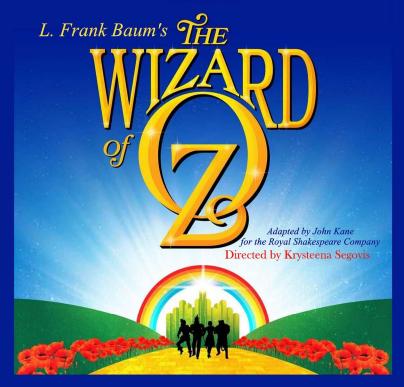
CURTAIN CALL

MESQUITE ARTS THEATRE

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PRESENTS...



JUNE 6-22

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS 7:30 PM

> SUNDAY MATINEES 2:30 PM

1527 N. Galloway Avenue Mesquite, Texas 75149



FROM THE DIRECTOR Krysteena Segovis—Director

From her very first conversation with the Mesquite Arts Theatre about *TheWizard of Oz*, Krysteena knew she wanted to be involved. She started seeing creative visions of emerald green from the very beginning. Krysteena holds a Bachelor's of Music Degree in Musical Theatre from Ouachita Baptist University. She is heavily involved in the

local theatre scene, both as an actor and as a director.

Her most recent projects include *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (Sibella) and *Pure Imagination* (Director) with Rockwall Community Playhouse. She made her MAT debut with *She Loves Me* (Amalia) in February 2024 and she is happy to be back in this space with such wonderful people! She would like to thank her husband for always supporting her crazy dreams, and her mom for being there from the very first *Wizard of Oz* she took part in over 20 years ago. Here's to number four.

The Brayo Bucket

The actors for tonight's performance are volunteers. They have donated their time, talent and resources to create a quality production out of their love to entertain. If you've enjoyed the performance, please feel free to show your appreciation with a contribution to the Bravo Bucket after the show. These donations are split among the cast at the close of all performances. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR COMING. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT A FUTURE PRODUCTION AGAIN SOON!

The Wizard of Oz

By L. Frank Baum

Adapted by John Kane

For The Royal Shakespeare Company

(There will be one 15 minute Intermission)

THE CAST

Dorothy Gale	Tenley Heugatter	
The Scarecrow/Hunk	Jonathan Luce	
The Tinman/Hickory	Judah Winn	
The Cowardly Lion/Zeke	Conner Ellis Gunnels	
The Wicked Witch/Miss Gulch	Shaina Stigler	
Glinda The Good Witch	Janay Hiatt	
Aunt Em	Brandy Nuttall	
Uncle Henry/Guard	John Castro	
The Wizard of Oz	Devin Hite	
Our Wonderful Ensemble, which includes Munchkins, Ozians, Crows, Trees,		
Winkies & Poppies and Flying M	Ionkeys	
Maggie Hager, Amy Haberman, Haylee Norris, Gal	oe Norris, Cassia Darrington	
Elizabeth Smith, Laura Ragsdale, Miranda Rag	gsdale, Macy Moncivais,	
Brynn Thornburg, Adalynn Thornburg, Sadie Armstrong, Sara Armstrong		
THE CREW		
Director	Krysteena Segovis	
Assistant Director	Bryn Hottman	
Producer	Stephanie Lewis	
Set Design	Matt Johnson	
Costumer/Props	Wiloni Darrington	
Dance Choreographer	Jenna Shields	
Lights/ Sound Technician	Tyler Lewis, Ilir Wilson	
Stage Hand	Morgan Cox	

Graphic Design James Mychael

ABOUT THE CAST

TENLEY HEUGATTER (Dorothy Gale) is excited to make her Mesquite Arts Theatre debut. She has performed in DFW area theaters including Casa Manana, Theatre Arlington, Artisan Center Theater, Theatre Coppell, and Mainstage Classic Theatre. Favorite roles include Winnie Foster in *Tuck Everlasting*, Mary Lennox in *The Secret Garden*, Mary in *Mary Poppins Jr*, Sally Brown in *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown*, and Elle Woods in *Legally Blonde Jr*. Additional credits: *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*(Alice Wendlekin), *Seussical* (Bird Girl), *The Sound of Music* (Marta von Trapp), *High School Musical Jr*. (Sharpay Evans), *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Addams Family, It's a Wonderful Life*, and *'Twas the Night Before Christmas*. Tenley is 15 and attends Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts. Tenley thanks the cast, crew, friends, family, and teachers for all their support, and thanks Kristin Chenoweth for inspiration.

JONATHAN LUCE (Hunk/Scarecrow) is excited to be a part of his first MAT production with *The Wizard of Oz*! Recently he's appeared in *The Murder of Roger Ackroyd* at Richardson Theatre Center, as well as appearing in *Puffs, Carnival* and *Wait Until Dark* at Garland Civic Theatre, and many other productions. He attended KD Conservatory College of Film and Dramatic Arts and has been apart of the Murder Mystery Company with American Immersion Theatre. He'd like to thank his friends, family and the wonderful girlfriend Paulina for supporting him in all his theatre endeavors! Thanks for coming to support live theatre!

