

PLAYBILL

THE COMMUNITY FOOTLIGHT PLAYERS
— OF LA GRANGE PARK —



THE WIZARD *of* OZ

YOUTH EDITION

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Directed by:
SPENCER DOUGLAS CLARK

Music/Sound Design by:
COLE BURDICK

Choreographed by:
MICHELE RITACCO

A special thanks to our fantastic volunteers:
VANESSA FEUERSTEIN
AMY CALLAHAN

*This is a one-act show that is approximately
1 hour and 15 minutes.*

CAST 2 - MUNCHKINS

Holiday Boldon.....	Dorothy Gale
Riley Sutton.....	Toto
Milo DeMonte.....	Scarecrow/Hunk
Layne Chobot.....	Tin Man/Hickory
Annika Yanz.....	Cowardly Lion/Zeke
Sarah Basic.....	Wicked Witch of the West/Miss Gulch
Elise Feuerstein.....	Glinda the Good Witch
Dylan Lindstrom.....	The Wizard of Oz/Professor Marvel
Sloane Highland.....	Aunt Em/Chorus
Zion Brown.....	Uncle Henry/Chorus
Zooley Kubly.....	Nikko/Ozian Cat/Munchkin
Colin Callahan.....	Mayor of Munchkinland/Chorus/Winged Monkey
Stella Kajmowicz.....	Barrister/Chorus/Winged Monkey
Finn Kajmowicz	City Father/ Chorus/Winged Monkey
Sam Creps.....	City Father/ Chorus/Winged Monkey
Sofia Will.....	Coroner/ Chorus/Winged Monkey

EMERALD CITY CHORUS:

Frances Tuminello.....	Munchkin/Winged Monkey
Phoebe Cohler.....	Munchkin/Winged Monkey
Macie DeMonte.....	Tot/Winged Monkey
Greta Boldon.....	Tot/Winged Monkey
Otis Boldon.....	Tough Kid/Winged Monkey
Jack Van Etten.....	Tough Kid/Winged Monkey
Austin Guerrieri.....	Tough Kid/Winged Monkey

MUNCHKIN CHORUS:

Aly Kairus.....	Doorman/Winged Monkey
Lily Spevacek.....	Oz Woman/ Winged Monkey
Griffin Ritter	Ozian Guard/ Winged Monkey

TWISTER CHORUS:

June Chellberg.....	Winkie Leader/Jitterbug
Madeleine Grote.....	Crow/Jitterbug/Winkie Guard✱
Sofia Kader.....	Crow/Jitterbug/Winkie Guard
Nora D'Albenzio.....	Crow/Jitterbug/Winkie Guard
Scarlett Chambers.....	Crow/Jitterbug/Winkie Guard
Anne Sloane.....	Apple Tree/Winkie Guard/Jitterbug
Brianna Meshke.....	Apple Tree/Winkie Guard/Jitterbug
Karin McCarthy-Fouber.....	Apple Tree/Winkie Guard/Jitterbug
Emma Landivar.....	Cow in Twister/Winkie Guard/Jitterbug
Abby Rondinella.....	Rainboat Man/Winkie Guard/Jitterbug
Lily Rondinella.....	Rainboat Man/Winkie Guard/Jitterbug

* Dance Captain



Sarah Basic (Wicked Witch of the West/Miss Gulch)

Sarah is excited to be playing one of the most iconic roles on stage and silver screen in her second Footlight Players production. She recently played Patrick in *SpongeBob*, Jovie in *Elf*, and Rafiki in *Lion King*. She'd like to thank everyone for the continued support.

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Greta Boldon (Tot/Chorus/Winged Monkey)

Greta is excited to be in her third Footlight Players performance! You may recognize Greta from Matilda Jr and Legally Blonde Jr. In her time off, Greta enjoys practicing Karate, drawing, playing bass guitar in local band The Lanterns, and reading her favorite books. Greta would like to thank her mom and dad for all their love and support, her sister Holiday, and brother Otis for helping her prepare for her third performance.



