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By L. Frank Baum

Adapted by Frank Gabrielson

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by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

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COSTUMES: Susan S.B. Brown, Jessica Smarrella

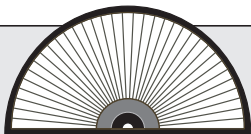
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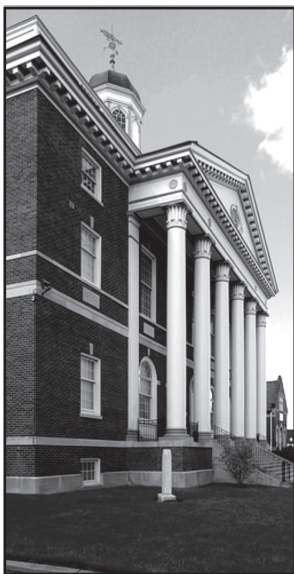
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Director's Note



In his introduction to the novel written in 1900, L. Frank Baum observed that folklore, legends, myths, and fairy tales have followed childhood through the ages, for every healthy youngster has a wholesome and instinctive love for stories fantastic, marvelous and manifestly unreal.

The Wizard of Oz has been continually re-crafted and re-imagined in various genres and guises speaks to an undeniable truth -- Baum envisioned a world in which children and adults alike can approach and address some important issues and themes about our modern lives with wonder, awe and some whimsy as we join Dorothy Gale, and her loyal and virtuous friends, on a journey to somewhere truly wondrous. Our version has a fresh look but still holds the same themes that have made it a classic childhood favorite.

More importantly, *The Wizard of Oz* reminds us that theater is the emotional athletic field for the creative soul. It's where we workout in the pleasant confines of the story's given circumstances, build emotional resiliency, and challenge the flexibility of our imagination. Story time is rehearsal for living. It lets us feel things and then talk about those feelings. But our culture has cut out much of this in favor of numbness. There is no skill set in the world that is more important than first being human. The conversations this play inspires are endlessly fruitful, and despite Baum's insistence that the story was solely to please children, the values and lessons explored in this tale are what continue to make it great throughout the generations.

It is both an honor and obligation for MTVarts to perform in the newly renovated Knox County Memorial Building theater as the residential theater company.

- Bruce Jacklin, Director

BRUCE JACKLIN has directed and acted in more than 150 productions in the last 30 years. This includes professional, summer stock, collegian and community theater productions. Bruce began his acting career while stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. It was during his enlistment in the U.S. Army that he first stepped on stage, and it was alongside film legend Dana Andrews. Bruce is a certified adjudicator for the Ohio Community Theater Association and American Association of Community Theater. He has received awards in acting and directing at both regional and state festivals from OCTA, AACTfest, Columbus Theater Roundtable and OTA festivals for productions including *OF MICE AND MEN*, *TRIP TO BOUNTIFUL*, *WALLY'S CAFÉ*, *HIDDEN IN THIS PICTURE*, *DONKEY BASEBALL*, *'NIETZSCHE' ATE HERE*, *THE BAD SEED*, and others. Bruce is a member of AFTRA/SAG (American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Screen Actors Guild) and has appeared in numerous national and local television films and commercials. Bruce was also in the film treatment of Roy Berkowitz' *'NIETZSCHE' ATE HERE*. The film premiered in Columbus, Ohio, and in Washington, D.C. The film was featured in the 2013 Montreal International Film Festival. He won Best Supporting Actor at the San Francisco Actor's Film Festival and in 2014 he received the Red Cross Education Hero Award. Bruce is the artistic director for both MTVarts and The Alcove Theater productions.

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Cast of Characters

DOROTHY GALE	Hannah Chelle Frye	MUNCHKIN FIDDLER	Emily Hammond
TOTO	Zoe Eash	MUNCHKIN MOTHERS	Madigan Kennedy, Isabella Fontaine
ZEKE/ COWARDLY LION	Thor Collard	LOLLIPOP GUILD	Joey Daley, Joey Ferguson, Rogue Griffith
HICKORY/ TINMAN	Aaron Turnbull	LULLABY LEAGUE	Kiersten Clinedinst, Jillian Snow, Reese Ferenbaugh
HUNK/ SCARECROW	Mark Mahan	POPPY DANCERS	Joselyn Bates, Minda Bates, Emilee Fletcher, Isabella Fontaine, Vivian Hawk, Madigan Kennedy
GLINDA	Colleen Fitzpatrick	WINKIE GENERAL	Jay Mahan
PROFESSOR MARVEL/ WIZARD OF OZ	Ian Fraser Ernsberger	WINKIES	Glenn Hissong, Tyler Scowden, Bill Davis, Carrie Hyman, Laura Webster, Minda Bates, Fredri Bockover, Joselyn Bates, Isabella Fontaine
MRS. GULCH/ WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST	Megan Evans	ENSEMBLE	Minda Bates, Fredi Bockover, Gwen Brady, Elizabeth Diehl, Mary Rugola Dye, Emilee Fletcher, Vivian Hawk, Ruth Frady
GUARD OF OZ	Rodney Cheek		
AUNT EM	Abigail Tayse		
UNCLE HENRY	John Wareham		
NIKKO THE MONKEY	Samuel Wolf		
FLYING MONKEYS	Kyle Boucher, Alex Diehl, Rogue Griffith, Madigan Kennedy		
CROWS	Alex Diehl, Kyle Boucher, Samuel Wolf		
TREES	Abigail Tayse, Ella Ackert, Caroline Pletcher		
MAYOR OF MUNCHKIN CITY	Carrie Hyman		
MUCHKIN BRAGGERT	Joey Ferguson		
MUNCHKIN HERALD	Rebecca Davis		
MUNCHKIN BARRISTER	Joselyn Bates		
MUNCHKIN CORONER	Kate Ernsberger		
MUNCHKIN TEACHER	Kerri Mahan		

