

Orange County Children's Theatre
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# MAY 5-14, 2017

FRIDAY 7:00 PM SATURDAY 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM SUNDAY 2:00 PM

BY L. FRANK BAUM WITH MUSIC AND LYRICS BY Harold Arlen and E.Y.Harburg Background Music by Herbert Stothart

CHOREOGRAPHY CLARA D'AUTILIA DIRECTED BY
JEREMY COOLEY

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By L. Frank Baum With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y.Harburg Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Directed by **Jeremy Cooley** Choreography - **Clara D'Autilia** Vocal - **Art Ortiz** 

Producers: Todd Young and Stacy Denbo Set Design: Mike Gooch, Mathew Hawkins, Billy Sarno, Jake West

Prop Master: Diane Miley

Costume Design: Cathy Walker & Joanne Booth Tin Man Costume Design: Darren Stoddart

Hair and Makeup: Marissa Sellers
Stage Manager: Elisa Villalobos

Sound Cue: Nazaire LeBlanc

House Announcements: **Donald Sheetz** Telegrammer Choreographer: **Taylor Windle** Assistant Choreographer: **Samantha Walker** 

The videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

# Wizard of Oz Cast

Dorothy Gale: LiMei Su Vera Understudy: Lindsey Denbo

Auntie Em/Glinda: Bria Booth Uncle Henry/Guard: Jack Borenstein Toto: Sammy Dorfman

Zeke/Lion: Patrick McCormick Hickory/Tin Man: Seth Merrill Hunk/Scarecrow: Garrett Sharland

Ms. Gulch/Witch: Izzie Stoddart Professor Marvel/Oz: Abby Young



### Munchkins

Munchkin Mayor: Liam Miley Munchkin Coroner: Aubrie Ofner Munchkin Barrister: Owen Gooch

Alexa Muchnick - Alexis Rocha - Alyssa LeBlanc Anthony LeBlanc - Aylania LeBlanc - Andrea Villalobos Audrey Camacho - Ava Donovan - Brianna Deutchman Chloe Yeager - Collin Higgins - Ethan Ng - Kevin Mesavesa Lilli Parrott - McKenna Hall - Mia Alvarez - Owen Gooch Paige O'Neal - Regan Sheetz - Sarah Young - Sean Hawkins Summer Glick - Vada LaPlaca - Zoe Noble - Hannah Rice

### **Ozians**

Alexa Muchnick - Alexis Rocha - Alyssa LeBlanc - Aly West
Andrea Villalobos - Anthony LeBlanc - Audrey Camacho
Aubrie Ofner - Ava Donovan - Aylania LeBlanc
Brianna Deutchman - Caden Higgins - Caitlin Sheetz
Chloe Yeager - Collin Higgins - Dylen Damico - Eli Kirk
Ethan Ng - Ava Howe- Genevieve deBeauvieres - Grace Huynh
Haley McKinney - Hannah Rice - Imani Bautista - Julia Recana
Katie Rangel - Kevin Mesavesa - Liam Miley - Lilli Parrott
Lily Horns - Lindsey Denbo - McKenna Hall - Mia Alvarez
Natalie Dien - Owen Gooch - Paige O'Neal - Regan Sheetz
Riley Summers - Samantha Borenstein - Sarah Hart
Sarah Young - Sean Hawkins - Summer Glick - Valerie Reed
Vada LaPlaca - Zoe Noble

**Lullaby League** Aylania LeBlanc Alyssa LeBlanc Natalie Dien

Lollipop Guild Sarah Young Vada LaPlaca Alexa Muchnick

Lead Trees
Caitlin Sheetz
Haley McKinney

Hannah Rice

Dancing Trees
Audrey Camacho
Lily Horns

Lead Crows
Grace Huynh
Julia Recana
Katie Rangel
LiMei Su Vera
Lindsey Denbo
Riley Summers

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Abby Young
Aly West
Ava Howe
Genevieve deBeauvieres
Imani Bautista
Sarah Hart

**Jitterbugs** 

Abby Young - Alyssa LeBlanc - Aly West Audrey Camacho - Ava Howe Caitlin Sheetz Genevieve deBeauvieres Haley McKinney - Imani Bautista LiMei Su Vera - Lindsey Denbo McKenna Hall - Natalie Dien Sarah Young - Sarah Hart

Winkies
Winkie General: Riley Summers

Alexis Rocha - Anthony LeBlanc Ava Donovan - Brianna Deutchman Caden Higgins - Chloe Yeager Dylen Damico - Eli Kirk Hannah Rice - Katie Rangel Lily Horns - Paige O'Neal Regan Sheetz - Samantha Borenstein Summer Glick - Valerie Reed

> Monkeys Nikko: Kevin Mesavesa

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### TELEGRAMMERS

Nikki Aldrich, Emma Rose Barclay, Colton Dorfman, Olivia Hart, Lola Hasheminejad, Jocelyn Hoang, Angie LeBlanc, Adrianna McGrath, Zariah Merrill, Haven Miller, Ryan Nguyen, Madelyn Poyourow, Ava Recana, Delaney Sanchez, Jayden Thi

# OCCT President's Message



On behalf of the OCCT Board, the cast, and all the volunteers who have selfishly & graciously given their time and have worked so hard behind the scenes, I would like to welcome you to a favorite classic musical...

