## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

*The Wizard of Oz* was written by L. Frank Baum in 1899. At the time this story was a huge innovation in story telling for children. Baum wrote in 1900, "*The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* was written solely to pleasure children of today. It aspires to being a modernized fairy tale…" In 1939, when the movie version was made, the story was "modernized" for children of that era by Hollywood. That version is ingrained in our memories. Fast forward to 2017 and we find ourselves in a new era, eager to tell a story that has survived over 100 years. We have chosen to present a production that honors the vision of the 1939 movie but also addresses a new generation of viewers. Our production uses the foundation of the 1899 book and the 1939 movie, and then adds visual references, such as video game characters, from our modern day. We have sought to balance an experience that is recognizable to the movie but also takes creative steps to "modernize" the story for this era.

Our goal is to carry the message of the story to a new generation. The message is we all have skills and talents that we may not know we have. With encouragement we can identify those gifts and bring them to enrich our own lives and the world around us. In the same way, we may not appreciate all the good things about where we live and the people we know. It is always good to take a moment to give thanks for the blessings bestowed upon us. Those messages come through as loud and clear in this 2017 production as in the book of 1899 and the movie of 1939.

~ Craig Schieber, Director

## BIG TREE TRAIL

One of the delights of the Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater is being surrounded by the Mountaineers Foundation Rhododendron Preserve – a 460 acre nature conservancy with over 70 acres of old-growth forest. Ancient western red cedars abound with many other trees, ferns and wildlife. One of the biggest trees on the Kitsap Peninsula is located on the preserve.

The trail to 'Big Tree' is about 1/2 mile long and starts near the historic Kitsap Cabin, ending at one of the 10 largest Douglas Fir trees in the world (2nd largest in Kitsap County). The tree itself is over 30' in diameter. The hike takes you on a bridge over Wildcat Creek with views of Hidden Valley, blooming trillium, wild rhododendrons and many other native trees and plants. You truly feel as if you have entered another world.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Justin McBride**

June 2, 1977 – January 5, 2017

We dedicate this season to the memory of Justin McBride. He tragically died in a tree felling accident while volunteering here at the Kitsap Forest Theater. The beauty and peacefulness of this forest is an enduring reminder of Justin's kindness and love of nature.

## MOUNTAINEERS PLAYERS HISTORY

The rich history of The Mountaineers Players and the Kitsap Forest Theater began on a Spring day in 1909. A 'local walk' to view the wild blooming rhododendrons around Wildcat Lake began one of The Mountaineers most enduring traditions. The 'misguided' group of 66 Mountaineers wandered into Hidden Valley Ranch and met Edward Paschall and his family. A fast friendship was forged on that day.

A prominent activity among early Mountaineers visitors involved dramatic diversions like skits. The first theatrical effort was a pantomime staging of the *Legend of Sleepy Hollow* in 1916. The headless horseman rode on a bright, moonlit Halloween night. The performances grew into a production of *Robin of Sherwood* on June 17, 1923.

The audience moved from clearing to clearing as different scenes were presented. The performance marked the birth of The Mountaineers Players who have produced an annual spring show every year to the present day – excepting four years during World War II. The increasing size of the audience and the relatively uncomfortable accommodations spurred the movement to build a permanent theater facility.

William C. Darling and friends scouted the site of the present day Kitsap Forest Theater. The Mountaineers felled trees, carved terraced seats in the hillside and lugged cedar bark from the creek bottom. The original design attempted to recreate a naturally occurring glade in the forest. Trees were thinned to allow streams of light to fall on the stage while keeping the audience shaded. Wings were constructed out of cedar bark covered with moss. A lush row of fern footlights and rhododendrons and dogwoods filling the back drop are a few of the natural wonders of this space.

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| MUSIC DIRECTOR: | Claire Marx |
| CHOREOGRAPHER: | Guy Caridi |
| ACCOMPANIST: | Ben Bentler |
| COSTUMES: | Barbara Klingberg |
| SETS: | Chris Stanley |

The Mountaineers Players have been performing at The Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater since 1923 and are delighted to present their 94th Anniversary Spring Show.