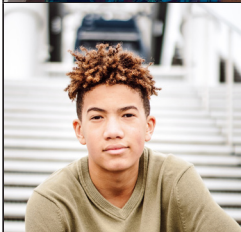
Holiday Boldon (Dorothy Gale)

Holiday is so excited to be in her fifth performance with Footlight Players! You may recognize her from Into the Woods, the Addams Family, Matilda Jr, and Legally Blonde Jr. In her spare time, Holiday enjoys playing with her cats, performing as lead singer in local band The Lanterns, drawing, and hanging out with her friends. She would like to thank her mom and dad for all their love and support, sister Greta for practicing dances with her, and brother Otis for practicing singing for the upcoming performance!



Otis Boldon (Tough Kid/Chorus/Winged Monkey)

Otis is very excited to be in his first Footlight Players performance! He is one the youngest members and is excited to join the cast with his sisters, Holiday and Greta. In his spare time, Otis enjoys playing baseball, playing with his friends and sisters, singing backup vocals in local band The Lanterns, and playing video games. Otis would like to thank his mom, dad, and two sisters for helping him practice and encouraging him to audition for the Wizard of Oz.



Zion Brown (Uncle Henry)

Zion is a 12-year-old who loves performing. When not on stage he enjoys playing many different seasonal sports and spending time with his family and friends. Zion would like to thank Spencer Douglas Clark, Michele Ritacco and Cole Burdick for their continued encouragement and support for his love of theatre. Some of his past roles have been Cinderella's Prince in "Into the Woods", Lucas in "The Addams Family", Mr. Wormwood in "Matilda", Kyle and Grandmaster Chad in "Legally Blonde, Jr.", The Cat in the Hat in "The Seussical Jr.", Patrick in "The SpongeBob Musical" and his current role at Uncle Henry in "The Wizard of Oz."



Colin Callahan (Mayor of Munchkin City)

Colin is thrilled to be a part of this amazing cast! This is his 5th production with the Footlight Players. Colin enjoys swimming, games and playing his saxophone! He would like to thank his friends and family for their love and support as well as Spencer, Cole and Michele for this fun opportunity!



Scarlett Chambers (Crow/Jitterbug/Winkie Guard/Chorus)

Scarlett is so excited to be a part of The Wizard of Oz Jr! This is Scarlett's fifth show with Footlight Players. She likes to play piano and sing. Scarlett would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her, as well as Spencer, Cole, and Ms. Michele for putting on all of these amazing shows!

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**June Chellberg (Winkie Leader/Jitterbug/Twister Chorus)**

June is a 2nd grader at Brookpark. She loves dance, playing with friends, and her dogs!!

**Layne Chobot (Tin Man/Hickory)**

Layne Chobot is a 6th grader at SE Gross. She has been performing with Footlight since 1st grade. She is so excited to portray her role as the Tin Man. She would like to thank her mom, dad and her brother for their support. Layne loves to play soccer, play the flute and show choir at her school. Thanks to the directors and cast of Wizard of Oz- enjoy the show!

**Phoebe Cohler (Munchkin/Chorus/Winged Monkey)**

This is Phoebe's first show with Footlight Players and she is having a blast playing part of Munchkin #2 and ensemble. She also enjoys soccer, Girl Scouts, and reading - especially Harry Potter books.

**Sam Creps (City Father)**

Sam is excited to be in the show!

**Nora D'Albenzio (Crow/Jitterbug/Winkie Guard/Twister Chorus)**

Nora is thrilled to be a part of this production of the beloved classic, The Wizard of Oz. She is 11 years old, and in sixth grade at SE Gross Middle School. This her sixth show with Footlight Players. You may have seen her in Addams Family (Ghost), Matilda (Cook), Legally Blonde (Bailiff), Suessical (Bird Girl 3), and most recently in SpongeBob (Sardine). When she is not on stage, she enjoys running, reading, listening to music, and hanging out with her friends. She would like to thank her Mom and Dad for always giving the best support anyone could have, her sister Abby for giving her tips on what to do, her Grandma and Papa for always supporting her, and her friends for giving her the motivation she needs to be the best she can be. Enjoy the show!

