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October 14, 15, 21 & 22 at 7:30pm
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 Auburn Ave Theater, 10 Auburn Ave

TICKETS

Pre-Sale: \$12 Adults, \$10 Student/Senior
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THE WIZARD OF OZ

CAST & CREW

Jim Kleinbeck, Producer

Dave Cox, Director

Jon Stenson, Music Director

Eva McGowan, Asst. Music Director

Stephanie Cox, Choreographer/Coordinator

Jon Stenson /Paul Racey, Sound

Peter Dingfield, Lights

Robin Weakland, Costumer

Janet Tooley-Coffin, Asst. Costumer

Alise Christiansen, Asst. Costumer

Gordon Onorati, Stage Manager

Musical recording provided by Paul Linnes

Sets: Dave & Stephanie Cox, Brandon Kinney, Bret Espey,
Maddie L. Guinn, Jim Westhusing, Melanie, Roland Butcher

Dorothy Gale Bri Selin

Toto Molly

Aunt Em Deborah Collins

Uncle Henry Drew Baker

Zeke/Cowardly Lion Jim Kleinbeck

Hickory/Tin Woodsman Brandon Kinney

Hunk/Scarecrow Russel Metzger

Almira Gultch/The Wicked Witch

..... Robin Weakland

Professor Chester Marvel/Wizard of Oz

..... Joe Palalino

Glinda The Good Witch Candice Lowery

Crow, Trees, Osians, and Winkies Oh My!

Edie Brown,

Bret Espey, Tara Homfeldt,

Ryan Jarman,

Sam Hefford-Anderson,

Liz Keely, Maddie Latora-Guinn

The Munchkins.....

Brielle Brown, Aiden Donnelly,

Leah Dowing, Ryan Dowing, Colin Lasley,

Payton Marshall, Desi Mihaylova, Audrey

Patton, Samisah Shell, Natalie Shunk,

Sophia Shunk, Isabel Vaca, Haley Walker

The Jitter Bugs

Chloe Adamo, Alexis Harrold,

Katelyn Lettich, Tiana Stovall

The Monkeys.....

Michael Collins, Nathan Collins,

Davey Cox, Joshua Ehrenberg,

Colin Lasley, Tudor Magda

Special Thanks

Karla Seman, Gayle and Roland Butcher, Stella Scott, Shorecrest High School, Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater, ASTRA, Katelyn Lettich, Scott Davidson, Bob Hubley, Lindsay Holzworth, Vern Heinle

Russel Metzger (Hunk/ The Scarecrow)

Russel has performed for over 25 years on stage locally, and his 2nd show with the Auburn Community Players. The Scarecrow is one of Russel's dream roles, and is thankful for the opportunity. Russel would like to dedicate his performance to his father who he will always miss daily.

Molly (Toto)

This is Molly's first show ever and she is very excited to be a part of such a talented cast. Molly is a classically trained artist who studied at the Marmaduke Institute of Pet Performance. She would like to thank her family for believing in her and her friend Kali for all her support.

Joe Paolino (Professor Chester Marvel/The Wizard of Oz)

Joe (aka) Alfie Doolittle returns to the Auburn Avenue Theater after his Northwest Theatrical journeys which included Isidor Straus on the sinking Titanic, the Innkeeper in Man of Lamancha, Maurice, the father of Beauty, in Beauty AND The Beast and Jacob in Joseph and His Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Bri Selin (Dorothy Gale)

This is Bri's first show with Auburn Community Players. Some of Bri's favorite roles have been Snow White, Caroline Bingley, and Anne Frank. Bri would like to thank her husband for all of his support and coming to every show. Thanks for coming and enjoy the show!

