



FOUR FRIENDS

Dorothy



This is Dorothy. She is trying to find the Wiz to send her back home to Kansas.

The Scarecrow



This is the Scarecrow. He will ask the Wiz for a brain

The Tin Man



This is the Tin Man. He will ask the Wiz for a heart.

The Lion



This is the Lion. He will ask the Wiz for some courage.

THREE WITCHES

Addaperle



This is Addaperle. She is the Good Witch of the North.

Evillene



This is Evillene. She is the Wicked Witch of the West.

Glinda



This is Glinda. She is the Good Witch of the South.

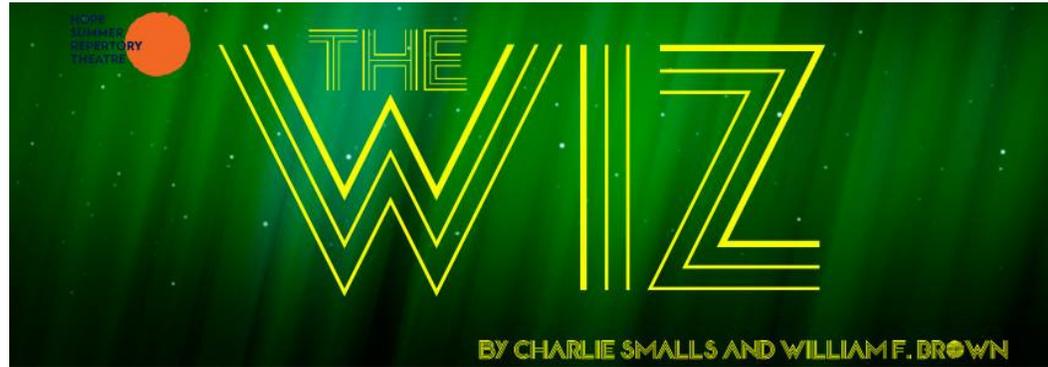
ONE WIZARD

The Wiz



This is the Wiz. He is powerful, and has a loud and scary voice.

I AM GOING TO SEE:



I am going to see *The Wiz* at Hope Summer Repertory Theatre.

The Wiz is a theatre show. This is different from a television show or a movie, because the characters are played by actors who can see and hear me, just like I can see and hear them. Once the play begins, everyone, including me, will sit quietly so we can hear the story.

In this show, a girl named Dorothy gets lost in the magical world of Oz, and tries to find her way back home to Kansas with the help of a Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Lion. This show is based on *The Wizard of Oz*.

The Wiz is a kind of show called a musical. That means the actors will talk and sing to tell the story. Sometimes the actors will dance and move quickly. At the end of the songs, people around me will clap. This might be loud. If the noise and movements make me anxious, I can use headphones or hold my friend or parent's hand. Sometimes the characters will say or do something funny. It is ok to laugh or clap when I enjoy something.

The Wiz has two parts called "Acts". Act I lasts 1 hour, and Act II lasts 45 minutes. There is a 15 minute break in the middle called an "intermission" when I can stretch my legs and go to the bathroom. If I need a break before the intermission, a house manager can help me leave the theatre.

At the beginning of each Act, there is an "overture." This is when I hear the orchestra play music from the show. After each overture, the theatre will go dark as the actors get into their places.

There are times where the lights will darken during the show, like during the tornado in Act I. If this makes me anxious, I can use my sensory tools or hold a friend or parent's hand. I will remember that these moments don't last long, and that both I and the actors on stage are safe.

At the end of the show, everyone will clap for the actors. I can clap or sign applause to show I enjoyed it. If it is too loud, I can use the headphones in my sensory bag or cover my ears.

I am excited to see *The Wiz* at Hope Summer Repertory Theatre!



ACT I SUMMARY



Loud/Sudden
Noise



Song



Clapping



Black Out



Sudden Light Change

The orchestra plays the (🎵: **Overture**)👏. A girl, Dorothy chases after her dog, Toto. Aunt Em scolds Dorothy for playing with Toto instead of doing chores. Aunt Em reassures Dorothy that Uncle Henry and Aunt Em love her very much and only want to protect her (🎵: **The Feeling We Once Had**)👏.

Thunder flashes (🔊) and Uncle Henry and Aunt Em hide in a cellar. Dorothy runs to find Toto, and is left outside as a tornado hits the farm (🔊)💡. The lights darken and dancers surround Dorothy as the tornado (🎵: **Tornado**)👏💡. The lights come up and Dorothy finds herself in the magical land of Oz, surrounded by Munchkins. Dorothy's house has landed on the Wicked Witch of the East, Evamean. The munchkins celebrate their freedom with joy (👏🔊). Addaperle, the Good Witch of the North arrives. Dorothy tells Addaperle that she wishes to return home. Addaperle tells her that only The Wiz in the Emerald City can grant her wish (🎵: **He's the Wiz**)👏. Addaperle gives Dorothy the silver slippers of the Wicked Witch of the East. The munchkins say goodbye (🔊) and send her off to journey down the Yellow Brick Road towards the Emerald City.

As she starts her journey down the Yellow Brick Road, Dorothy is filled with fear and worry for what is to come (🎵: **Soon as I Get Home**)👏. She stops to rest at a cornfield (🔊) when a talking scarecrow hanging on a pole startles Dorothy. He tells of his wish for a brain so that he could be like other people (🎵: **Born on the Day Before Yesterday**)👏. Dorothy offers him to join her to Emerald City in hopes that The Wiz could grant his wish too (🎵: **Ease On Down the Road**)👏.