Orchestra

Conductor – Dane Heuchemer

Saxophones/Clarinets.....Bob Blomeyer, Adam Garlinger, Bob Milnikel, and Gabe Lubell	Flute.....Karen Hinkle
Trumpets.....Heather Faulkner and Caleb Syler	Cello and Bassoon.....Glenn Sigler
Trombone.....Bob Pelfrey	Oboe and English Horn.....Rebecca Sigler
Violins.....Meg Litteral, Jill Hawkins, Jeanne Griggs, and Ann Laudeman	Horn.....Arlene Grant-Gertel
Keyboard.....Christa Brady	Bass.....Jim Frady and Andrew Clarkson, Sr.
	Drums.....Piersen Schuiling



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Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

Opening.....Orchestra with Optimistic Voices Chorus
“Over the Rainbow”.....Dorothy Munchkinland.....Orchestra with Optimistic Voices Chorus
Munchkin Sequence.....Glinda, Dorothy & Munchkins
“Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead”.....Glinda, Dorothy & Munchkins
“Yellow Brick Road”.....Munchkins
“If I Only Had a Brain”.....Scarecrow, Dorothy, & Crows
“We’re Off to See the Wizard”.....Dorothy & Scarecrow
“If I Only Had a Heart”.....Tinman, Dorothy, & Trees
“We’re Off to See the Wizard”.....Dorothy, Tinman, & Scarecrow
“Lions, Tigers and Bears”.....Dorothy, Tinman, & Scarecrow
“If I Only Had the Nerve”Lion with Dorothy, Tinman, & Scarecrow
“We’re Off to See the Wizard”.....Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, & Lion
Poppies!.....Glinda, Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, & Chorus

~ INTERMISSION ~

ACT TWO

Entr’acte & “Optimistic Voices”.....Orchestra with Optimistic Voices Chorus
“Merry Old Land of Oz”....Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, Guard, & Ozians
Reprise: “Merry Old Land of Oz”..Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, & Ozians
“If I Were King of the Forest”.....Lion with Dorothy, Tinman, & Scarecrow
“March of the Winkies”.....Winkies
“Jitterbug”.....Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, Wicked Witch, & Chorus
Reprise: “Jitterbug”.....Chorus
Reprise: “Winkies March”.....Winkies
Reprise: “Over the Rainbow”.....Dorothy
Reprise: “Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead!”.....Winkies
Finale/Bows.....Orchestra



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Production Team

Director.....Bruce Jacklin
 Music Director.....Diane Dingler
 Conductor.....Dane Heuchemer
 Producer.....Janis Stone
 Production Stage Manager.....Samantha Turner
 Assistant Stage Managers.....Yi-Lin Eli Chung,
 Fred Mayville, Jennifer Walters
 Educational Partnership Master's Program
 Assistant to the Director.....Serra Barrett

Choreographers:
 "If I Only Had a Heart"
 "Merry Old Land of Oz"
Laura Annette-Webster

"We're Off to See the Wizard"
Kristin Gloege Michaels

"If I Only Had a Brain"
 "Poppies Ballet"
 "The Jitterbug".....Megan Bell
 Leslie Bell

"Munchkinland".....Carrie Hyman

Set Designer.....Bruce Jacklin, Joseph Bell
 Master Carpenter.....Joseph Bell
 Set Construction/Painters.....Bruce Jacklin,
 Joseph Bell, Kyle Boucher, Yi-Lin Eli Chung,
 Samantha Turner, Serra Barrett, Megan Bell,
 Don Carr, Samuel Wolf

Costumers.....Susan S.B. Brown
 Jessica Smarella
 Costume Assistants.....Isabel McDonald, Nancy
 Kephart, Carrie Haver
 Costume Apprentice.....Chloe Ketron

Wigs and Hair Design.....Ruth Frady
 Makeup.....Kerri Mahan
 Makeup Apprentice.....Lacey Blubaugh

Props.....Megan Evans

Light Designer.....Katy Peterson Viccellio
 Light Operator.....Isabel McDonald (Team Lead)
 Spotlight Operators.....Zane Jones, Esme
 McDonald, Chloe Skillman