WIZARD OF OZ.

I am blessed and honored to be the current President of this organization that both of my daughters had the opportunity to grow and learn

in many aspects of musical theater. It is the long history of volunteerism that gives life to what we do at OCCT and sustains this wonderful program.

Orange County Children's Theater was founded in 1969 as Fountain Valley Theater, and is now the longest running children's theater in Orange County for reasons you will see. Our mission is to provide a safe and welcoming atmosphere for all children and their families and to educate them in all aspects of musical theater. We welcome all children through the audition process and are dedicated to train them in the skills of the arts. Family values and respect for others, no matter their color, religion, or economic status are strongly encouraged.

My heartfelt thanks goes to our production team: Jeremy Cooley, Clara D'Autilia, and Art Ortiz for their dedication, expertise and creativity in bringing this classic production to life. A huge thanks to our Producers, Stacy & Todd for their countless hours at rehearsals and to Elisa, our Vice President, for all the time and energy she put to the show. Additional thanks to all the committee chair board members and the parents for their countless hours working behind the scenes to carry out the work of the organization. OCCT wouldn't exist without you.

Thank you to all those individuals, organizations and businesses for their financial contributions this year. As a non-profit 503(c) organization, all donations are greatly appreciated to help offset our production cost and keep OCCT entertaining Orange County in the future. I would like to personally invite you, our audience and friends, to get involved and help preserve this children's theater by joining our family in several membership opportunities listed in our program.

It's not where you go that's important, it's the friends you make along life's journey. Like the Wizard of Oz, many call this HOME...there's no place like OCCT. Proverbs 24: 3-4

Blessings, Lorraine Ross

### **Jeremy Cooley** - Director

Jeremy Cooley is excited to return for his second show with Orange County Children's Theatre! He previously worked with OCCT as Assistant Director for their 2016 production of Beauty and the Beast. Other recent credits include directing the high school edition of Rock of Ages at Fairmont Preparatory Academy in Anaheim; directing, producing, and



starring in The Last Five Years with his own company, Southern California Independent Theatre; and directing the premiere of a local composer's operetta, The Inferiority Complex of Old Sippy, in collaboration with SCIT and the Four Seasons Youth Orchestra. He holds a Bachelor of Music in Percussion Performance and a Master of Arts in English from California State University, Long Beach, and is finalizing his California teaching credential. By day, he is the theatre arts director at Fairmont Preparatory Academy, where he teaches acting, improv, and technical theatre classes. He is known for unexpectedly and uncontrollably bursting into song, much to the chagrin of his wife, Kristin, a middle school band and orchestra director. They live (and sing) together in Long Beach.





### Clara D'Autilia - Choreographer

Miss Clara began training at a very young age at Ballet Arts Center in Long Beach. She continued her studies in Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Choreography and Musical Theater at the Centro Polivalente de Arte, an arts school in Argentina. In College furthering her Dance & Musical Theater training as a performer and choreographer in musicals, years later obtaining her Liberal Arts / Fine Arts degrees. Currently she is the owner / director of Pacific Dance Center



and the Co-founder of Coast City Ballet, a non-profit dance company. Clara is a staff member at Edison High School as Dance Coach & has choreographed several EHS musicals - most recently "Footloose" and "Damn Yankees". Miss Clara has choreographed several OCCT's productions such as "Into the Woods, "Alice in Wonderland." She is delighted to return once again for OCCT's production of the "Wizard of Oz" so put on your Ruby slippers, beware of the Jitterbugs & follow the yellow brick road... to OZ! To all the cast, Break a leg! Shine bright, sing, dance and act your hearts out.

# **Taylor Windle**Telegrammer Choreographer

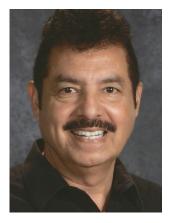
Taylor is thrilled to be working with the telegrammers again and can't wait for you to see them shine onstage. This is her 4th time working with the telegrammers and it truly has become one of her favorite things to do. Taylor has been involved in OCCT since she was a Telegrammer, and she has done many shows since including Oklahoma, Peter Pan, Joseph, and Seussical. She grew up with OCCT being



her home away from home and is very thankful to the organization for allowing her to find my love of performing, choreographing, and directing. She went on to pursue her passion for musical theatre throughout high school at HBHS in the APA program and then in New York at CAP 21 Conservatory. She is transferring to Cal State Long Beach in the Fall and will be majoring in theatre arts. Taylor thanks you for coming to see the show and hopes that you will buy some telegrams!!