*THE WIZARD OF OZ* by L. Frank Baum is produced by The Mountaineers Players. Music & Lyrics of the MGM motion picture score by Harold Arlen & E.U. Harburg. Background Music by Herbert Stothart. Book adaptation by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company from the motion picture screenplay. *The Wizard of Oz* is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized performance materials supplied by Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc. 560 Lexington Ave, New York, NY 10022

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# Wizard of Oz ~ Synopsis Of Scenes

## *Act One*

**Scene 1:** **The Kansas Prairie**
*Opening* ..... Female Chorus

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

**Scene 3:** **Kansas**

**Scene 4:** **On the road in Kansas**

**Scene 5:** **The Twister**

**Scene 6:** **Munchkinland**
*Munchkinland "Aahs"* ..... Female Chorus
*Munchkin Musical Sequence* ..... Glinda, Dorothy, Munchkins

**Scene 7:** **Munchkinland – The Wicked Witch**
*Yellow Brick Road* ..... Munchkins

**Scene 8:** **Scarecrow – The Corn Field**

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

**Scene 10:** **Tinman – With Apple Trees**
*If I Only Had a Heart* ..... Trees, Tinman, Dorothy

**Scene 11:** **Want to Play Ball?**
*We're Off to See the Wizard* ..... Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman

**Scene 12:** **The Lion – Wild Forest**
*Lions, Tigers and Bears* ..... Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman
*If I Only Had the Nerve* ..... Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion
*We're Off to See the Wizard* ..... Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion

**Scene 13:** **Poppies**
*Poppies* ..... Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Glinda, Chorus

## *Act Two*

**Scene 1:** **Outside Gates of the Emerald City**
*Entr'acte* ..... Female Chorus
*Merry Old Land of Oz* ..... Guard, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion

**Scene 2:** **The Town Square, Emerald City**
*Merry Old Land of Oz* ..... Guard, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Chorus
*King of the Forest* ..... Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion

**Scene 3:** **The Wizard's Chamber**

**Scene 4:** **The Gates of the Emerald City**

**Scene 5:** **The Witch's Castle**
*Winkies March* ..... Winkies

**Scene 6:** **The Haunted Forest**
*Jitterbug* ..... Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Jitterbugs, Spirits

**Scene 7:** **Flying Monkeys**

**Scene 8:** **The Witch's Castle**

**Scene 9:** **Main Gate of the Witch's Castle**
*Winkies March* ..... Winkies

**Scene 10:** **The Witch's Chamber**
Reprise: *Over the Rainbow* ..... Dorothy
Reprise: *Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead* ..... Winkies

**Scene 11:** **Wizard's Chamber**

**Scene 12:** **Emerald City**

**Scene 13:** **Farewell to Oz**

**Scene 14:** **The Kansas Prairie**

# Cast of Characters

Dorothy Gale ..... Jasmine Harrick
Toto (Kansas) ..... Emma (Lindvall)
Toto Puppeteer (Oz) ..... Mikayla Sanchez
Hunk/Scarecrow ..... Guy Caridi
Hickory/Tinman ..... Tod Harrick
Zeke/Cowardly Lion ..... TJ Burzynski II
Gulch/Wicked Witch ..... Dawn Brazel
Aunt Em/Glinda ..... Sarah Fairchild
Professor Marvel/Wizard ..... John Lange
Uncle Henry/Winkie/Ozian ..... Scott Ickes

**Crows/Munchkin Herald/Ozians**
Poppy, Jitterbug ..... Elissa Cortright
Snow, Spirit ..... Jaden Jones
Poppy, Jitterbug ..... Mehra Park

**Trees/Ozians**
Munchkin Mayor, Snow, The Jitterbug ..... Maria Pledger
Munchkin Braggart, Poppy, Spirit ..... Carol Stanley
Munchkin Tough Kid, Snow, Spirit ..... Amelie Whitesell

