armory Art

Fair, New York Foundation for the Arts, and the Jamaica Center for Arts & Learning, Alex brings a

deeply collaborative approach to his work. He currently serves as Director of the Hyde Art Gallery at Grossmont College, developing programming that empowers emerging artists and supports arts education across San Diego County. Alex sees the arts not only as a means of expression, but as a transformative tool for fostering empathy, cultural literacy, and community engagement. Alex's lifelong love of theatre began at an early age, when his grandparents regularly took him to see live performances. Today, he has the pleasure of working alongside his husband and fellow Front Row Center co-founder, naturally translating his foundation in visual arts into the world of scenic design and spatial storytelling.



Ashley Hilliard (Assistant Stage Manager): Ashley is so excited to be working as Assistant Stage Manager for the second time! She is a rising high school senior and last worked behind the scenes as ASM for James and the Giant Peach Jr (FRC). Ashley loves performing, and she was most recently seen as Miss Argentina in Beetlejuice Jr (FRC) and Horton in Seussical (FRC)! She has had a wonderful time working on this show, and hopes you enjoy your journey to Oz!



Ariel Alander (Concessions Lead): Ariel has been the Concessions Lead for three FRC productions, and she's excited to sell fun snacks and drinks for *Wizard of Oz Jr.*! Ariel likes to spend time learning anything and everything she can! When she isn't running her two daughters to theater practice, you can find her playing video games or doing puzzles. Ariel would like to thank her family for always supporting the show, the creative team for all their dedication, and the amazing kids for all their hard work! Enjoy *Wizard of Oz Jr.*!



Jackie Alvarez (Raffle Lead): Jackie is the Raffle Lead and is excited to be part of such an amazing theater family! She loves volunteering and helping where there is a need, and she is beyond thrilled to share with you all the amazing raffle prizes for *Wizard of Oz*!



Polly Bild (Board Secretary, Hair & Makeup and Costume Coordinator): A lifelong San Diego County resident, Polly lives in Eastlake with her husband, Gene. Her passion for musical theater began when her daughter joined her first show at age 11. For over a decade, she's volunteered in various theater roles, bringing strong organizational skills and attention to detail. As a dedicated costumer, she enjoys reading and honing her sewing craft. Polly finds joy in watching children grow on stage and is proud to support FRC's mission as Board Secretary.



Harmony Carrera (Greenroom Co-Lead): As a member of the Debut Crew, Harmony is excited to spend time volunteering for Front Row Center and is so proud of everything these kids do. She enjoys helping the young actors prepare to shine on stage and is honored to do so for her sixth show. Harmony especially loves watching her two daughters, Kaia and Layla, perform on stage. When not backstage, Harmony works as the after-school site lead for a Chula Vista elementary school. She also enjoys going out for KBBQ with her husband Randy, spending time with friends, and singing loudly to embarrass her kids. She dreams of living on the beach.



Mariana Castillo (Hair & Makeup Co-Lead): Mariana is thrilled to be volunteering with Front Row Center for this production of *The Wizard of Oz!* She has been a dedicated member of the greenroom crew in the past, and this year she is assisting with hair and makeup. Mariana loves working with kids and helping make magic come to life on stage. When she's not in the theatre, she enjoys cooking and reading.



Ruben Ceballos (Lead Usher): Ruben Ceballos is a proud father of his daughter Lucia and is excited for her first performance in *The Wizard of Oz*. He is no stranger to volunteering—he has been on the IBCS PTA for the past six years, is on several home builder committees, is a vocational instructor and an electrical contractor, and enjoys going to Disneyland as often as he can. He'd like to thank his family and friends for all their love and support.



Shannon Garcia (Props Lead): Shannon is thrilled to support *The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition* as part of the production team. Newer to theater, she has worked on props for nine youth productions, including *Seussical*, *Into the Woods Jr.*, and *Shrek Jr.* With one performer in the show, she enjoys using her creativity to bring productions to life. A part-time dental hygienist, Shannon also loves baking, reading, and spending time with family. She thanks Mr. Michael, Shannon Moniz-Guths, fellow volunteers, and her husband Dan for their support of her, the kids, and the arts.



Kimberly Hale (Crew Co-Lead): Kimberly is excited to be part of Front Row Center and their production of *Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition!* She has worked backstage on crew for six previous shows, most recently *Seussical*. Kimberly is involved in theater because of her daughter and loves being part of helping the kids shine on stage. Outside of theater, she is busy shuttling her two daughters to activities and practices and is a 2nd-grade teacher. She also loves swimming or a trip to the beach when she gets a chance. A great big thank you to her husband, Terrence, her family, and all the FRC community for their support. Enjoy the show!

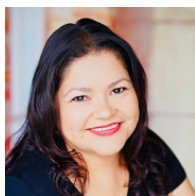


Alma Harder-Ortega (Alterations Co-Lead): Alma is proud to be part of Front Row Center's second season. She has created costumes for a dozen productions—from college to children's theater—and loves using her creativity to help tell stories and make actors shine on stage. Outside of FRC, she volunteers with Girl Scouts as a troop leader and council trainer (with half her troop in the show!) and often sews fun, quirky projects for her kids and their friends. Alma is especially grateful to her grandmother, who taught her to sew, and to the many costume creators who've shared their wisdom and

passion. Thanks also to her family for embracing the living-room chaos that comes with every new idea.