Sound Coordinator...Rodney Cheek (Team Lead)
 Sound Design.....Alex Thompson

Fly Captain.....Steve Jefferson
 Lifter.....Steve Jefferson, Jonathan Fitzpatrick
 Travelers.....Jeff Daley, Yi-Lin Eli Chung
 Catchers.....Jennifer Walters, Kate Ernsberger

Stage & Fly Crew.....Tyler Scowden, Bill
 Davis, Nick Wheeler, Lilith Wilson, Sammi
 Eash, John Nixon, Dan Bockover
 Dog Wrangler.....Sammi Eash

Load-In Crew:
 Bruce Jacklin, Joseph Bell, Yi-Lin Eli Chung,
 Samantha Turner, Jeff Daley, Vivian Hawk, John
 Nixon, Kyle Boucher, Kent McCoy, Joslyn Bates,
 Colleen Fitzpatrick

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 Playbill.....Megan Evans

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ELLA ACKERT (Tree; Ensemble) is excited to appear in her second production of THE WIZARD OF OZ with MTVarts. She previously appeared as a snowflake and Ozian when she was 5 years old in the 2009 production. She is

looking forward to her sophomore year at MVHS. She sings with Knox Youth Choirs and plays trumpet in the Marching Band and Symphonic Band. She is excited to be in her 8th MTVarts production and was last seen on stage as Grace in ANNIE JR. The story of Dorothy in the Land of Oz long ago captured her heart and she hopes it captures yours. "There is no place like home!"



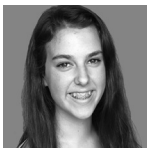
DANIEL BARICH (Ensemble) has sung in many musical productions both in college and in the Mount Vernon community. A Kenyon College '05 music major who is legally blind, he also sings

at church, and writes music. Daniel thanks God for giving him the ability to sing, and also thanks everyone who has supported him and driven him to and from rehearsal.



JOSELYN BATES (Poppies Dancer; Ensemble) is a recent high school graduate from Apple Valley, Ohio. She has been in numerous productions with MTVarts, Fredericktown High School,

Orange Barrel Productions, The Footlight Players, and The Chancel Players. She was most recently seen as a crazed Lunatic in The Footlight Players' SWEENEY TODD. She has also worked many shows backstage with MTVarts. Her favorite shows she has been a part of include ANNIE JR., THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL, and SWEENEY TODD. Joselyn wants to thank her friends and family for always supporting her and hopes that you enjoy the show!



MINDA BATES (Poppies Dancer; Ensemble) is a homeschooled 10th grader. She enjoys theatre, music, and dance. Some of her favorite roles include Pepper in MTVarts' ANNIE JR., Becca from

the musical NIC AT NIGHT, a blind girl in MTVarts' THE MIRACLE WORKER and Red from her home school Co-ops production FAIRYTALE ST. She has played numerous other roles, but is excited to be a part of her first summer musical with MTVarts. She would like to thank everyone who has helped her pursue theatre including all of her family and friends. She hopes you enjoy the show!



FREDI BOCKOVER (Ensemble) just finished her sophomore year at the Columbus College of Art and Design where she studies Advertising and Graphic Design and Illustration, gives campus

tours, and is an RA. She has loved being onstage for as long as she can remember, and some of her favorite past roles include Ursula Merkle in BYE BYE BIRDIE, Scuttle in THE LITTLE MERMAID JR., Winifred in ONCE UPON A MATTRESS, and Iago in ALADDIN JR. When not onstage, Fredi adores listening to records, all things artistic & vintage, funky socks, puns, and wearing a hairflower every single day. She hopes you enjoy the show!



KYLE BOUCHER (Flying Monkey; Crow) is a senior at Knox County Career Center. This is Kyle's third time on stage with MTVarts. Previously, he was adult Simba in

Lion King Jr., and in the chorus for *Bye Bye Birdie*. Kyle also participates in theater at Mount Vernon High School.



GWEN BRADY (Ensemble) This is Gwen's debut performance, and she is very glad you came to see the show! She has had lots of fun learning to sing and dance, and is excited to be in many more shows

in the future. Gwen is 5 years old and will attend Columbia Elementary School as a Kindergartner this fall. She loves singing, painting, drawing, and fighting with her little brother.



RODNEY CHEEK (Guard of Oz)

was recently seen as Maude in BYE BYE BIRDIE, Juror #9 in 12 ANGRY MEN, and Maurice (Belle's father) in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. He has also had roles

in PATSY CLINE, LIZZIE BORDEN, and SWEENEY TODD. Rodney has worked tech crews for many productions and events and currently serves as Promotions Director and Sound Coordinator for MTVarts and Bruce Jacklin & Co. He organized and traveled for 18 years in southern gospel quartets. He is also the stadium announcer for Mount Vernon High School football and girls basketball games.



KIERSTEN CLINEDINST

(Ensemble) is 8 years old and will be entering 3rd grade in the fall. She loves singing, dancing, and putting on plays for her family. She is an avid gymnast, loves

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reading, writing stories & coloring.



