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THE WIZ

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THE WIZ
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FROM THE STORY 'THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ' BY L. FRANK BAUM



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SYNOPSIS

The Wiz is a vibrant, modern retelling of The Wizard of Oz, brought to life with soul, gospel, and R&B. When Dorothy is swept from Kansas into the magical land of Oz, she sets out along the Yellow Brick Road to find the powerful Wiz, believing he can help her return home. On her journey, she befriends the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Lion. Together they face challenges, overcome fears, and meet and confront Glinda and the Wicked Witch of the West. In the Emerald City, Dorothy discovers that the Wiz is not what he seems, and learns that confidence, courage, and compassion have been within her and her friends all along. The Wiz celebrates identity, resilience, and the power of community, delivering a joyful message that confidence, courage, and compassion come from within.

DATES

Monday 27th July – Saturday 8th August. **YOU MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR ALL DATES TO BE ABLE TO TAKE PART.** We only have two weeks to put the show together; therefore attendance EVERYDAY is compulsory and essential. There are no rehearsals on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd August. Dorothy, tin man, scarecrow and lion **WILL BE CALLED FOR A BLOCKING REHEARSAL ADDITIONAL TO THE 2 WEEKS AND MUST BE AVAILABLE FOR THIS REHEARSAL ON THURSDAY 23RD JULY FROM 6PM-9:30PM**

THE COURSE

Rehearsals will be held at The Woodville Theatre everyday from 10am till 5pm. The final few days of rehearsals can be slightly longer due to dress and technical rehearsals. Rehearsal schedules **WILL** be provided before the start of the project but please note that these may be subject to slight changes.

Venue Address: The Woodville, Woodville Place, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1DD.

PERFORMANCES

The performances are on Friday 7th August and Saturday 8th August at 7:30pm at The Woodville Theatre in the Main Auditorium.

FEES

The full two week project is **£275** inc VAT. A non-refundable deposit of **£50** is due to register your space and the final balance of **£225** must be paid by 1st July 2026. This works out to less than **£3.80** per hour for professional tuition and childcare. Payments plans leading up to the start date are accepted. Course Fees do not include any meals. The course fee and deposit is non-refundable. Your space on the course is not confirmed until **FULL** payment is received

COSTUMES

You will be asked to provide some elements of your child's costume. A detailed costume guide will be sent out, and this will mainly include items you can easily source at home. Some costumes will be hired through Centre Stage for a small hire fee. As always, we aim to keep costs to a minimum while maintaining a high production standard.

TICKETS

Tickets to watch the production are **£25** for adults and **£20** for children under 16 (this includes Woodville booking fees which CSTA do not benefit from) Tickets will be available from Monday 1st June 2026 and can be purchased via The Woodville Theatre website or telephone.

CHAPERONES

The Centre Stage Summer Youth Project must comply with The Children and Young Persons Act (1963-s37). Which clearly states: A child is a child until the last Friday in June of Year 11 (even if they are already 16) meaning all cast members who are still in full time education require a chaperone. The ratio of chaperones to kids is 1:12. We ask for a Chaperone Fee of **£15** per child which covers the cost of hiring in professionals to supervise the cast backstage for the two productions. If you have a valid chaperone license from your local council and are interested in chaperoning for CSTA please get in contact.

PRODUCTION FILMING

We film the shows so that the cast have an everlasting memory of every summer youth project. this is a small **£10** cost per performer and you all get a copy of the show sent to you via email after the production.

BOOKING A SPACE

Auditions took place on Sunday 29th March and everyone who attended will be contacted within a couple of weeks to let you know what role you have been offered. We are a professional company and do everything possible to make casting fair. However, due to limited parts and places available there will always be some disappointment. Enrollment is open as of Monday 30th March, we have 120 spaces in the cast which are offered on a first come first served basis. Please note the course is always full (usually with a waitlist...) so please don't hesitate to book your space to avoid any disappointment.

THE CAST

The cast consists of a Junior Ensemble and a Senior Ensemble along with Principle and Supporting Leads. Even if you missed audition day we'd still love you to take part. The ensemble are an important role in any musical production and provide vital support to the named characters in order to make the production as spectacular as possible. THE WIZ is a huge ensemble musical with both the Junior and Senior ensemble being featured throughout the entire show. There are also smaller roles available within the ensemble and team roles such as Dance Captain that may be allocated once the course begins. We promise the course will be fun no matter what role you are offered so make sure to book your space in quickly and enjoy two weeks of performing with us!

CLOTHING

All students will receive a cast t-shirt on their first day, which they can wear to rehearsals. We ask that students wear black where possible as it helps keep the rehearsals neat. Denim is not suitable, and we request that students wear leggings/tracksuit bottoms and dance wear everyday. Please ensure that you wear sensible footwear you can dance in.



SPONSORSHIP AND BEING A PART OF FRIENDS OF CENTRE STAGE (FOCS)

The Friends of Centre Stage is a registered charity that provides financial support to parents of children who would benefit from participating in performing arts classes, workshops and holiday courses. FOCS are looking for sponsors; corporate or private, that would be willing to help fund SYP. If you are interested, would like more information or would like to make a donation please contact FOCS directly at; friends@centrestagetheatreacademy.com.

We are so pleased to be able to offer this to our community and hope to give some fantastic young people the chance to take part in this unforgettable experience.

FUNDING

We believe every young performer deserves the chance to be part of something special, and we don't want finances to be a barrier to taking part in this summer's production at The Woodville Theatre. Funding is available for this year's Summer Youth Project and applications are open now! You can apply for our funding by [clicking here](#).

FINALLY...

The Centre Stage Summer Youth Project is two full weeks of working hard, learning lots, improving your skills and getting to work with professional teachers – but most importantly our focus as always is FUN! If you have any questions or queries regarding SYP please feel free to contact us on the details given below.

We can't wait to see you all in August!

Frankie, Lydia & The SYP Team

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