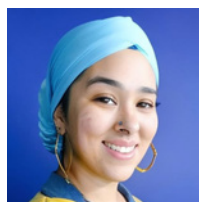
Heather Harris (Alterations Co-Lead): Heather is happy to be supporting the actors of FRC, through costuming, in this production of the *Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition*. She has been involved in dance and theater since the age of three. This is her third FRC show working with the costume team. When not driving her girls to theater, Girl Scouts or softball, Heather works as a physical therapist. She thanks her husband for all the support at home and her mom for teaching her all about backstage quick changes!



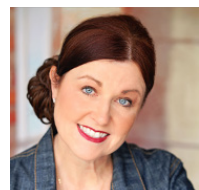
Elisa Hilliard (Front of House Volunteer Coordinator, Board Vice President): Elisa holds a B.A. in Spanish Language Teacher Education and an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of San Diego. A passionate community leader and dedicated volunteer, she has served in key roles with Girl Scouts San Diego. As Vice President of Front Row Center, Elisa champions access to theater arts for all young performers, regardless of background or ability. Her commitment to equity, education, and the arts helps FRC foster creativity and inclusivity throughout San Diego and beyond.



Bill Howeth (Crew Co-Lead): Bill is excited to be a Co-Crew Committee Lead. This will be the fourth theatre production working with the crew. He recently worked on productions of *Seussical*, *Little Mermaid*, and *Peter Pan* here at FRC. He has five children ranging from 27 to 8 years old. He currently coaches club soccer for U-13 age boys and has done so for the last three years. Bill has been a consistent volunteer when it comes to all his kids. "We may not be able to prepare the future for our children, but we can at least prepare our children for the future." – Franklin D. Roosevelt



Alexis Kincaid (Greenroom Co-Lead): Alexis has been part of the FRC parent volunteers since our debut show. From concessions to merch, green room, and every once in a while costumes, Alexis is always willing to be an extra set of hands and make sure that all our performers are ready to put on the best show possible. She would like to give a huge shout-out to the FRC directors and parents for the continued opportunity to support all of the talented performers in our theatre family.



Heidi Lawrence (Fundraising and Event Board Member, Hair & Makeup and Costume Coordinator): With over a decade of theater experience and more than 25 productions as costume chair, Heidi brings a deep passion for the arts and youth enrichment to FRC. Her work in fundraising and events is driven by a commitment to making theater accessible for all children. Heidi believes in the transformative power of the arts and is proud to help foster an inclusive, vibrant community through her role on the Front Row Center Board.



Jessica Luongo (Photographer): Jessica has been telling stories through photographs for nearly 12 years. Jecca Lynn Photography specializes in newborn and family portraits, but when her daughter started musical theater she volunteered to take photos...and got hooked! She is honored to be a part of the magic at FRC and adores working with the talented young actors here. This will be the 11th show Jessica has captured with her camera and she looks forward to many more!



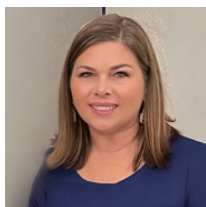
Nancy Peña (Back of House Volunteer Coordinator, Board Treasurer): Nancy brings nearly a decade of youth-focused volunteer experience and a strong passion for the arts to her role at FRC. With a background in organizing events, leading programs, and mentoring young people, she's committed to creating spaces where creativity and growth thrive. Nancy believes deeply in the transformative power of theater and is excited to support FRC's mission to inspire, educate, and uplift through the performing arts.



Cynthia Padilla (Cast Care Lead): Cynthia became involved with Front Row Center when her son Sebastian joined the initial production of *Peter Pan Jr.* Cynthia has been volunteering in the greenroom ever since. She enjoys helping the children backstage by keeping them safe, entertained, and getting them on stage on time. This is the first time Cynthia will be in the greenroom as a lead and is looking forward to ensuring the kids have what they need.



Vanessa Rodriguez (Hair & Makeup Co-Lead): Vanessa loves bringing creativity through hair and makeup all the way to Oz! She values the teamwork and the strong sense of community that FRC creates and is grateful for the chance to support these talented performers. Outside of the theater, she is Camille's proud mom and enjoys reading and quilting in her free time, which keep her creative and inspired.



Heather Toudle (Merchandise Lead): As a member of the Debut Crew, Heather is happy to dedicate her time to volunteering at Front Row Center and is proud to see it continually flourish. Heather strives to curate merchandise that makes each show memorable for the cast members and their special guests. She would like to thank her family for tolerating the excessive courier deliveries each day as various Oz displays lined their home. While some may think the yellow brick road leads to Oz, rumor has it that it's the fastest route to the merch tables too. Hope to see you soon!

Director's Note

It has been a joy and an honor to bring *The Wizard of Oz* to life with such a dedicated and talented cast. Their energy, creativity, and heart have made this production truly magical, and I couldn't be more proud of what we've created together.

This story holds a special place in my heart. *The Wizard of Oz* was the very first production I was ever part of - I played a poppy (which, sadly, didn't make it into our version!). Even more special, my grandfather played the Doorman in that same show. To this day, he jokes, "If you ever need a doorman, you know where to find me". So, with a full heart, I dedicate this performance to him. Thank you for the inspiration, the laughter, and the enduring love of theatre.



Enjoy the journey over the rainbow!

Michael Kirsch
Director and Choreographer

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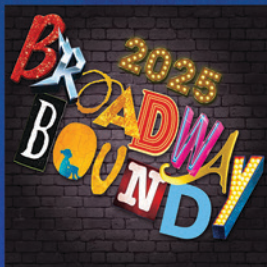
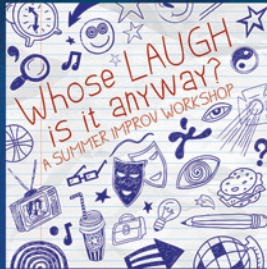


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