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## Production Team

Director/Choreographer/  
Stage Manager..... Gina Marie Trigian-Molvaut  
Music Director ..... Victoria Garbarino  
Technical Director..... Matt Harris  
Stage Designers ..... Gina Marie Trigian-Molvaut  
Matt Harris  
Ensemble Costume Design ..... Sarah Trigian  
Gina Marie Trigian-Molvaut  
Junior Stage Manager ..... Andy Ulloa

## Stage Crew

Lighting..... Jack Alba, Sam Levine  
Spots..... Carrie Kilgour, Christina Koll  
Sound ..... James Kretschmer  
Prop and Costume Master..... Adora Colay  
Stagehands ..... Drew Spina, Eliza Walther

OZ!

A Musical Based on the Story by L. Frank Baum

Book by Tim Kelly

Music and Lyrics by Bill Francoeur

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc.,  
Englewood, Colorado

**Note: A strobe light is used in the first scene of Oz!**

## Shout Outs to the Cast and Crew

**Katherine**, we're very proud of you. Can't wait to see what "drama" high school holds for you. Love, Mom and Dad

**Chloe**, we are so proud of you!! You did a fantastic job! We love you so much! Love, Mom and Dad

**Madame Molvaut, Ms. Garbarino and Mr. Harris** – Thank you for putting this show together. Your hard work and dedication were obvious. Thank you! – The Buffones

**To the Cast** – The show was wonderful! We know how hard you worked! So proud of all of you! –The Buffones

**To the Crew** – It couldn't be done without you! You did an amazing job. Thank you for your hard work! – The Buffones

Dear **Jackson**, We think you are the best guardian since Chris Pratt! Break a leg! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Griffin

Dear **Jackson**, Congratulations to you and your fellow cast members on a great show. We're proud of you! Love, Nana and Pop

**Hannah Kaufman** – We love to see you perform. Your passion is inspiring. We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad and Mia

**Hannah Kaufman** – Congratulations to our favorite actress. You will always be a star in our hearts. Love, Grandma and Grandpa

Look out Hollywood, here comes **Joey**! We are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad and John

**Shannon Milner** – We are so proud of you! Break a leg! Love, Mom, Dad, Thomas and Charlotte

**Harrison McKenna** – We are so excited to see the show! Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations, **Harrison**! You make us proud to be your aunt and uncle everyday! Gollum! Love, Aunt Vanessa and Uncle Don

**Maria** – We are very proud of you! Love, Dad, Mom and Christian

**Catherine** – We are so proud of you! Break a leg! You will be fantastic!! Love, Mom, Dad, Aidan and Michael

**Catherine** – Congratulations! We wish you a wonderful performance!! Love, Nanny and Pa

To all the **cast, crew and teachers** – Good luck with the show!! You've worked so hard and we can tell!! – The McCooey Family

## Shout Outs to the Cast and Crew

**All cast members!** Thank you so much for sharing your unique selves in our creation of *Oz!* I am very proud of all of you for your wonderful performance! <3 Mme. M

**All crew members!** Thank you so much for your devoted efforts to help make our magical moments become “REAL.” We would never have been able create this production without you! <3 Mme. M

Dear **Eliza**, So happy and proud that you are a part of the stage crew for *Oz!* Good luck with those curtains!!!! Lots and Lots of Love, Mom and Phoebe

**Sarah** – We are so sorry to miss your portrayal of the Wicked Witch! But we will be there with you in spirit and are so proud of you! – Grandma and Grandpa

**Sarah**, we can’t wait to see you let out your wicked side in *Oz!* I hope you don’t scare us too much! Break a leg and remember to enjoy yourself up there! So many great things to come for you. – Mom, Dad and Joey

Break a leg to the entire **cast and crew** of *Oz!* You have worked so hard and deserve to enjoy the performances. Can’t wait to see it all come together for you on that stage! – The Biernacki Family

Shout out for **Sophia Matheus!** – Sophia, we are proud of you! Auntie Em, we’re not in Kansas anymore!!! The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.