### Art Ortiz - Vocal

Mr. Ortiz has enjoyed working with the artistic youth of Orange County since 2008. He has 21 years of experience traveling as a full-time recoding artist with more than 4000 performances. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Vocal Performance and Music Education from Azusa Pacific University. Moreover, he has produced, choreographed, and directed over 75 drama and musical productions. He is an award winning soloist,



composer, and a gifted pianist, with over 100 private vocal and piano students. Mr. Ortiz is a well-respected teacher/director at Arts and Learning Conservatory, choir director for the high school and junior high at Eldorado Emerson Private School in Orange as well as presently and formerly a teacher for Takelessons.com, WyzAnt.com, Virtuoso Music, Music Theater of Orange County, Virutosos Russian Music Academy, Shoreline Academy of the Arts, and Jubilate Academy. He is also the youth pastor for The Lord's Church. Notably, he is a recording artist in his own right with 10 recordings and has traveled across country nationally and in 13 countries internationally. He has greatly enjoyed working with the talented students at Orange County Children's Theatre. This is his sixth production as vocal director with OCCT.

### Samantha Walker Asst. Telegrammer Choreographer

Samantha is in 8th grade at Orange County School of the Arts in the Musical Theatre conservatory. She has performed in 14 shows at OCCT and can't wait to do more! Her favorite roles include Olive in the 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Teen Fiona in Shrek, and a council member in Hairspray. She has also done screen acting such as Law and Order, Meet the Fockers, New Girl, and more.



Samantha is excited to be assisting Taylor with the Telegrammers and will hopefully do it more in the future. She hopes you will sit back and take a walk down the yellow brick road with OCCT.



Mia Alvarez Munchkin, Monkey. Ozian, Poppy

I am 11 and in 5th grade. I have 2 younger brothers. This is my 3rd production with OCCT. My previous shows were Beauty and the Beast and Shrek. I take voice lessons from Jolee Miller. tumbling at PCM, and dance at OC Dance Center. In the future, I wish to go to APA. I'm so excited you came to see this production, and I hope vou eniov the show!





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subject is Music. I play the violin

and piano, but my real passion

is singing and acting. I am also

Seabreeze Church, I would like

to thank everyone who made this

production possible and definitely

give all the Glory to God. See

vou in OZ!

part of the Youth Worship Band at

Middle School. My favorite



Guard

Audrey Camacho Twister, Dancing Trees, Jitterbugs, Ozian



Genevieve deBeauvieres Dancing Crows, Jitterbugs, Ozian



Auntie Em / Glinda

I am an 18 year old Senior at Rolling Hills Preparatory School, and I am loving my 23rd consecutive OCCT Production! School activities include: National Honor Society President, Cheer Captain, Yearbook Editor, Thespian President and Robotics Team Favorite OCCT roles include: Maria Von Trapp, Marian the Librarian, Cossette, Belle, Velma, and now Glinda.

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grader at Hawes, and I enjoy

acting, drawing, dancing, and

and 3rd overall. I'm a 5th

being a little weird. I'm so



Borenstein Winkie, Ozian, Lollipop Guild, Poppy



done 3 other shows before this one. I love skateboarding and singing. I attend Orange View junior high, and my favorite subject is science. I live in Buena Park. Also this is my first show with OCCT. and I hope that it will be a memorable one.



**Dvlen Damico** Winkie, Ozian



Lindsey Denbo Dorthy Gale Understudy, Lead Crows, Jitterbugs, Ozian

This is my 11th production at OCCT. Some of my favorite roles have included Amaryllis in Music Man. Sugarplum Fairy in Shrek, and Mrs. Pinky in Hairspray. I would like to thank my parents and friends for all of their love and support. Beware of lions and tigers and bears. Oh my!!!!



Brianna Deutchman Munchkin, Winkie, Ozian, Poppy

I am 11.5 years old and have been in 16 shows: Annie, Jungle Book, Wizard of Oz, Grinch, We are Monsters, Alice in Wonderland, Pirate's Life for Me, Zombie Night, ou're a Good Man Charlie Brown, Little Mermaid, Into the Woods, Peter Pan, Shrek Hairspray, Beauty and the Beast, and Wizard of Oz. I love being at OCCT. My favorite things to do are acting, singing, SFX art, and being with friends and family.

This is my first show with OCCT, and I am very excited to be a part of The Wizard of Oz! I love singing, acting, and dancing, and I'm in advanced drama at Dwyer Middle School. I have been doing APA JR during the summer for the past 7 years. Enjoy the show!



Natalie Dien Lullaby League, Jitterbugs, Ozian, Poppy

I am delighted to take part in OCCT's Wizard of Oz! I'm 11 and homeschooled. This is my 3rd OCCT show. My past roles were Chip in Beauty and the Beast and Dinah Cat in Alice in Wonderland. Other acting/ theater experiences include numerous shows at Starlight Theater in Costa Mesa and SCR acting classes. Soon you'll agree that there's no children's theater like OCCT!