THOR COLLARD (Zeke/The Cowardly Lion) is not LION when he says he takes great PRIDE in joining the MTVarts MANE event for the summer. He should PAWS to warn you that this might be a slightly SCARY TAIL for young children, but it will be a ROARSOME show. He really PREYs that you enjoy it, and are LIKING the experience. He hopes you have a BILLION laughs! He enCOURAGES you to laugh as loud as you like! After this show it will be time FOREST. This is Thor's fourth show with MTVarts starting with when he played Cogsworth in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST a few years ago. In the past several years, Thor has enjoyed being in quite a few shows around Central Ohio, a few of his other favorites include Tevye in FIDDLER ON THE ROOD, Thenardier in LES MISERABLES, Benjamin Franklin in 1776, and Fagin in OLIVER! Thor sends all his love and thanks to his amazing wife Annie for her love and incredible support over the years.



JOEY DALEY (Ensemble) is 8 years old. He will be in the 3rd grade at Wiggan Street Elementary in the Fall. He is a Lollipop Guild Munchkin in the production! He plays piano and loves to sing and dance. Joey is very excited to be a part of the MTVarts production of THE WIZARD OF OZ! This is his first production. He thinks it is amazing and wonderful to be around so many talented and nice people. Joey will also be participating in the MTVarts production of WILLY WONKA KIDS in the Fall!

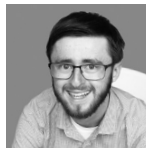


BILL DAVIS (Ensemble) After 30 years, Bill is finally returning to the stage. He appeared in numerous performances with Chillicothe Civic Theatre, including KISS ME KATE and as Tom Wingfield in THE GLASS MENAGERIE. After high school, college and other duties prevented him from furthering his time on stage, until now! He was born in California, came to Ohio in high school and is a 10-year resident of Mount Vernon. Away from the stage, Bill is better known in town as the former Sports Editor at the Mount Vernon News and current Sports Editor/CEO of the upcoming KnoxSportsOhio.com. OH-EE-OH, YOOO-OO!

REBECCA DAVIS (Ensemble) is 12 years old and loves being a part of musicals. She has been in the



musical JUNIE B. JONES and the play CHARLOTTE'S WEB, and now THE WIZARD OF OZ! In her free time, Rebecca loves to read, draw, paint, and make stuff out of duct tape! She lives with her parents, two brothers, two cats and a fish. Rebecca is so excited to share THE WIZARD OF OZ with her home town!



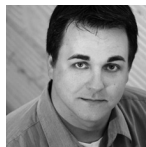
ALEX DIEHL (Monkey; Crow) will be a sophomore at Ohio Northern University in the fall. He has enjoyed being involved with MTVarts over the years. He has been a part of FIDDLER ON THE ROOD JR., THE JUNGLE BOOK JR., LOST IN YONKERS, THE MUSIC MAN, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, BYE BYE BIRDIE, and THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL. In his spare time, he likes to read, run, draw, and play upright bass and piano.



ELIZABETH DIEHL (Ensemble) is a rising tenth grader at Mount Vernon High School. She performed in FIDDLER ON THE ROOD JR. as the Fiddler, THE JUNGLE BOOK JR., THE LITTLE MERMAID JR., and also "Elf the Musical" at MVHS. Elizabeth plays the violin and piano and enjoys singing, swimming, drawing, and reading. She would like to thank everyone for coming!



ZOE EASH (Toto) is a 5 yr old West Highland Terrier who loves to snuggle and play with anyone willing to give her attention. This is her first time acting with MTVarts, but is loving the spot light! Her hobbies include eating treats, being dramatic, and hiding under the bed when she hears the word "bath". Make sure come by and get her "paw"dagraph!



IAN FRASER ERNSBERGER (Prof. Marvel/The Wizard of Oz) is pleased to be back on the Memorial stage after playing Gomez in last year's THE ADDAMS FAMILY. He will next be seen as Seymour this fall in LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS at the Alcove and will work closely with the WILLY WONKA JR. and KIDS casts as their acting coach. His friend and mentor Chuck Ransom played the Wizard in 2009 and recently passed away. Ian wants to honor Chuck the only way he knows how.

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Through the arts. He is incredibly humbled to be able to wear the jacket Chuck wore as The Wizard and a few other touches to honor his late friend. This show is for you, Chuck!!



KATE ERNSBERGER (Ensemble) loves living the theater life, and participating both onstage and off! She's grateful for MTVarts allowing her to indulge her theater habit. Favorite roles

include Beggar Woman in SWEENEY TODD, Alice in THE ADDAMS FAMILY, Sister Amnesia in NUNSENSE, Mrs. Brill in MARY POPPINS, Frenchy in GREASE, Janet in WALLY'S CAFE and Sunny in THE LAST NIGHT OF BALLYHOO. She'd like to thank the cast and crew for their hard work. Also thanks to her family for their support, and to Ian for putting up with her. Enjoy the show!