**Chloe Wheeler** – From TV to Off-Broadway to Carnegie Hall to the Finley stage, your love and dedication to performing is always evident and true. Keep on making your dreams come true. Love you, Mom, Dad, and Julian

Wishing my favorite girl, **Dianna Harris**, an extremely fun time! Enjoy the moment, girly! I love you tremendously! Love Mom

My little girl **Dianna** on stage, always brings a smile to my face. I love you very much! Have a great time! Love, Dad

Wishing our sister **Dianna** a great performance! We are very proud of you! We love you, William, Michael & Thurman

**Ryan** (Oz) from Christina Drumblings because Ryan is serious about what he is doing, and he makes sure everyone is focused, too. Then he will turn around and make everyone laugh and smile, and he will make anyone smile!

**Katherine**, break a leg but don’t lose your stuffing! Love, Mom, Dad and Elizabeth

## Cast

DOROTHY .....	Catherine McCooley
TOTO.....	Charlotte Simon
BOQ.....	Ally Kustera
LOQ.....	Lauren Holly
TOC.....	Hannah Roberts
GLINDA THE GOOD .....	Chloe Wheeler
WICKED WITCH.....	Sarah Biernacki
SCARECROW .....	Katherine Eichenberger
TIN WOODSPERSON .....	Chloe Buffone
COWARDLY LION.....	Rebecca Hoffmann
POPPY .....	Mia Brown
POPPY.....	Hannah Kaufman
POPPY.....	Maria Verfenstein
FIGHTING TREE .....	Dianna Harris
FIGHTING TREE .....	Leda Roldan
GUARDIAN OF THE GATES .....	Jackson Kanzer
GUARDIAN OF THE GATES .....	Harrison McKenna
OZ .....	Ryan Aguirre
WINGED MONKEY .....	Shannon Milner
WINGED MONKEY .....	Jillian Fehrenbacher
WINGED MONKEY .....	Joey Manaker
WINGED MONKEY/AUNT EM .....	Sophia Matheus
CHINA .....	Andrea Delcid-Ayala
The LIGHT .....	Christina Drumblings
The RAIN.....	Jackson Kanzer Harrison McKenna

### CYCLONE DANCE ENSEMBLE

Andrea Delcid-Ayala, Dianna Harris, Shannon Milner, Leda Roldan

### MUNCHKINS / CITIZENS

Ryan Aguirre, Mia Brown, Andrea Declid-Ayala,  
Christina Drumblings, Jillian Fehrenbacher, Dianna Harris,  
Lauren Holly, Jackson Kanzer, Hannah Kaufman, Ally Kustera,  
Joey Manaker, Sophia Matheus, Harrison McKenna, Shannon Milner,  
Hannah Roberts, Leda Roldan, Maria Verfenstein

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

### ACT ONE

SCENE 1: Munchkin Country in the Land of Oz

SCENE 2: A road

SCENE 3: In the Forest of the Fighting Trees

SCENE 4: On the Road to the Emerald City

SCENE 5: Palace of the Great and Powerful Oz

### ACT TWO

SCENE 1: Road to the Castle of the Wicked Witch

SCENE 2: Inside the Castle

SCENE 3: The road again

SCENE 4: Palace of Oz

## MUSICAL NUMBERS

### ACT ONE

The Cyclone (Prologue) ..... Dance Ensemble & The Rain  
Sing, Sing Everybody ..... Boq, Munchkins  
Follow the Road..... Loq, Toc and Boq & Munchkins  
I Ain't Got a Brain in My Head ..... Scarecrow, Dorothy & Munchkins  
Follow the Road (Reprise)..... Munchkins  
That's Wonderful! ..... Tin Woodsperson  
A Little Bit O' Courage ..... Lion  
Lullaby ..... Poppies  
China Princess ..... China Princess  
I Got the Power ..... Oz & Citizens  
There's a Light in the Distance ..... Dorothy, Tin Woodsperson,  
Lion, Scarecrow & The Light\*