**Macie DeMonte (Tot/Chorus/Winged Monkey)**

Macie has been performing for her family, friends, and classmates for as long as we can remember. She loves being apart of the Footlight family and can't wait to perform the big show!!!

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Milo DeMonte (Scarecrow/Hunk)

Milo loves being on stage and performing for his family, friends, and community. He is excited to play Scarecrow in his third Footlight production. This is his biggest role so far and appreciates this opportunity. Beyond acting Milo likes pickleball, Xbox, fantasy football and playing Euchre. Milo would like to thank the Footlight team and everyone who has supported him being a part of yet another amazing show!



Elise Feuerstein (Glinda the Good Witch)

Elise is thrilled to be playing Glinda in Wizard of Oz Jr. She has a lot of musical theatre experience with her last role being Bielke in Fiddler on the Roof. Elise's favorite past roles include Jojo in Seussical Jr., and Little Red Riding Hood in Into the Woods Jr. When Elise is not on stage, she loves playing soccer, experimenting in the kitchen, and tap dancing. She would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support and Spencer, Michele, and Cole for years of guidance and fun.



Madeleine Grote (Crow/Jitterbug/Winkie Guard/Chorus)

Madeleine is thrilled to be back with the Footlight Players for her 5th show! She is a 7th grader at SEG Middle School. She adored being Brooke Windham in Legally Blonde and Karen in SpongeBob. She has also performed as fun characters in The Addams Family and Into the Woods. Offstage you may see her hanging with friends, cheering, or crafting. She would like to thank her mom, dad and sister for all their love and support. And thank all that came out to see her this weekend. But most importantly, a huge thanks to Spencer, Cole, and Michele for this amazing opportunity.



Austin Guerrieri (Tough Kid/Chorus/Winged Monkey)

Austin is excited for his debut performance with Footlight Players. While this may be his first performance with Footlight, he has participated in many theater classes and camps. Austin is 8 years old and attends Ogden Elementary School. In his free time he enjoys playing the drums, piano, sports, and video games. He would like to thank his instructors and castmates for making his first experience at Footlight so awesome!



Sloane Highland (Aunt Em/Emerald City Chorus)

Sloane is thrilled to be performing with Footlight Players again. She has performed as Squidward in Spong Bob, Mayzie in Suessical, Marlin in Finding Nemo, Pilar in Legally Blonde and many other roles in other shows. Sloane would like to thank her parents for the chauffeur services and rehearsal snacks, the directors for their hard work and dedication and all of her friends for their support. Enjoy the show!



Sofia Kader (Crow/Jitterbug/Winkie Guard/Chorus)

Sofia is thrilled to be back with the Footlight Players for her 7th show! She is a 6th grader at SE Gross Middle School. Favorite past roles include playing a Delta Nu in Legally Blonde and a big kid/parent in Matilda. Outside of theater, she loves to play soccer, make art and play the drums. She would like to thank Michele, Cole, and Spencer for being such great teachers!

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Aly Kairuz (Munchkin Chorus/Doorman/Winged Monkey)

Aly is thrilled to make her debut with Footlight Players in *The Wizard of Oz*! She's excited to take on the role of the Doorman, as well as joining the crew of munchkins and flying monkeys. Her past performances include *Frozen Kids*, *James and the Giant Peach*, and *The Lion King*. Aly has also showcased her singing talent with solos at her school's variety show, performing *Girl on Fire* and *9 to 5*. Aly is in 3rd Grade and when she's not on stage, she loves playing soccer and basketball, spending time with friends and family, and singing around the house non-stop! She sends a big thank you to her family for being her biggest cheerleaders and truly appreciates the support of her castmates and Spencer, Cole, and Michele!