**Emerald City Guards/Ozians**
Tornado, Head Guard, Winkie ..... Brian Lindvall
Tornado, Head Winkie ..... Micah Kolding

**Adult Ensemble/Ozians**
Munchkin Tough Kid, Poppy, Jitterbug ..... Jane Ickes
Munchkin City Father, Poppy, Winkie ..... Anna-Lisa Doebley
Munchkin City Father, Poppy, Winkie ..... Joan Barrera
Munchkin Teacher, Poppy, Winkie ..... Tori Smith
Tornado, Poppy, Winkie ..... Amy Susynski
Tornado, Poppy, Winkie ..... Laura Howell
Tornado, Winkie ..... Alfonso Barrera

**Teen, Youth Ensemble/Ozians**
Munchkin Tough Kid, Poppy, Spirit ..... Quinn DeVries
Munchkin Teacher, Snow, Jitterbug ..... Harper Flynt
Munchkin City Father, Snow, Jitterbug ..... Alyson McClung
Munchkin Barristor, Snow, Jitterbug ..... Libby McDonald
Munchkin Coroner, Snow Flurry, Jitterbug ..... Eliana Harrick
Munchkin Three Tots, Snow, Monkey ..... Quisha Asafaylo
Munchkin Three Tots, Snow, Nikko ..... Maya Farsje
Munchkin Three Tots, Snow, Monkey ..... Emma Gunter
Munchkin Lead Mushroom, Snow Flurry, Monkey ... Madeline Smith
Munchkin Mushroom, Snow Flurry ..... Mia Howell
Munchkin Mushroom, Snow Flurry ..... Blake Smith
Munchkin Mushroom, Snow Flurry ..... Zoe Whitesell
Munchkin Mushroom, Snow Flurry ..... Timothy Ickes
Munchkin Mushroom, Snow Flurry ..... Catherine Ickes
Munchkin Mushroom, Snow Flurry ..... Dorothy Ickes

# Dance & Music Staff

*Choreographer* ..... **Guy Caridi**
*Music Director* ..... **Claire Marx**
*Audition Accompanist* ..... **Beth Rainey**
*Keyboard Programmer/Accompanist* ..... **Ben Bentler**

# Production Staff

*Director* ..... **Craig Schieber**

*Stage Manager* ..... **Danette Lam**
*Backstage* ..... Megan McClung, Julie & Stewart Shusterman

*Costume Design & Construction* ..... **Barbara Klingberg**
*Asst. Costumer* ..... **Jenny Dreessen**
Lori Knoebel, Misha Perritt

*Set Design & Construction* ..... **Chris Stanley**
Jadis Ballard, Dawn Brazel, Les Bagley, Don Cole, Ellisa Cortright, Tod Harrick, Laura & Mia Howell, Dawn Janow, Danette Lam, Shawn Lam, Christina Leiva, Gala Lindvall, George Pledger, Craig Schieber, Jeff Smith, Abigail Vasquez

*Props* ..... **Dawn Janow**
Barreras, Dawn Brazel, Danette Lam, Craig Schieber, Chris Stanley

*Sound Design* ..... **Jonathan Fowles**
*Sound Engineer* ..... **Greg Brown**
*Sound Effects* ..... **Lucianna Barrera**
*Trail Decorations* ..... **Deb Harrick, Anna-Lisa Doebley**

*Publicity Manager* ..... **Jerry Dreessen**
Alfonso Barrera *(Publicity Pictures/Headshots)*, Gala Lindvall, LeeAnn Nolan, *Players' Committee and entire MP cast, crew & families.*

*Seabeck Highway Sign* ..... **Jasmine & Deb Harrick**

*Graphic Design, T-shirts, Buttons, Program* ..... **Gala Lindvall**

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*Producer* ..... **Gala Lindvall**

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*Concessions – Top of the Trail* ..... **George Pledger**

*Kitsap Cabin Kitchen Manager/Cook* ..... **Jenny Dreessen**

*Volunteer Cooks* ..... Richard & Sheridan Botts, Julie Farsje, Andy Farsje, Dawn Janow, Deb Harrick, Holly Girouard, Julie Gunter, Craig & Katie McCoy

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