\*Choreography by Christine Drumblings

### ACT TWO

Entr'Acte..... Instrumental  
The Castle of No Return ..... Wicked Witch & Monkeys  
Wicked Witch Melting..... Instrumental  
Sing, Sing Everybody (Reprise) ..... Citizens  
Believe in Yourself ..... Glinda  
I'm Going Home..... Dorothy, Glinda & Citizens  
Somewhere Over the Rainbow ..... Full Cast

**The Director Gina Marie Trigian-Molvaut**, (b. Bronx, 1962), AKA Madame Molvaut, teaches French and Italian at Finley Middle School. Mme. Molvaut's experience in theatre began with her experience at Stony Brook University where she majored in French and Fine Arts. Mostly interested in Performance Art, she originated the INTRARTS club and produced full-day multimedia art happenings in the Fine Arts Plaza. As she continued through Graduate School at Stony Brook, then NYU, her fascination with the theatre eventually led to doctoral research in Paris where she analyzed original 19th Century Stage manuals from Victor Hugo's and Alexandra Dumas' Romantic dramas. She attended the Institut des Etudes Théâtrales at the Sorbonne III where she gained a theoretical foundation in "semi-ology" or the reading of theatrical signs. Those of you who know Mme. Molvaut have probably sensed her strong affinity for theatricality and the performing arts. Mme. Molvaut is very appreciative of this wonderful opportunity to share in this experience of stage production with everyone in the Huntington community.

**Victoria Garbarino** is thrilled to be the Music Director for *Oz!* She is no stranger to the stage herself and has been performing in various live theatre productions her entire life. Victoria received her undergraduate degree in music education from Five Towns College and her Master's degree from the University of Florida. In the summer of 2008 she studied musical theatre at the Juilliard school. Victoria is a triple threat herself and has extensive training in voice, acting, and dance. She teaches a triple threat program at Vic D'Amore's American Studio of Performing Arts. Her past directing credits include, *Shrek the Musical*, *The Addams Family*, *Legally Blonde the Musical*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Aladdin Jr.*, *School House Rock Live!*, and *Bugsy Malone Jr.* Victoria would like to thank the Huntington School District, Mr. Polansky, Mr. Reynolds, and Mr. Amato for the opportunity to work with such talented and enthusiastic young performers!

**Matt Harris (Sound & Lighting)** has been involved in various aspects of theatrical and television production for over 35 years, starting with local theater in Oyster Bay in 1977, where he met his future wife, Ellen. He was a broadcast television engineer, first at Long Island Public TV Channel 21, and then for a New York production facility, Unitel, where he worked on shows including Sesame Street and Inside Edition. He last worked in TV at the American Broadcasting Company's New York network operations facilities. Harris has built and rebuilt many TV and theatrical stage facilities, including audio, video and lighting systems. He now is retired from South Huntington Schools where he was an AV Technician.

## Who's Who In The Crew

**Jack Alba (Lighting)** is in stage crew because he would embarrass himself if he was in the cast, and he loves doing anything that involves technology.

**Adora Colay (Props and Costume Master)** maintains the props and costumes for our play, which is very fun. She is always backstage and making new friends which makes the job awesome.

**Carrie Kilgour (Spots)** is loving stage crew. Running the spotlight this year is an honor and is really fun. She always enjoys working behind the scenes for the Huntington plays...from Woodhull to Finley. Looking forward to next year at the High School!

**Christina Koll (Spots)** is in 8th grade. She loves being part of stage crew because she loves working with the scenes backstage and having fun with her friends while doing so.

**James Kretschmer (Sound)** is in stage crew because he likes to be a part of the play, without having to be in front of a crowd.

**Sam Levine (Lighting)** is doing his second year in stage crew. Last year, he did spotlight and had a lot of fun with it. This year, he is up in the booth doing lighting. As part of stage crew, he is looking forward to help make *Oz!* a success.

**Drew Spina (Stagehand)** likes math, science, dogs, cross country, moving props on stage, and listening to music.

**Eliza Walther (Stagehand)** is a seventh grader who is really enjoying being a part of the stage crew for *Oz!* She was involved in the plays at Woodhull as a part of the ensemble for *Annie Jr.* and in stage crew for *The Lion King*. She looks forward to participating again as an 8th grader.