Finn Kajmowicz (City Father/Chorus/Winged Monkey)

Finn is excited to be back with the Footlight Players for "*Wizard of Oz*". Finn has previously been with Footlight in "*The Addams Family*" and "*Seussical*". When Finn isn't in rehearsal he is busy playing drums, chess, and D&D with friends.



Stella Kajmowicz (Barrister/Chorus/Winged Monkey)

Stella is back with Footlight for her third production and is excited to join her friends on their way down the yellow brick road. During her downtime, Stella enjoys playing guitar, singing, reading, and watching *The Simpsons*.



Zooe Kubly (Nikko/Ozian Cat/Chorus)

This is Zooe's fourth performance with Footlight. She has been in *Legally Blonde*, *Suessical*, and *SpongeBob*. She enjoys reading, writing and playing the violin. She would like to thank Mrs. Michele, Spencer and Cole for their dedication to making this performance great. She'd also like to thank her parents for supporting her.



Emma Landivar (Cow in Twister/Winkie Guard/Jitterbug)

Emma is excited to be in her first Footlight production. She loves singing, acting, and being on stage with the group. When she isn't performing in shows, she enjoys playing competitive soccer, dancing, and hanging out with her friends. She also wants to thank all her family and friends for their support.



Dylan Lindstrom (The Wizard of Oz/Professor Marvel)

Dylan is thrilled to be playing the Wizard of Oz! His favorite past roles have been Professor Callahan in *Legally Blonde Jr.* and Lurch in *Addams Family*. Dylan loves to be on stage entertaining an audience! He also enjoys spending time with family and friends and playing *Dungeons & Dragons*. He'd like to thank his family and the directors for all of their support.

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Karin McCarthy-Foubert (Apple Tree/Winkie Guard/Chorus)

This is Karin's first year with Footlight Players, and she is thrilled to be part of the ensemble acting as an apple tree, Jitterbug, and Winkie Guard. She enjoys reading and spending time in nature. Thank you to Michele, Spencer, and Cole for making this show possible!



Brianna Meschke (Apple Tree/Winkie Guard/Chorus)

By the magic of the Yellow Brick Road, Brianna twirls into her 4th enchanted journey with the Footlight Players, dancing as a jitterbug, standing guard with the Winkies, and taking root as an apple tree in "The Wizard of Oz"! Much like Dorothy's own magical transformations, Brianna has previously conjured characters across many whimsical stages - a sardine in Spongebob, Vlad Vladicoff in Seussical, a Harvard student in Legally Blonde, and Hei Hei in Moana Jr. Just as Dorothy found her heart's true companions on her legendary journey, Brianna can't wait to perform with her treasured friends once again. With a wave of theatrical magic that would make Glinda proud, she sends her most heartfelt love to her family and friends - proving that there's no place like the stage!



Griffin Ritter (Chorus/Ozian Guard/Winged Monkey)

Griffin is thrilled to be playing a munchkin, winged monkey, and a guard in Wizard Of Oz! Past roles include cowboy fish in SpongeBob. He loves cooking, art, and music. He is very excited for the show.



Abby Rondinella (Rainboat Man/Winkie Guard/Jitterbug)

Abby is a sixth grader at Seventh Avenue School. She is so excited to join Footlight Players in her theatrical debut. In her free time, Abby likes to play piano and soccer. She also likes to play the flute in her school band. She would like to thank her dad, mom, and Aunt Nancy for their support!



Lily Rondinella (Rainboat Man/Winkie Guard/Jitterbug)

Lily is a sixth grader at Seventh Avenue School. She is excited to be making her theatrical debut with the Footlight Players! In her free time you will find her baking and playing soccer and the clarinet. She would like to thank her mom, dad, and Aunt Nancy for their support (and Elise for encouraging her to try out).



