

## **THE WIZARD OF OZ**

### CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard / Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

Director: Drew Humphrey

Music Director: Jamie Reed

Choreographer: Dena DiGiacinto

1st Rehearsal: 11/23/24; 1st Performance: 12/20/24; Closing: 1/5/25

#### CONTRACT INFO:

All adult roles will be paid positions.

**DOROTHY GALE:** Young Kansas girl, earnest, expressive, and strong-willed, in search of something more. Very strong singer who moves well.

**HUNK / SCARECROW:** Plucky and clever in a pinch, even while lacking a brain. Strong actor with an honest quality. Excellent mover.

**HICKORY / TIN MAN:** Desperate for a heart. A kind-hearted romantic. Singing and dance required. Strong baritone / tenor to G.

**ZEKE / COWARDLY LION:** A mix of bravado and cowardice. Should move well. Cuddly actor with excellent comic timing. Strong baritone to F.

**MISS GULCH / WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST:** Character villain with an over-the-top stage presence. Excellent comic actress, has a killer cackle. Sings comically but doesn't have to sound good.

**PROFESSOR MARVEL / THE WIZARD:** Older father figure with an eccentric flair. Basic conjuring or sleight of hand a bonus. Non-Singing.

**GLINDA:** Glinda is the Good Witch of the North. Benevolent and beloved. Strong singer.

**AUNT EM:** Aunt Em is demanding, but loves her niece. Non-singing.

**UNCLE HENRY:** Dorothy's pleasant uncle. Non-singing.

**EMERALD CITY GUARD:** Strong comic actor, big presence.

**MUNCHKINS:** The little people of Munchkinland. Long oppressed, and happy to be freed, the Munchkins will (mostly) be played by children. Group singing and coordinated movement required. Dance experience is a plus. There are some featured roles among the munchkins, such as The Coroner, The Lollipop Guild, and The Lullaby League.

**WINKIES / FLYING MONKEYS / OZIANs / ADULT MUNCHKINS/POPPIES/JITTERBUGS:** The chorus of the show, with featured speaking/vocal/dancing roles available. Singing and movement required.

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