Illustration: Jillian Fehrenbacher

## Who's Who In The Cast

**Ryan Aguirre (Oz, Munchkin/Citizen)** is currently an 8th grader here at Finley. This will be his fourth play. In *Oz!*, he plays the role of the Wizard of Oz. He is very happy to be part of this play. He thanks the wonderful cast and crew, his family, director Mme. Molvaut, and musical director Ms. Garbarino.

**Sarah Biernacki (Wicked Witch)** is elated to be portraying the witch for this production of *Oz!* Her other recent roles include *High School Musical* (Mrs. Darbus), *Seussical Jr.* (Mrs. Mayor ) and *Into the Woods* (Jack's Mother). Sarah is so proud of the *Oz!* cast and crew and thanks Mme. Movault and Ms Garborino for all their support.

**Mia Brown (Poppy, Munchkin/Citizen)** is happy to be in her second Finley production. Last year, she played the part of Maisie in *Seussical Jr.* Mia has been studying piano since the age of five, and will be participating in her 6th NYSSMA. She also has been taking voice lessons. Mia is on the High Honor Roll and is a Mathlete.

**Chloe Buffone (The Tin Woodsperson)**, an 8th grader, is happy to be onstage in her second Finley show. Some previous roles include *The Wiz* (Dorothy), *Annie Jr.* (Annie), *Les Miserables* (Eponine Jr.) and *Into the Woods* (Little Red Riding Hood). Chloe is in Honors Chorus and SCMEA again this year. She is so grateful to Mme. Molvaut for this experience.

**Andrea Delcid-Ayala (China, Munchkin/Citizen)** is looking forward to see how the play will turn out. She is very excited because for the first time she has a part with lines. She is in the dual language program at Finley and does field hockey and track. She hopes everyone enjoys the school's production of *Oz!*

**Christina Drumblings (The Light, Munchkin/Citizen)** is a singer, runner, and best of all, a dancer. She has been singing her whole life, taught by her mom. She has been dancing since she was 5 years old at the Bryant Dance Center (teacher Allison Bryant) and has won many awards. Thank you for this opportunity to be in this play.

**Katherine Eichenberger (Scarecrow)**. This is Katherine's ninth show. Her favorite roles have included Patrice in *13, the Musical* and Bridget in *Bring It On*. She looks forward to continuing her theater experience at the high school. She'd like to thank the cast, crew, and everyone involved in this production for putting in so much hard work.

**Jillian Fehrenbacher (Winged Monkey, Munchkin/Citizen)** is so excited to be in her first play at Finley! Favorite credits: *Wicked* (Elphaba) and *Shrek* (Princess Fiona), summer camp; “Billions” (Extra); Bronx Zoo commercial; and “Fair Market Value” (Extra), a comedy coming to theaters this June. Sincere and heartfelt thanks to Madame Molvaut, Miss G, and Mr. Harris for their patience and support.

**Dianna Harris (Fighting Tree, Munchkin/Citizen)** has worked onstage and backstage at eight different shows around the Huntington area. She loves to sing, act, and draw. She loves watching her friends have a great time performing as well. Break a leg everybody!

**Rebecca Hoffmann (Cowardly Lion)** is in her second performance in a Finley play as an 8th grader. Past performances include: *Annie Jr.* (Pepper), *Willy Wonka Jr.* (Chef), and *Seussical Jr.* (Sour Kangaroo). Rebecca has been dancing since age two and loves to act and sing as well. She hopes you enjoy the play as much as she enjoyed putting it together.

**Lauren Holly (Loq, Munchkin/Citizen)** is playing the part of Loq in *Oz!* This will be her third show. Previously, she played the part of Scar in Woodhull’s *The Lion King Jr.* and also performed in Woodhull’s *Annie Jr.*

**Jackson Kanzer (Guardian of the Gate #1, Munchkin/Citizen)** is an 8th grader and is very excited to be part of this amazing cast. Past credits: *Seussical Jr.* at Finley (The Grinch), and *Annie Jr.*, (FDR) and *Willy Wonka Jr.* (Squirrel), both at Woodhull. He wants to thank his whole crazy family and his awesome play directors. He hopes you enjoy the show!