JUDAH WINN (Hickory/Tin Man) is an 18-year-old actor, fresh out of high school. In previous productions, he has enjoyed playing Grandpa Joe in *Willy Wonka*, and Gomez in *The Addams Family*. Judah is a musician accustomed to almost all streamlined stringed instruments and loves acting and singing. He will be attending John Brown University in the Fall to study Mechanical Engineering. Judah enjoyed helping build the set for this show and is extremely excited to bring the story of *The Wizard of Oz* to life for you today. He would like to let you know that Jesus loves you!

CONNER ELLIS GUNNELS (Zeke/The Cowardly Lion) is pouncing for joy to be back playing the cowardly lion! After a long hiatus from being on the stage, he is blessed by the opportunity to perform for the first time at Mesquite Arts Theatre. Being a Mesquite native, Conner is humbled to get back to his roots in a city that he knows and loves. Since being off stage, Conner has dipped his toe into the recording booth in the world of voice acting, hoping to get out all the voices in his head in a positive and artistic manner. His girlfriend thinks he's pretty good! Speaking of, he would like to thank God, his family, friends, comfy bed, the cast, crew and most of all, you! Without y'all none of this would be possible, thank you for being here right now. Now sit back, relax, grab a snack, and enjoy *The Wizard of Oz*!

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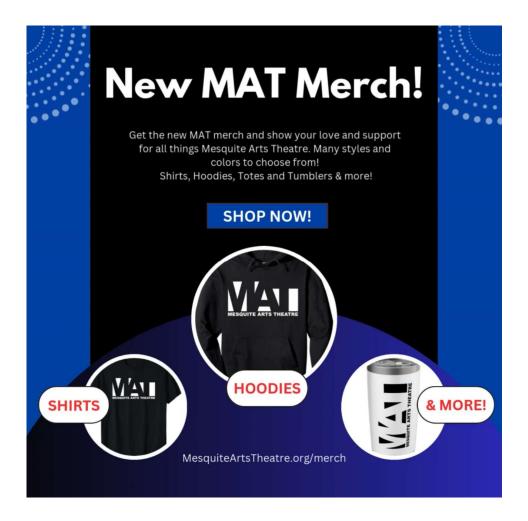
SHAINA STIGLER (Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch) Shaina is thrilled to be back on stage in the first show she ever performed in as a child. After attending The American Musical and Dramatic Academy in NYC, Shaina spent a lifetime in the city creating immersive theatre experiences, organizing conferences for women in comedy and performing long form and musical improv at The People's Improv Theatre. She thanks you most sincerely for being here today and for supporting live theatre. Shaina dedicates this performance to Little Shaina, who reminds her daily that you're never too old to play.

JANAY HIATT (Glinda) has been performing since she was 5 years old and is a self-proclaimed "theatre geek". Janay has been seen various times on the Rockwall Community Theatre stage in A Gentleman's Guide To Love And Murder (Ensemble); Crossing Delancy (Izzy); Leading Ladies (Audrey); & You Can't Take It With You (Essie). Some of her other favorite past roles include Ms. Skillion in See How They Run, Mrs. Cratchit in Ebeneezer Scrooge, Hortense in The Boyfriend, and Marilla Cuthbert in Anne of Green Gables. Janay once played a munchkin with her sisters at Plano Children's Theatre and is thrilled to come full circle by portraying Glinda alongside this talented cast and crew!

BRANDY NUTTALL (Aunt Em) is happy to be returning to the stage as an actor for the first time in 2 years. She is the Technical Theater Director at Naaman Forest High School so theater is near and dear to her heart. Some of her favorite past roles are Sue in *Snapshots*, Annie in *The Play That Goes Wrong* and Jack's Mom, *Into The Woods*. She thanks her family for their support of her love for theater.

JOHN CASTRO (Uncle Henry/Guard) is excited to be a part of MAT's production of *The Wizard Of Oz*, and to have the opportunity to be part of a very talented cast. This is John's second production with MAT, having previously played Bob Cratchit in *A Christmas Carol*. John would like pay tribute to the great Judy Garland for her role in The Wizard Of Oz on the 56th anniversary of her death on July 22, 1969.

DEVIN HITE (Professor Marvel/The Wizard) brings his professional training developed while receiving his Bachelor's in Theatre from Oklahoma State University and combines it with his 16 years' worth of hands-on experience in film and the stage to the Mesquite Arts Theatre in *The Wizard of Oz*! He has expressed his particular excitement for performing in this production due to it being a triumphant return to theatre after 5 years of working primarily in films in the DFW market such as 'Higher Knowledge', "Nowhere Fast', 'Fragile and Damaged', and 'Social Creatures'. Devin states, 'The theatre is my first home as an actor. I knew I had to return, and now I have. I have the production team of the Mesquite Arts Theatre to thank for it, and I give my gratitude to all that come to see the shows!"





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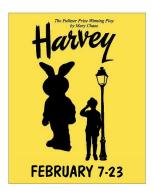


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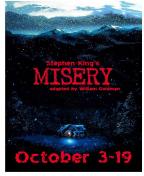
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