Sammy Dorfman Toto

Welcome to the show! I am 10 going on 11, and I go to Seacliff Elementary. You may have seen me in Shrek the Musical as Young Fiona or in Ensemble in Beauty and the Beast. I love pandas, glitter, and unicorns! I would like to tell Bria, who is playing Glinda, to break a leg because this is her last show. Now sit back, relax, and enjoy The Wizard of Oz!



Ava Donovan

Munchkin, Winkie.

Ozian, Snowflake

Summer Glick Munchkin, Winkie, Ozian

I am 11 and in 6th grade at Dwyer Middle School. This is my 5th OCCT show, and I'm loving it. I have been in the ensemble of OCCT's Alice in Wonderland, Les Miserables, Beauty and the Beast, and Shrek. I have also been in Mulan playing the role of Matchmaker at Boys and Girls Club and Savanah and Brittany at Broadway on Tour. I love singing, dancing, theatre, swim team, and Junior Lifeouards.



Owen Gooch Munchkin Barrister, Munchkin, Monkey, Ozian

This is my first show, but I have a long history with OCCT. My older siblings all did shows here, and I was the tagalong mascot. I have always loved coming to watch them and now it's my turn to make new friends and sing on stage. I am super excited to journey to Oz! Won't you join me?



McKenna Hall Munchkin, Jitterbugs, Ozian

Hello! I am so excited to be in my 2nd show with OCCT. I am 13 years old and in 7th grade at Mesa View Middle School. Some of my hobbies include singing, dancing, piano, reading, and eating food. We have had so much fun preparing this show and hope you enjoy it. Follow the yellow brick road!



Sarah Hart Dancing Crows, Jitterbugs, Ozian

I am very excited to be in The Wizard of Oz! This is my 2nd show at OCCT, but I have participated in shows with Festival Ballet Theater, ABT and Dwyer Middle School. One day I aspire to pursue a career in the performing arts.



Sean Hawkins Munchkin, Monkey. Ozian, Poppy

This is my first show with OCCT, and I'm so excited to be a part of it. The only other show I have done was playing the Tin Man in a production at the Cabrillo Playhouse. I play piano, harp, and Ukulele. I'm 10 years old and go to Harbour View Elementary. I want to thank Mrs. Pat Anderson for helping me get this part, and I love my family!



Caden Higgins Winkie, Ozian, Munchkin

I am 12 years old and going into 7th grade at Dwyer Middle School. I am so excited to be part of such a fun show! This is my fourth show with OCCT. When I'm not on stage I enjoy hanging out with my buddies, camping, surfing and playing basketball. Eniov the show!



Collin Higgins Munchkin, Monkey, Ozian

I'm so excited to be part of The Wizard of Oz! This is my 7th show with OCCT. I am 9 years old and in 3rd grade at Peterson Elementary School. I just love being on stage. My favorite part that I have played was Mr. Spritzer in Hairspray. Thank you to the directing team for giving me the opportunity to be in this fun show. We're off to see the Wizard!!!



Lily Horns Dancing Trees. Winkie, Ozian

I'm 12 years old and am very excited to be experiencing my 1st OCCT production. I have been in productions at the Attic Community Theater. Some of my favorite roles have been as Peter in Peter Pan. Donkev in Shrek, and Helen Keller in The Miracle Worker. Theater is my passion, and I love bringing my personality to each role. There's NO PLACE LIKE the STAGE



Ava Howe Dancing Crows. Jitterbugs, Ozian

I am so excited to be a part of the cast of Wizard of Oz! Some of my favorite roles in to play in the past have been Ursula in The Little Mermaid. Genie in Aladdin. as well as ensemble in shows like Hairspray and Grease! Thank you to the directing team and to the cast for making this show so awesome! Enjoy!



Grace Huvnh Lead Crows. Monkey, Ozian, Poppy





Eli Kirk Winkie, Ozian. Munchkin

I am in 5th grade, 10 years old, and go to Newport Heights Elementary. I recently played the Beast in Beauty and the Beast with my school, and it was the first play I have performed in! I enjoy playing the piano and hope to be a professional pianist someday. would like thank my Dad and family for all their support!



Vada LaPlaca Munchkin, Monkey, Ozian

This is my 2nd show with OCCT, and I am so excited to be performing again. I have been performing for the past 5 years. My favorite roles have been Jane in Mary Poppins and Little Red Riding Hood in Into the Woods. I am 10 vears old and attend Moffett Elementary. I have a passion for signing and want to pursue an acting career. I hope you enjoy the show.



Alyssa LeBlanc Munchkin, Lullaby League, Jitterbugs, Ozian

I'm 11 years old and this is my 9th show with OCCT, but 11th overall. Some of my favorites have been Into the Woods, Alice in Wonderland, and Shrek. In my free time, I love to sing, dance, read, write, draw, eat ice cream, and play with my dog. A shout out to all my friends in this show and to my 3 siblings! Enjoy the show! :-)



Anthony LeBlanc Munchkin, Winkie, Ozian, Poppy

I am 13 and in 7th grade. This is my 7th show with OCCT and it has been a wonderful experience. Some of my favorite roles I've portrayed include Fender (Hairspray) and Emmet (Legally Blonde). Hobbies of mine include singing, acting, running, boy scouts, and dancing. I hope you all enjoy the show and follow the yellow brick road!