**Hannah Kaufman (Poppy, Munchkin/Citizen)** is performing in her third show, following her roles in *Oliver!* (Orphan) and *Aladdin* (Guard 1). Hannah truly has a passion for singing and acting. Her musical inspiration comes from the Broadway musicals *Matilda*, *Addams Family*, and *Hamilton*, along with the music of Christina Aguilera, Adele, and Eminem.

**Ally Kustera (Boq, Munchkin/Citizen)** is happy to do the play. Credits include “Chopped Jr.” (2016, Food Network), *The Lion King* (Nala), *Into the Woods* (Little Red), and *High School Musical* (Taylor). Thank you to Ms. Garbarino and Madame Molvaut.

**Joseph “Joey” Manaker (Munchkin/Citizen, Winged Monkey)** is very excited to be participating in this year’s *Oz!* Joey’s past stage experiences included the Finley productions of *Seussical Jr.* and *You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown*, as well as numerous school talent shows. Joey would like to say thank you to the cast, stage crew, and Madame Molvaut, for the awesome experiences.

**Sophia Matheus (Winged Monkey, Aunt Em)** is in 7th grade. She has always loved singing and the theater. *Les Miserables* takes her to her happy place. Last year, she performed in the Northport Community Theater presentation of *Mary Poppins*. She can’t wait for the upcoming NYSSMA competition.

**Catherine McCooley (Dorothy)** has always had a love of theater. In 3rd grade, she went to the Woodhull production of *Little Mermaid Jr.* and she was sold! In summer 2015, she had an ensemble part in *The Sound of Music*. In *Seussical, Jr.*, she was a Who Citizen. She is thrilled to be Dorothy!

**Harrison McKenna (Guardian of the Gate, Munchkin/Citizen)** appeared in last year’s Finley production of *Seussical Jr.* (Yertle the Turtle) and in Woodhull’s 2015 production of *Annie Jr.* (Dog Catcher). Theater is in his blood: His great-grandfather, a singer whose voice could be heard in the 1940s radio ad for LAVA soap, was in the original Broadway production of *Guys and Dolls*.

**Shannon Milner (Winged Monkey, Munchkin/Citizen)** is in her third production at Finley. She played the part of Zazu in *The Lion King Jr.* and was in *Annie Jr.* Shannon is in Honors Choir and loves singing, dancing, drawing and acting.

**Hannah Roberts (Toq, Munchkin/Citizen)** is very excited to be in this year’s performance of *Oz!* Past shows include *Oliver!*, *Annie*, *Free to Be You and Me*, *13 the Musical*, and *The Lion King*. She has enjoyed every rehearsal with her peers and Mme. Molvaut. She enjoys singing and acting more than anything and being in this show only enhanced her love for the arts.

**Leda Roldan (Tree, Hillbilly, Winged Monkey)** thanks all her friends and family for helping her. She can’t wait for this amazing play and hopes you enjoy it.

**Charlotte Simon (Toto)** is very excited to be in this year’s play. This is the sixth play that she’s been in. She loves working in the theater with her friends and hopes to make new friends too. She has had so much fun working on this year’s play.

**Maria Verfenstein (Poppy)** is an 8th grader at Finley who enjoys singing and dancing and has studied singing privately for a number of years. She also participates in the St. Patrick’s Church Youth Choir on Sundays.

**Chloe Wheeler (Glinda)** is very excited to perform in her first Finley play. She recently performed at Carnegie Hall. TV Credits: La Voz Kids, Season 4 (semi-finalist). Off Broadway: *Reddi High* (Lana), *Dream Street* (Sophie). Regional Equity: *A Christmas Story* (Melinda), *Miracle on 34th Street* (ensemble). She thanks Mme. Molvaut and Ms. Garbarino and wishes good luck to cast and crew.