MEGAN EVANS (Miss Gultch/Wicked Witch of West) has appeared in over 50 productions in the Central Ohio area, most recently as Maggie in JAKE'S WOMEN at the Alcove Dinner

Theatre. Favorite roles include Annie Sullivan in THE MIRACLE WORKER, Mrs. Potts in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, JoAnn Galloway in A FEW GOOD MEN, Catherine in PROOF, Hallie/Marguerite in INVENTING VAN GOGH, and Cindy Lou in THE MARVELOUS WONDERETTES. Megan is also a stage manager, prop designer, and costume designer, and works as the Reservations Specialist for Ariel Foundation Park. Much love and thanks to Andrew, who is always there for her!

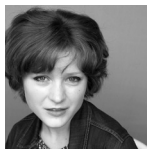


REESE FERENBAUGH (Ensemble) will soon be a fifth grader at East Knox elementary school. This is Reese's theatre debut, and she is ecstatic to join the MTVarts in THE WIZARD OF OZ! When she is

not acting, Reese enjoys swimming, all things art, playing with her sister and friends, and gymnastics. Reese would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support of her acting dreams. She would also like to send a special thank you to Eryn Hollobaugh for motivating and assisting her in taking this first huge step into the theatre world!



JOEY FERGUSON (Ensemble) is a seventh grader at Mt. Vernon Middle School. This is Joey's third production. He enjoyed being tortured as Pugsley in THE ADDAMS FAMILY MUSICAL. Joey also enjoys school, swimming and playing Bass Clarinet.



COLLEEN FITZPATRICK (Glinda) is a K-5 music teacher who loves to sing, dance, and play onstage, in her classroom, or down the hallway! Among the many gifts she loves are folk music, Ohio sunsets, ice cream, and books worth re-reading. Her family merits applause for their faithful support this summer, from her mother telling strangers about the show to her brother Johnny joining the flight crew! They were even more excited about her landing the role than she was (which is saying a lot!). So close your eyes, tap your heels together three times, and wake up in the wonderful land of Oz!



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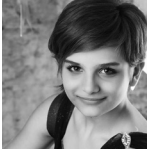
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EMILEE FLETCHER (Poppies Dancer; Ensemble) Emilee, who is in the ensemble as an Ozian/Manicurist, Poppy, and Munchkin, is extremely excited for her friends and family to

enjoy her very first production, and hopes everyone enjoys it!



ISABELLA FONTAINE (Poppies Dancer; Ensemble) is a 10th grade homeschooler. She has participated in several plays over the years with MTVArts, most recently ANNIE JR. and BYE BYE

BIRDIE. She loves all kinds of theater, art, and dance. She participates in Contemporary, Hip Hop and Ballet classes at The Spotlight Dance Studio. And volunteers as a student dance teacher for the kids classes.



HANNAH CHELLE FRYE (Dorothy Gale) is a junior from Ashland University transferring to MVNU in the fall where she will continue to study Graphic Design and music. This is her second show with MTVarts having previously been an ancestor in THE ADDAMS FAMILY.

Some of her other past roles include Jasmine in ALADDIN, Audrey in LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, Ariel in THE LITTLE MERMAID, and a Bird Girl in SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL. Hannah is excited to perform for you tonight and hopes you enjoy the show!



ROGUE GRIFFITH (Monkey; Ensemble), 10 years old, is debuting in his first theater production this summer. He will be entering 5th grade at Centerburg Elementary School.

Rogue is honored to be double-casted in the MVArts WOZ production as a Lollipop Guild and Flying Monkey. Rogue also enjoys playing basketball, Pokemon Go, and traveling with his family.



EMILY HAMMOND (Ensemble) Emily will be a freshman at MVHS this fall. She is a member of marching band and participated in Power of the Pen during the school year. Among

her favorite roles have been the Apple Seller in ANNIE JR. and a lioness in THE LION KING JR. Emily is thrilled to be back with MTVarts and hope's you enjoy the show!



VIVIAN HAWK (Poppies Dancer; Ensemble) is a Senior at Danville High School. Her involvement in THE WIZARD OF OZ will be her 10th theater production. Her favorite roles include Dorothy in THE WIZARD OF OZ, Danielle in BRING IT ON! THE MUSICAL, and Chiffon in LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS. Aside from theater, Vivian also enjoys being involved with the Danville High School marching band and mock trial team.



GLENN HISSONG (Ensemble) is happy to return to the stage and hopes you all enjoy the show. He has played parts in MARY POPPINS and helped behind the scene in numerous shows.

Watch out for your blue bird.



NORITA HISSONG (Ensemble) is so happy to be on the Memorial stage for this production. She has been making theater magic for many years. For this show, Norita gets to spend some time in Oz, create some props, and become a wig-zard (doing hair and wigs). Thanks for coming and enjoying our perfectly Oz-some theater magic!



CARRIE HYMAN (Mayor of Munchkin City; Choreographer) has been with MTVarts since their first show in 2007 and has been honored to work with them ever since. After

a brief hiatus, she's proud to reprise her role as Mayor and contribute to the show through choreography. During the day, Carrie is the Executive Director of Main Street Mount Vernon. It is fantastic to be able to work and live in a caring, talented, and helpful community. Carrie wishes the cast and crew the best of luck. Your hard work will pay off in the magic you bring to our wonderful community!