Aylania LeBlanc Munchkin, Lullaby League, Monkey, Ozian, Poppy

I have been in 8 shows with OCCT, including Sound of Music, Into the Woods, Grease, Music Man, Alice in Wonderland, Mary Poppins as a telegrammer, and Beauty and the Beast and Shrek in the real cast. In my free time, I like to paint, cook and sew. Now sit back relax and enjoy the show. Follow the vellow brick road!



Haley McKinney Lead Trees, Jitterbugs, Ozian

Hi! Welcome to the show! I am 11 years old and am homeschooled. This is my 5th show with OCCT, and I have loved every minute of it. When I am not singing, dancing, or acting, I like to hang out with friends and make slime. I would like to give a big shout out to the directing team for casting me. Now sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!



Seth Merrill Hickory / Tin Man

Hello. I'm a sophomore at Huntington Beach High School and in the Academy of the Performing Arts program majoring in Musical Theater. Some of my past favorite roles have been the Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland, Daniel in Once On This Island, and Dr. Scleifitz in Li'l Abner. I want to thank the directing team for giving my this exciting opportunity. Break a leg to my sister, Zariah!



**Kevin Mesavesa** *Munchkin, Nikko, Ozian* 

I am currently 14 years old and attend Cerritos High as a freshman. This is my 2nd show with OCCT, 1st being Les Miserables. Other roles include Lefou in Beauty and the Beast and 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee (BPYT). I would like to thank the creative team for giving me this opportunity. Enjoy your journey through the city of Oz!



Liam Miley Munchkin Mayor, Monkey, Ozian, Poppy

What's up? I am 10 years old and I'm in 5th grade. When I grow up I'd like to be an actor or teacher. My favorite musical is Rent. My favorite role was playing Michael Banks in Mary Poppins with OCCT. My favorite food is steak. I'd like to make a shout out to you for coming to see our show. What I love about OCCT and acting is EVERYTHING! Bye now.



Alexa Muchnick Lollipop Guild, Munchkin, Monkey, Poppy

I'm 10 and a 4th grader at TVT. This is my first OCCT show. Some roles I've played include: Alana (Little Mermaid) and Glinda (Wizard of Oz). My hobbies include: math, writing, and singing. I LOVE watching Broadway musicals. I want to thank my family for supporting me, my friends in the cast, and everybody that made this show happen. Enjoy the show!



Ethan Ng Munchkin, Monkey, Ozian, Poppy

Hello, I'm 8 years old and in the 2nd grade at Smith Elementary. This is my first OCCT performance and I'm very excited. I've played Bruce in Matilda and Brad in Hairspray at Huntington Academy of Dance. I've also participted in APA Jr. I'm part of Scats Gymnastics level 5 Boys team, and I play the drums, guitar, and keyboard at School of Rock.



**Zoe Noble** Munchkin, Monkey, Ozian, Poppy

I am so excited to be performing in The Wizard of Oz! This is my first time on stage. I would like to thank Sammy Borenstein for helping me build up the courage to audition. I would also like to thank my family and friends for their support and OCCT for giving me this opportunity. Enjoy the show!



Paige O'Neal Munchkin, Winkie, Ozian, Poppy

I have studied acting for 3 years at South Coast Repertory Conservatory. I have been singing with Syreeta Neal for 4 years at RockStars Music Studio. I am a member of the show choir at Dwyer Middle School. Thanks to Syreeta, my parents, and my friends for always supporting me!



Aubrie Ofner Munchkin Coroner, Ozian, Monkey

I am 12 years old and a 6th grader at Marine View Middle School. This is my 7th OCCT show, and I love it! I would like to thank all of my friends and the directing team for making this show great! I would also like to thank my mom and dad for their love and support. Now sit back, relax, and enjoy your adventure through Oz.



Lilli Parrott Munchkin, Monkey, Ozian, Poppy

I am so excited to be part of Wizard of Oz! I've been in 7 plays, and my favorite roles include Baby Sour Kangaroo and the Ace of Cards. I'm 9 and I love animals and hope to be a veterinarian someday. I love OCCT because it's given me so many great memories and friends. Thank you to the artistic team for all their hard work and support!



Katie Rangel Lead Crows, Winkie, Ozian

Hi! I am 12 years old, and this is my 5th OCCT show. I am so happy for the opportunity to be in this lovely production. I am the lead crow, a winkie and an ozian. I hope you enjoy the show!