Robin Weakland (Almira Gultch/The Wicked Witch)

Robin is so happy to be back on the AAT stage. She has been very busy costuming Brigadoon at Snoqualmie Falls Forest Theater this summer and playing Dolly Levi in Hello Dolly with Kings' Players at Shorecrest this past spring. Other favorite roles include Madame Arcati in Blythe Spirit at TLT, Clairee in Steel Magnolias at Renton Civic and Queen Aggravain in Once Upon a Mattress at AAT. Robin sends much love to Len for his continued love and support. And many thanks to Dave, Stephanie and Jon for a Wickedly Fun Role!!

Liz Keeley (Tree, Osain, Winkie)

This is Liz's first ever production and she is more than excited to be a part of this great cast! In the last year she has graduated from high school and enrolled in classes at GRCC. This being a big change in itself she figured why not add something else new; a grand adventure to an enticing new land with all sorts of different things! Liz welcomes you to none other than The Wizard of Oz!

Brandon Kinney (Hickory/The Tin Woodsman)

This is Brandon's second performance with Auburn Avenue Theatre, although he has been performing in shows for several theaters for the past seven years. He really loves working with this cast and crew of Auburn Avenue Theater and looks forward to participating in many future shows with them. He is really into this and this place and these people are some of the most important things in his life. He would like to also thank his parents since he would not have heard of this place without them.

Jim Kleinbeck (Zeke/The Cowardly Lion)

After seven years, Jim returns to the AAT stage to reprise his dream role of the Cowardly Lion. He spent many years on this stage portraying everything from a 50's teen in Saturday Night at Big Daddy's to a bullet colored growly man as Jud Fry in Oklahoma. Jim is excited to be back and wants to thank Dave, Stephanie, Jon and the rest of the cast for taking on this big project. He especially wants to thank Tanner & Angie for letting him take time away from them to be a part of this.

Maddie Latora-Guinn (Tree, Osain, Winkie)

Maddie has been doing theater for only 10 months, but has been a part of 5 productions. In The Wizard of Oz she is a tree, an Osain, and a Winkie. She also plays music, mainly flute, piano, guitar, and voice. Finally, she loves dancing.

Candice Lowery (Glinda the Good Witch)

This is Candice's second production with Auburn Community Players. She is very excited to play "Glinda", her dream role! Candice has done several productions in the Auburn area, among these her favorite role was Mrs. Martini in "Wonderful Life." She also directs children's productions! This past summer Candice directed "Aristocats Jr." and this school year she will be the musical director for "Beauty and the Beast Jr." Candice would like to thank her friends for their support and the love of her life for the joy of acting alongside him.

A message from the director:

The Wizard of Oz is a true American classic. Since the novel, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz was published in 1900 this magical story has captivated audiences. Despite the popularity of the original novel and its many sequels and adaptations, it is the 1939 MGM movie that stands as the gold standard for the whimsical tale.

It is this iconic film that is the basis for tonight's performance. You will travel from rural Kansas to the vibrant Land of Oz. You will hear the beloved songs that pop to mind when you think of this show and of course you will meet a host of legendary characters. However, some of what you'll see and hear tonight may come as a surprise! You will be introduced to expanded versions of your favorite tunes and you will hear songs that you may never have heard before.

No matter your relationship to the magnificent show, tonight you will take a brand new musical adventure that will leave you humming all the way home wishing you too could fly over the rainbow and travel down the yellow brick road!

Dave Cox

A message from the producers:

Good evening and welcome to the Auburn Ave Theater. As producer of this show, I would like to welcome you on behalf of the City of Auburn and the Auburn Community Players (ACP). Tonight you are in for a treat as our cast and crew present "The Wizard of Oz." The cast & crew have all worked very hard for the last 8 weeks. Special thanks go out to Dave Cox for being the one to create the fun and excitement you are in store for tonight and Stephanie Cox who keeps us all in line. I would also like thank Jon Stenson for his musical vision and Robin Weakland who makes everyone look so grand in their costumes. Now please sit back, relax and enjoy "The Wizard of Oz."