MADIGAN KENNEDY

(Poppies Dancer; Monkey; Ensemble) is 14 years

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old. She has been acting for 5 years. She loves singing, dancing, band, painting, and hanging out with all of her Centerburg pals! She has put in so much effort into this production and hopes

you all enjoy the show. She wants to thank her family for putting up with all of her singing at home. She would also like to thank everyone at Centerburg who came to see the show, the Nash family, the Ultimate Alliance, and Trey Figgins for being amazing people!



JAY MAHAN (Winkie General; Ensemble) is returning to theatre after 20 years to share the experience with his lovely and talented wife Kerri and their son Mark. He has appeared in THE ADDAMS FAMILY, ROOTED: STORIES OF KNOX COUNTY, and HOW I BECAME A PIRATE with MTVArts.



KERRI MAHAN (Ensemble; Make Up Designer) is delighted to be performing on stage with her husband and her youngest son this summer. Her recent shows include THE ADDAMS FAMILY, BYE BYE BIRDIE, HOW I BECAME A PIRATE, ROOTED: STORIES OF KNOX COUNTY, and her dinner theater debut as the mischievous Sister Robert Anne in NUNSENSE. When not on stage, Kerri enjoys teaching math to 5th graders at Pleasant Street Elementary School. She is grateful to her family for their love and support.

MARK MAHAN (Hunk/The Scarecrow) is a 19 year old Sophomore at Trevecca Nazarene University in Nashville, TN. This is Mark's fourth



show with MTVArts and seventh show overall. Previous roles include chorus in THE SECRET GARDEN, GODSPELL, BYE BYE BIRDIE, THE ADDAMS FAMILY, Timon in THE LION KING JR.,

and the Mayor of Whoville in SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL. Mark is incredibly thankful for this cast and crew of THE WIZARD OF OZ for their amazing support and friendship. He is also thankful for his cast and crew mates at TNU for their constant support and love even when he isn't acting with them. Finally, Mark would like to thank the audience who makes every moment worth it; we do this for you!



ISABELLA OSTER (Ensemble) is 10 years old and the youngest of 4 sisters. She is homeschooled and loves art, crafts, singing and dancing.



CAROLINE PLETCHER (Tree; Ensemble) This show fulfills Caroline's wish of being one of the tallest munchkins ever. When not learning to tap dance in a tree costume, Caroline can be found in Oz or the classroom teaching math at Fredericktown.



MARY RUGOLA DYE (Ensemble) is a well seasoned performer of MTVArts productions. Her favorite roles include Clair from RUMORS and Miss Hannigan from ANNIE.

Mary is the and Miss Hannigan from ANNIE. Mary is the music director at St. Vincent de Paul Church, Vice Chair of the Knox Democratic Party, and a

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35 year veteran retired music teacher from our great Public School System. She is also a member of the Mount Vernon City School Board and the Knox Substance Abuse Action Team (KSAAT) Mary believes that "Education is the key to creating a more healthy equitable and peaceful society. And part of that education is the beauty of the Fine Arts."



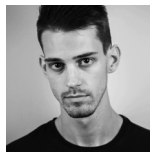
TYLER SCOWDEN (Ensemble) Once again Tyler joins MTVarts as both an ensemble member and a member of the stage crew! He participated in several other MTVarts productions such as BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, BYE BYE BIRDIE, and THE ADDAMS FAMILY.



JILLIAN SNOW (Ensemble) is going into fourth grade at Twin Oak Elementary. She competes in gymnastics and swimming. In her down time, Jillian can be found reading, playing with her many pets, and exploring the woods and streams around her home. Jillian's previous stage experiences include playing the role of July in ANNIE KIDS with MTVArts and the role of Munchkin and Poppy with Orange Barrel Production Company's Encore program. Jillian wishes to thank her family and friends for their enthusiastic support.



ABIGAIL TAYSE (Aunt Em; Tree; Ensemble) is the Archivist at Kenyon College and happy to be back for another MTVArts show. She received her Bachelor's in Theatre from Ball State University and Master's in Library & Information Sciences from the University of Pittsburgh. Favorite roles include Julie (JAKE'S WOMEN), Gloria (BOEING BOEING), Anna (THE KING AND I), Rosie (BYE BYE BIRDIE). Love to family and friends.



AARON TURNBULL (Hickory/ The Tinman) caught the theatre bug back in high school and has been performing in shows ever since. A few of his favorite roles from these shows were Judge Hathorne in THE CRUCIBLE, Harry Beaton in BRIGADOON, Bill Starbuck in THE RAINMAKER, and Ambrose Kemper in HELLO DOLLY. Aside from theatre, Aaron is an avid fan of running, cycling, disc golf, petting cats, and the Oxford comma. He graduated with a BA in Spanish and works as a medical interpreter throughout Columbus. This is Aaron's second performance with MTVarts and he's

glad to be back!