Julia Recana Lead Crows, Monkey, Ozian, Snowflake

I have loved singing on stage since I was 3 years old when I started with church plays and choirs. At age 5, I warmed up the crowd in opening numbers with The Little Mermaid and Kiss Me Kate. On my 8th birthday, I played a lead as Raquel in Miss Pauletta's Holiday Hoedown. I've been a lead vocalist in Barnyard Scramble, Dinomotion, and 2 Aladdin Jr. I am proud to be part of OCCT!



Hannah Rice Lead Tree, Winkie, Ozian

I'm 13 years young and this is my 5th OCCT show! My favorite role has been a playing card in Alice in Wonderland. I currently preform with my advanced girls choir at my middle school and I love it! I hope you enjoy the show, and remember to always follow the yellow brick road!!!



Lexie Rocha Munchkin, Winkie, Ozian, Poppy

I started doing theatre at 9 years old at Buena Park Youth Theatre (BPYT). I did 3 shows with them. All Shook Up, Les Miserables, and Once Upon a Mattress. When I found out that OCCT was doing Hairspray, I jumped at the opportunity to join. That was my first show here, and I loved it! I look forward to many more shows!



Patrick McCormick Zeke / Lion

Welcome to OCCT's production of The Wizard of Oz! I am fifteen years old and I am apart of The Huntington Beach Academy of the Performing Arts, majoring in Musical Theatre. Recently, I was Edna Turnblad in Hairspray, and The Bishop of Basingstoke in Jekyll and Hyde. I sincerely hope you enjoy this magical show!



Garrett Sharland Hunk / Scarecrow

Hello and welcome to our production of The Wizard of Oz. I am 18 years old. This is my 5th show and 2nd show with OCCT. Previously I was Wilbur in Hairspray. I love to sing, write music, and play sports. Sit back and enjoy the show.



Caitlin Sheetz Lead Trees, Jitterbugs, Ozian, Twister

I am 14 years old and in the 8th grade at Sowers Middle School. I'm so excited to be in OCCT's production of Wizard of Oz for the second time! This is my 15th show with OCCT. Some of my favorite shows I have been in are Peter Pan, Grease and Shrek. Enjoy the show!



Regan Sheetz Munchkin, Winkie, Ozian, Snowflak

I am 12 years old and in 6th grade at Sowers Middle School. Thank you to the directors for casting me in my 15th OCCT show! I had a great time. I hope you all enjoy the show!



Izzie Stoddart
Ms. Gulch / Witch

Hi! I am currently a freshmen at Orange County School of the Arts in the acting conservatory. This is my second show with OCCT and I'm so blessed to be playing such an iconic role. Some of my favorite roles I have played include Wendy in Peter Pan and Frenchie in Grease. I hope you enjoy the show, and thank you for taking your time to come see us perform!!



Riley Summers Winkie General, Lead Crows. Ozian

Glad you made it from over the rainbow! I am 13 and in 8th grade at OCSA for acting! You might have seen me in some of our past OCCT shows when I was Winthrop in Music Man, in the ensemble in Les Miserables, and a hairspray girl/featured dancer in Hairspray! I would like to give a shoutout to my parents and friends! Enjoy your time in the merry old land of Oz!



**LiMei Vera** Dorothy Gale, Lead Crows, Jitterbugs

My musical theater debut was in 1st grade when I played the Munchkin Coroner. Ten years later, I'm extremely honored to be playing Dorothy in a show I hold so dear to my heart. My most memorable previous roles include Mary Poppins, Alice in Alice in Wonderland, and Tessie/Trio in OCCT's Best of Broadway. Thank you to those who have been there every step of the way.



Andrea Villalobos Munchkin, Monkey, Ozian, Snowflake

Hi there! Welcome to the Merry Old Land of Oz. I can't wait for you guys to see this show. Everyone has put in so much work for this to happen. I want to thank all my family for always supporting me and giving me the will to keep doing OCCT. But a big shout out to my mom who drives me from soccer to rehearsal every time.



Aly West Dancing Crow, Jitterbugs, Ozian, Poppy

Hi. I "Thank You Very Sweetly" for coming to this show. I'm 9 years old and attend Huntington Christian School. This is my 6th show with OCCT. My favorite OCCT roles to date include Little Inez in Hairspray and Baby Bear in Shrek. When not acting I enjoy reading, drawing, singing and dancing. I would like to thank the directing team for casting me in this show.



Chloe Yeager Munchkin, Winkie, Ozian, Snowflake

Welcome to the performance of The Wizard of Oz! I am 12 years old and I'm a 7th grader at Mesa View Middle School. This is my first play with OCCT, though I have been in other plays with different theatre groups, such as Peter Pan, Oliver!, and Annie. This is my 7th play, and I'm super excited to share what we've been working on with you guys!



Abby Young
Professor Marvel
/ Oz, Dancing
Crows, Jitterbugs

Hello, and welcome to the land of Oz! I am 15 years old and a freshman at Los Alamitos High School. When I am not onstage, I enjoy playing golf and going to Disneyland with my friends and family. I would like thank the directors for the amazing opportunity! Now sit back, relax, and enjoy the show!