Anne Sloane (Apple Tree/Winkie Guard/Twister Chorus)

Anne's acted in every Footlight show since 2021. She began her acting career at Footlight and has since added the role of Elaine in Arsenic and Old Lace along with Sandy and the Nurse in The Outsiders. She loves theater, her family, and her friends at Park Junior High.

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Lilith Spevacek (Chorus/Oz Woman/Winged Monkey)

Lily is so excited to be a part of Wizard of Oz! This is her first production with Footlight and has truly enjoyed the experience. The directors have made it amazing!



Riley Sutton (Toto)

Riley is excited to be playing Toto in the Wizard of Oz! This is her 3rd year with Footlight. You may have seen her in Matilda, Seussical, and Sponge Bob. Riley enjoys ice skating, dancing, and singing. She wants to express a huge thank you to all who have supported her love for musicals, especially her mom and dad.



Frances Tuminello (Munchkin/Chorus/Winged Monkey)

Frances is so excited to make her acting debut in the Wizard of Oz! She is a 5th grader who loves singing, dancing, Rubik's Cubes, and Taylor Swift. At school she is a member of the Green Team and enjoys art class. Her favorite food is ice cream. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Jack Van Etten (Tough Kid/Chorus/Winged Monkey)

Jack is super excited to play one of the Tough Kid Munchkins and a Flying Monkey in The Wizard of Oz! This is Jack's 2nd production with The Footlight Players; his previous role as a Cowboy Fish in SpongeBob the Musical was a great introduction to the theater. Jack enjoys hanging with his sister, playing sports, and live music. A big thanks to Spencer, Cole, and Michele!!



Sofia Will (Coroner/Chorus/Winged Monkey)

Sofia is thrilled to come back to the footlight players for her 6th show! In her free time she enjoys hanging out with friends, baking, dancing, and singing! You might have seen her as Kate in Legally Blonde the Musical jr. She would love to thank Ms. Michele, Cole, Mr. Spencer, Her parents, and her grandparents. We hope you have an excellent time at the show!



Annika Yanz (Cowardly Lion/Zeke)

Annika Yanz is thrilled to be a part of her third Footlight Players production in the role of the Cowardly Lion. When not on stage, Annika loves reading books (especially Harry Potter and Chronicles of Narnia series), doing art, listening to Taylor Swift, and surviving her two younger sisters. She would like to thank her friends and family for all their support.

Phoebe,

We are excited to see your performance! Break a leg!

Love, Mom and Dad

Milo & Macie

We are so proud of you both!

Love, Mom, Dad, Mark &
Max

Frances:

We are so proud and can't wait to see you shine on stage. "The dreams you dare dream really do come true."

Love, Mom, Dad, & Louise
(and Rascal, too!)

Annika,

We'd follow you down any winding road to see your talents. You're no coward on stage and we couldn't be prouder!

Love, Lollie & Papa

Abby and Lily,

We are so excited to see you both perform in your first show. You got this!

Love Always,
Mom and Dad

Follow the Yellow Brick Road, Frances!

So proud of you and the whole cast. You rock!
Love you, Grandma Pam

Austin,

Your musical debut! We are beyond proud of you. No wizard that there is or was is ever gonna bring you down.

Love, Mom, Dad &
Savannah

Annika,

We are so proud of you. Keep up the great work in the classroom and on stage.

We love to see you shine!
XO – Mom, Dad, Matilda
and Aila

Congratulations Dylan!

We're so excited to see you play the Wizard!
Love Mom, Dad, Amanda,
Hannah & Aidan

**Michele, Spencer &
Cole,**

Thank you for being the magic behind the curtain. We are eternally grateful for all you do.
Love, Jessica, Zak, Sue &
Your CPD Family

Footlight Player Parents-

Thank YOU for all of the time and effort you have put into this year's performance!

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