Dorothy and the Scarecrow enter a forest and discover a man made of tin who is too rusted to move. Dorothy and the Scarecrow oil his joints (🎵: **Slide Some Oil to Me**)👏. The Tin Man tells the Scarecrow and Dorothy that he does not have a heart. Dorothy and the Scarecrow invite him to join them to visit The Wiz (🎵: **Ease On Down the Road Reprise**)👏.

The three continue into the forest and are suddenly confronted (🔊) by a Lion (🎵: **I'm a Mean Ole Lion**)👏. After Dorothy hits him (🔊) to protect her friends, the lion cries (🔊). Dorothy invites the Lion to join the three so that he could ask The Wiz for some courage (🎵: **Ease On Down the Road Reprise**)👏.

The lights darken (💡) and as the friends enter a scary forest (🔊). Creatures called Kalidahs do a creepy dance around the friends (🎵: **Kalidahs**)👏. Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Lion fight off the vicious creatures. The Lion is embarrassed by his lack of courage, but Dorothy comforts and encourages him (🎵: **Be A Lion**)👏.

The friends run into a field of poppies. Dorothy, the Scarecrow, and the Tin Man escape, but the Lion becomes trapped and dances his way out (🎵: **Poppies Ballet**)👏. The friends make it to the gates of the Emerald City which is guarded by the Gatekeeper. When he says they may not enter, the Tin Man threatens him (🔊) and he opens the gates (💡). Once they enter the city, they are laughed at (🔊) by the richly dressed people until they notice that Dorothy is wearing the Silver Slippers of the Wicked Witch of the East (🔊). They point the friends to the Wiz (👏💡).



They enter the throne room of the Wiz, and his shadow suddenly appears in front of them (💡🔊). He speaks with a loud, scary voice (🔊). Each of the friends tell the Wiz of their wish one by one (🔊). The Tin Man tells the Wiz that getting a heart would be worth any heartbreak (🎵: **What Would I Do If I Could Feel**)👏. The Wiz says he will grant their wishes if they defeat Evillene, the Wicked Witch of the West (🔊). Dorothy and her friends tell the Wiz they cannot kill Evillene. This enrages the Wiz (🔊) and he finally appears (🎵: **Meet the Wizard**)👏💡.

ACT II SUMMARY

(🎵: **Entr'acte**)👏. At her castle, Evillene, the Wicked Witch of the West, has enslaved the Winkies to do her bidding, and yells at them to shut up (🔊). She is determined to steal back her sister's Silver Slippers from Dorothy in order to strengthen her power (🎵: **Don't Nobody Bring Me No Bad News**)👏. When Evillene discovers that Dorothy and her friends are coming to find her, she sends her Winged Monkeys to capture them (🎵: **Funky Monkeys**)👏. The Monkeys capture the friends and bring them to Evillene. 💡 While trapped in her castle, Evillene forces the friends to do her chores. Evillene threatens to skin the Lion until Dorothy throws a bucket of water at Evillene causing her to melt (🔊) 💡. This frees the Winkies from their spell (👏). They rejoice (🔊) and show their gratitude to Dorothy (🎵: **Everybody Rejoice**)👏.

Dorothy, the Scarecrow, the Tin Man, and the Lion return to the Emerald City, but the Gatekeeper tells them they can't enter. They trick him into letting them in (💡). When the friends enter the Wiz's chamber, they look for him. The Wiz tells them to go away (🔊). They turn the Wiz's tube around to find a normal-looking woman in it. She reveals that she is the Wiz, and appeared in Oz after her hot air balloon was swept off course. The Wiz figures out how to grant the Scarecrow his wish of a brain, the Tin Man his wish of a heart, and the Lion his wish of courage. The Wiz tells Dorothy she cannot fulfill her wish, but the friends convince the Wiz to take her back in the Wiz's hot air balloon.

The Wiz greets the people of Oz as she prepares to leave (🔊). She encourages them to take off their green tinted glasses and see the world for what it truly is. (🎵: **Ya'll Got It**)👏. The Wiz gets on the balloon, but Dorothy is too late and misses her chance to join the Wiz and fly back to her home.

Addeperle suggests that Dorothy talk to Glinda, the Good Witch of the South. Addeperle uses her magic hanky to summon Glinda. Glinda tells Dorothy that she had the ability to go back home all along with the Silver Slippers. Glinda tells her that she had the power to grant her wish if she believed in herself (🎵: **Believe In Yourself**)👏.

Dorothy does not regret staying in Oz, but still wants to go home. She says goodbye to her friends (🎵: **Home**) and clicks her heels three times. She returns to Kansas and hugs Aunt Em👏.



OTHER CHARACTERS I'LL MEET IN THE WIZ

Aunt Em and Uncle Henry



This is Aunt Em and Uncle Henry. Dorothy lives with them in Kansas.

The Gatekeeper



This is the Gatekeeper. It is his job to guard the Emerald City.

Tornado Dancers



These are the tornado dancers. They represent the storm that hits the farm.

The Munchkins



These are the Munchkins. They live in the land of Oz.

Yellow Brick Road



These are the Yellow Brick Road. They lead the friends to the Wiz.

Poppies



These are the poppies. They try to make the four friends fall asleep.

Ozians



These are the Ozians. They are stylish and live in the Emerald City.

Winkies



These are the Winkies. They serve Evillene, the Wicked Witch of the West..