Sarah Young Munchkin, Jitterbugs, Ozian

Hi! I'm 12 years old and in 7th grade at Oak Middle School where I enjoy participating in show choir. This is my 14th show with OCCT, and I have enjoyed all of them. I was previously a Telegrammer in The Wizard of Oz. I also enjoy playing tennis, going to Disneyland, and hanging out with my friends and family. I'd like to thank the directors for making this show amazing! Enjoy the show!



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# Wizard of Oz Synopsis

Act 1
Scene 1: The Kansas Prairie

**Scene 2:** The Rainbow Over the Rainbow - *Dorothy* 

Scene 3: Kansas

Scene 4: Gypsy Caravan

Scene 5: The Twister

Scene 6: Munchkinland Munchkin Musical Sequence & Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead! Dorothy, Glinda, Munchkins

> Scene 7: The Wicked Witch Yellow Brick Road Dorothy, Munchkins

Scene 8: The Cornfield - Scarecrow

Scene 9: Crows in a Cornfield
If I Only Had a Brain
Scarecrow, Crows, Dorothy
We're Off to See the Wizard (Duet)
Dorothy, Scarecrow

Scene 10: Tinman with Apple Trees in Front of His Cottage If I Only Had a Heart Tinman, Trees, Dorothy, Scarecrow

> Scene 11: Want to Play Ball? We're Off to See the Wizard (Trio) Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman

Scene 12: Wild Forest - Lion
Lions, Tigers, & Bears
Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion
If I Only Had the Nerve
Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman
We're Off to See the Wizard (Quartet)
Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion

Scene 13: Poppies

### Act 2

Scene 1: Outside the Gates of the Emerald City Merry Old Land of Oz Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Guard

Scene 2: The Town Square, Emerald City
Merry Old Land of Oz (cont.)
Guard, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Ozians
Merry Old Land of Oz Reprise
Guard, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Ozians
If I Were King of the Forest
Lion, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman

Scene 3: The Wizard's Chamber

Scene 4: The Gates of the Emerald City (Butterfly Net)
March of the Winkies
Winkies

Scene 5: The Witch's Castle (Winkies)
March of the Winkies (cont.)
Winkies

Scene 6: The Haunted Forest
The Jitterbug
Dorothy, Scarecrow, Lion, Tinman, Jitterbugs
The Jitterbug Reprise
Dorothy, Scarecrow, Lion, Tinman, Jitterbugs

Scene 7: Flying Monkeys

Scene 8: The Witch's Castle

Scene 9: Main Gate of the Witch's Castle (Stripping the Winkies)
Winkies March Reprise
Winkies
Winkies March with Friends
Winkies, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion

Scene 10: The Witch's Chambers (The Rescue)
Over the Rainbow Reprise
Dorothy
Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead! Reprise
Winkies

Scene 11: The Wizard's Chamber (Humbug)

Scene 12: Balloon

Scene 13: Farewell to Oz

Scene 14: The Kansas Prairie (Home!)

# Telegrammers



Nikki Aldrich Telegrammer

This is my first year with OCCT, and I am excited to be performing as a Telegrammer. I am 8 years old. I am currently in the 3rd grade. I enjoy spending time with my friends. I am in gymnastics, and I've almost mastered my backhand spring. I am also a Girl Scout and I play soccer. My mom keeps me pretty busy as I am an only child.



Emma Rose Barclay Telegrammer

I recently turned 6 years old, and I am so happy to be in my 4th OCCT production! I enjoy all kinds of dance (especially tap), singing, gymnastics, piano, and crafts. I am super excited about this production, because my grand parents saw The Wizard of Oz movie on their first date many years ago in Malaysia, and Somewhere Over the Rainbow was played at my parents' wedding. I hope you enjoy the show!



Colton Dorfman Telegrammer

I am so excited to be a Telegrammer in The Wizard of Oz! This is my 2nd OCCT show after being in Shrek last summer. I love to be on stage, and I also enjoy hip hop dance, reading, baseball, swimming, and geography. Please remember to buy a Telegram and cheer for my Sissy who is Toto in this show!



Olivia Hart Telegrammer

This is my 1st OCCT show as a telegrammer! I am 8 years old and in 3rd grade at Smith Elementary. I am very excited to be in The Wizard of Oz and make new friends! Previous shows I've been in are ballets such as the Nutcracker, Little Mermaid, and the musical Little Red Hen. Please enjoy the show!



Lola Hasheminejad Telegrammer

I'm 5 years old and in kindergarten. This is my 2nd time as a Telegrammer in an OCCT show; my first was Shrek. I like picking out my own outfits everyday and practicing for the show with my little sister and future Telegrammer. Leia.



Jocelyn Hoang Telegrammer

I'm 7 years old and in 2nd grade. I loved being a Telegrammer in my first musical, Hairspray. It was so much fun with the 5 of us. This time there's 16 Telegrammers, and I'm making more new friends! I'm so excited to be on stage again singing and dancing in front of my whole family and other people. The Wizard of Oz is going to be as much fun as Hairspray!