Thank you, Jim Kleinbeck



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Drew Baker (Uncle Henry/The Guard)

This is Drew's second show at the Auburn Avenue Theater. He has been in numerous productions at Heavier Than Air Family Theater Company at Green River Community College and also at the Tacoma Musical Playhouse. He would like to thank his wife Jamie for the sacrifice of being away so much to pursue this passion. He would also like to thank Dave, Stephanie, Jon and Jim for giving him another chance to be on stage and giving this community a creative outlet.

Eddie Brown (Tree, Osain, Winkie)

Eddie is thrilled to be in a production at Auburn Ave Theater. This will be her fifth production, her first at Auburn Ave. Theater. "This has been such a wonderful experience here. The cast has been great to work with. Stephanie and Dave are the best, and Jonathan wow." She appreciates that the theater is such a kid friendly place. In her "spare time" Eddie enjoys teaching Zumba, motorcycles, hiking, skiing. She is also a Realtor. She would like to thank hubby Neno for all his support in her endeavors.

Debbie Collins (Aunt Em, Tree, Osain)

Debbie recently moved here from Epsom in England with her family on a Big American Adventure. She has always loved to dance and act. Trained as a dancer and actress in London, England, and now living here in Auburn, Washington, she counts herself truly blessed to be part of this production (and slightly proud that her two sons are also in the show).

Dave Cox (Director)

This is Dave's third show as director with Auburn Community players. He could most recently be seen on stage as Major Malone in "Zombies from the Beyond!" with Auburn Mountainview Theater Company's Summer Alumni Theater Company. When he's not in the theater, Dave teaches drama at Rainier Middle School. Dave would like to thank the production team of Robin, John, Jim and Stephanie and the entire cast. Special thanks to Bret, Maddie, Brandon and Ryan for giving up so much of their time to bring "Oz" together! Thanks also to Peter for his wonderful lighting and patience. Most importantly, Dave thanks his family. His two young sons, Davey and Mikey, "I'll be home soon guys!" and his beautiful, hardworking, wonderful wife Steph. "There is no way I could do any of this without you!"

Stephanie Cox (Choreographer/Coordinator)

Stephanie received her training from the Evergreen City Ballet, the Hartford School of Ballet and Westlake Dance Center after graduating from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Arts with a dance major and double minors in business and art administrations. In recent years Stephanie has become a well known choreographer for shows such as Honk! (Auburn Riverside) Annie (Rainier Middle School) and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat (Auburn Regional Theatre). She is the proud owner of Children's Dance Theater and wants to thank the hard working cast, especially the cute munchkins and scary jitterbugs!

Bret Espey (Crow, Osain, Winkie)

This is Bret's 3rd production with Auburn Community Players. Previously, you saw him in "Into the Woods" as the Narrator/Mysterious Man, and "Bye Bye Birdie" as Albert Peterson. Bret has been singing and playing percussion in contemporary Christian groups for 20 years. Bret thanks his family for letting him do what he loves, and Dave and Stephanie Cox for getting him hooked on theater!

Sam Hefford-Anderson (Crow, Osain, Winkie)

This is Sam's first production with the Auburn Community Players. Roles and shows she has been in are Kim MacAfee - Bye Bye Birdie, Eddie - 13! The Musical, Christi - Rest Stop, Caterpillar - Alice in Wonderland Jr, Mrs. Pugh - Annie Jr, Seussical the Musical - Who. Love to everyone at Civic for their support!

Tara Homfeldt (Crow, Osain, Winkie)

Tara has been acting for 15 years. She has really enjoyed working with such a talented and fun cast. Auburn Avenue's professionalism and team have made the experience a pleasure. She looks forward to being a part of many more shows.

Ryan Jarman (Crow, Osain, Winkie)

Ryan is 13 and is in 8th grade. He is very excited to be performing in The Wizard of Oz. He is on his 4th year of violin and 2nd year of guitar. He hopes that all of you enjoy the production.