JOHN WAREHAM (Uncle Henry), a native of Fredericktown, just returned to Knox County from Los Angeles after 22 years. He had previously been in involved with the Mount Vernon Players and productions of THE WIZARD OF OZ, OKLAHOMA, and GYPSY between 1987 and 1989 and performed in the musical FAME in 1998 in Santa Clarita, CA. He has appeared onscreen several times including on MOSTLY TRUE STORIES: URBAN LEGENDS REVEALED on TLC and SUNNY FAMILY CULT on Crypt TV.



SAMUEL WOLF (Nikko, the Flying Monkey; Crow) This is Samuel's first production with MTVarts and fifth show overall. Some of his favorite past roles include Romeo in ROMEO AND JULIET and Gander in CHARLOTTE'S WEB. In his free time, he likes to listen to music and hang out with friends. He also enjoys working at Dave's Cosmic Subs and The Joint in downtown Mount Vernon. Sam is very excited to be performing at the Memorial Theatre and wants to thank his friends and family for their support. He hopes you enjoy the show!

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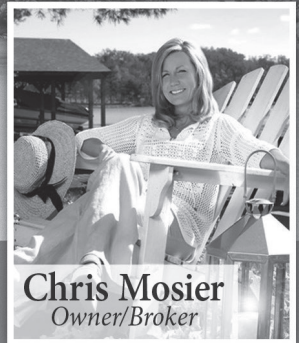
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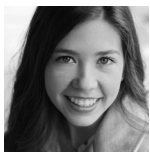


SERRA BARRETT (Assistant Director) This is Serra Barrett's first production with MTVarts, and she is thrilled to be involved. She has spent most of her career on the education side of theatre and is happy to be branching out. Serra's recent projects include directing Disney's one act musical FREAKY FRIDAY, THE LION, THE WITCH, AND THE WARDROBE, and DON'T TAKE MY PENNY for Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Serra holds a Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, and she is currently earning her Master of Arts in Theatre through Regent University.



JOSEPH BELL (Master Carpenter) has been associated with theater for over 50 years. Director of the theater program at the Highland Local School District, he has worked with

students, staff and community members offering many theater experiences for all to enjoy. He is concluding his 35th year with Highland fostering imagination and creativity through live theater. Joe has been the Master Carpenter for MTVarts since their inception. Loving the challenges that stage construction entails, he appreciates the ability to bring to life visual concepts and ideas for practical stage purposes. It's the ultimate in model building! His motto is simple. Imagination is the only force that can truly manifest itself in to reality. Come to the show and see how this ensemble uses their imagination. What a thrill.



LESLIE BELL (Choreography) just graduated from Mount Vernon High School, and is planning on attending Baldwin Wallace University in the fall. She plans on studying Arts Management and Entrepreneurship, as well as dance, in hopes to open her own dance studio. This is her second year as a choreographer for MTVarts, but has been part of the cast in previous shows. She is excited for you to see this production!



MEGAN BELL (Choreography) is a junior studying Studio Art and Pre-Art Therapy at Ohio Northern University. She is very excited to be back this summer with MTVarts. She has performed in many of their productions as part of the cast and is excited to find herself as part

of the production crew again this year. Megan has been dancing for 17 years and has played the role of choreographer in several productions and concerts around Mount Vernon, her favorites including GODSPELL, THE ADDAMS FAMILY, BYE BYE BIRDIE, and ONCE UPON A MATTRESS. She gives her best to the cast and hopes you all enjoy the show.



CHRISTAS BRADY (Rehearsal Pianist) just graduated from Mount Vernon High School, and is planning on attending Baldwin Wallace University in the fall. She plans on studying

Arts Management and Entrepreneurship, as well as dance, in hopes to open her own dance studio. This is her second year as a choreographer for MTVarts, but has been part of the cast in previous shows. She is excited for you to see this production!



SUSAN S B BROWN (Costumer) has had several adult careers, including catering and banquet director, college professor, designer for Summer Stock theatres (both Equity and

non-Equity,) and owner of a gourmet kitchen store. Her life has nearly always included making theatre. Susan's undergraduate degree and two graduate degrees were in theatre and she also completed all but the dissertation for a Doctorate in Theatre. This is her 7th show with MTVarts and the tenth anniversary of her first, which was THE WIZARD OF OZ. Currently, she is 'the mother of costumes' at the MTVarts warehouse14. She has one daughter, a daughter-in-law and two grandchildren who also participate in theatre. Her granddaughter is currently pursuing a degree in theatre lighting. Susan lives in Fredericktown with her husband Franklin and gardens and keeps bees.



YI-LIN ELI CHUNG (Assistant Stage Manager) is a newcomer in Mount Vernon. Eli was born and raised in Taiwan, where he was first exposed to theatre and began

stage managing in his high school productions. He came to the US in 2011 and received his Theatre M.A. from San Diego State University in 2018. Eli relocated to Mount Vernon, Ohio, shortly after graduation and was fortunate to be taken in by MTVarts. He is a stage manager,



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dramaturg, and designer. His recent credits include ANON(YMOUS) (2017 SDSU), THE DIARY OF ANNE FRANK (2017 MOXIE), BINGO HALL (2018 Native Voices), VOYEUR DE VENUS (2018 MOXIE), DIRT (2019 Red Herring), GROUNDED (2019 Red Herring), and A RAISIN IN THE SUN (2019 MTVarts). Eli wants to thank his family and his partner, Christina, for supporting his dream of storytelling as a medium to foster understanding. His biggest dream is to one day tell Taiwanese stories to American audience, whose choices and attitudes influence the fate of his country.