Angie LeBlanc Telegrammer

Hi! This is my 6th show. I also did 2 other plays at my school. In my free time, I like to play with my sisters and brother and play with all of my favorite toys. I love to go to my grandmas' houses and play with my cousins. Now, I hope you like the show. Buy a telegram!



Adrianna McGrath
Telegrammer

This is my very first play. I am 7 years old and in 1st grade at Circle View Elementary. I'm very excited to be a part of OCCT. I've always loved acting and performing for my family with my little sister Aurora. When I grow up I want to be an actress and a nurse.

# Telegrammers



Zariah Merrill Telegrammer

Hi! I'm a 1st grader, and I love to sing, dance, and perform in musical theater! This is my 9th show that I've been in, and I'm so excited to perform in one of my favorite stories! I also love to perform with my big brother. Other things I love to do are bike riding, drawing, skateboarding, and reading. We're off to see the Wizard! Enjoy the show!



Haven Miller Telegrammer

Hi there! Most people describe me as a joyful and energetic girl. You'll often find me outside running, riding my bike, or playing some kind of sport. I LOVE soccer and football. My teachers tell me I have a servant's heart because I help others every chance I get. I like to make people smile and laugh.



Ryan Nguyen Telegrammer

I am in 2nd grade. I have 2 little brothers and a dog name Mochi. I love playing with my brothers, reading, watching tv, sewing and making crafts. I keep busy after school with Kung Fu, Art, Piano and sewing classes. This is my first time in a play, and I am so excited to be part of The Wizard of Oz!



Madelyn Poyourow Telegrammer

Hi! I'm 6 years old and a kindergartener at St. Wilfrid Preschool. I enjoy singing, dancing and making people laugh. This is my second show, and I'm grateful and excited to be a part of The Wizard of Oz production. Enjoy the show and don't forget to buy a Telegram. Thank you everyone for your support!!



Ava Racana Telegrammer

At age 2 I climbed up on a stage to follow my big sister, Julia (4) sing a solo. I've since sung in church choirs and 2 Aladdin Jr. musicals. At home I like composing my own songs on the piano, and rapping and belting Hamilton songs with my sister by pretending WE are the Schuyler sisters. I am proud to be part of OCCT!



Delaney Sanchez Telegrammer

I am 9 years old and am in the 3rd grade at Vessels Elementary School. I am excited to be in The Wizard of Oz! This will be my fifth show with OCCT. My favorites so far have been Beauty and the Beast and Shrek. When I am not rehearsing, I enjoy being a Brownie and hanging out with my friends. I'll see you on the yellow brick road!



Jayden Thi Telegrammer

Welcome! This is my 3rd show. I love it because it's so much fun! Someday I wish The Wizard of Oz will turn me into a person of intelligence and courage with the heart to help the world. But right now I'm just a 5 years old who likes riding my scooter and eating chocolate cakes. I'm so happy to be back that I'm all over the rainbow... I mean moon!



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We will be there by your side all the way.

Love. Mom, Jay, & Will



Samantha

We love watching you on stage! Have a great time in Oz

Dad, Mom, Jack and your little dog (CC) too





### Alexa -

We are so proud of you for taking a risk and trying something new by joining OCCT. We love our munchkin/monkey/poppy/Ozian!
Love, Mom, Dad, Justin, Jacob and Ross – your biggest fans!





AVA YOU MAKE US PROUD FOREVER & ALWAYS.

WE ARE OVER THE RAINBOW FOR YOU AS YOU TRAVEL YOUR YELLOW BRICK ROAD TO OZ!



LOVE,
DADDY, MOMMY
& NOELLEY!!!



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Love Mom, Dad, and Allie



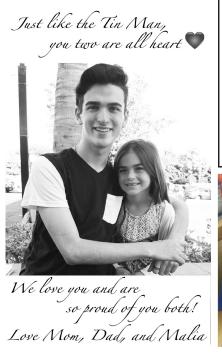
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Can't wait to see you perform as you journey down the Yellow Brick Road.
We are so proud of you.
Love,
Mom and Dad

Lilli- We love watching you live your dreams on stage!

Your compassionate heart and creativity makes you extra special.

Love Mom, Dad, Colin and the zoo



Katie, Congratulations on another great show. We are so proud of you!

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With lots of LOVE, your Family



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Dear Caitlin & Regan

Our Favorite Ozians

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Love, Mom & Dad



Love, Mom and Dad



LiMei, Positively absolutely undeniably and reliably where it all started.



Aly, Over the rainbow, way up high, the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true. Wish upon a star and keep on dreaming...all your hard work will pay off! We love you...Mom & Dad.



Keep doing what you
Love to do!

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Emma Rose, We're so happy to see how much you've grown on your musical theatre journey! Love, Daddy & Mommy



Nikki, We are so very proud of you.

You are the sunshine of our life.

Keep on reaching for the stars.

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watching you
perform on
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