DIANE DINGLER (Vocal Director) has been the music director for MTV Arts since the company's first show, BEAUTY AND THE BEAST. Diane is an adjunct instructor at Kenyon

College where she teaches voice, has a private studio for voice and piano and is Director of Music at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church. She loves teaching and spending time with her granddaughter, Olivia.

RUTH FRADY (Wig Mistress) is proud to be wig and hair advisor for the talented cast of THE WIZARD OF OZ. She is the wig mistress for MTVarts, managing an inventory of over



400 wigs and hair pieces. Ruth has worked as a wig and hair designer, makeup artist, costume dresser, and actor for numerous local productions and is a Core Member of the

Artistic Production Team for MTVarts. She and her musician husband, Jim Frady, reside in Mount Vernon and have raised three talented adult munchkins who support all of their artistic endeavors.



DR. DANE HEUCHEMER (Conductor) is a Professor of Music at Kenyon College, where he teaches music history and directs the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Early Music

Ensemble. THE WIZARD OF OZ represents his fourteenth straight year conducting the summer musical for MTVarts, and his eighteenth summer production since moving to the area in 1995.



FRED MAYVILLE (Assistant Stage Manager) has been a part of MTVarts summer productions since 2013. He is currently studying electrical engineering at Grove City College.



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JESSICA SMARRELLA (Costumer) is a fourth year Family and Consumer Science teacher at Danville Local Schools. In college, Jessica worked in the University of Akron Costume Shop where

she was the student assistant wardrobe mistress for all of the Theatre and Opera productions. At Danville, Jessica is the costume mistress for all of the fall plays (PRIDE AND PREJUDICE, FLOWERS FOR ALGERNON, HARRY'S HOTTER AT TWILIGHT, CAFE MURDER, and YOUR BRAIN ON SOCIAL MEDIA) and spring musicals (LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, ALADDIN, BRING IT ON! THE MUSICAL, THE WIZARD OF OZ). Jessica currently worked with MTVarts last summer on their production of THE ADDAMS FAMILY and ANNIE JR. KIDS. Jessica would like to wish good luck to the cast and crew.



JANIS STONE (Producer) has been the Volunteer Business Director for MTVarts since its inception in 2007. Her responsibilities include

operational oversight to ensure stability and sustainability, a fancy way of saying pay the bills. Show people are her favorite kind of people and contributing to a thriving community is a dream come true. She lives in Mount Vernon with her husband Steve.



SAMANTHA TURNER (Production Stage Manager) is a graduate of Kenyon College with a BA in Drama and Vocal Performance. She has worked with community theatres in Knox County, Star Performance

Academy in Gahana, and professional companies in the Boston area - acting, stage managing, and directing. She taught theatre at the Mount Vernon Nazarene University and Boston Trinity Academy. This is her second show with MTVarts since it's inception but her first summer musical. When not in rehearsal and production meetings she is back at her Alma Mater working in the Center for Global Engagement or at home on the couch snuggling her sweet pups.



KATY PETERSON VICELLIO (Lighting Designer) is excited to join MTVarts for the first time. Katy was based in Chicago for 8 years, where she was Assistant Lighting Director for THE OPRAH

WINFREY SHOW and resident Lighting Designer for BOHO Theatre Company. She was nominated for a Joseph Jefferson Award in 2010 for I AM MY OWN WIFE. She lit numerous productions throughout the United States before relocating with her husband to Ohio, where she turned her focus to architecture. She has been a Guest Artist in lighting and/or scenery for UNCLE VANYA, BAKKHAE, BLACKBIRD, The Fall Dance Concert, and BALM IN GILEAD at Kenyon College. She currently works as an Architect and Lighting Consultant in Columbus, where her first building won the AIA Columbus Design Honor Award in 2017 and the AIA Ohio Design Honor Award in 2018.



JENNIFER WALTERS (Assistant Stage Manager) has been involved in numerous theater productions, both onstage and off, around central Ohio for 16 years. Most of her experience

has been onstage, most recently appearing as Shelia in JAKE'S WOMEN at The Alcove Dinner Theatre in Mount Vernon. Other favorite stage credits include: SAVIN' UP FOR SATURDAY NIGHT, THE INNOCENTS, GREASE, THE MUSIC MAN, LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, THE KING AND I, and FIDDLER ON THE ROOF. She is thrilled to be branching out with the role of stage manager for this production. This is her fourth show with MTVarts.



LAURA ANNETT-WEBSTER (Choreography) is a Knox County native who enjoys dance and has over 20 years experience. She has also won platinum and several gold awards during her

dance career. This is her first year to perform with MTVarts and she has enjoyed being part of an awesome group of volunteers. Laura has previously choreographed *Lion King Jr.* for MTVarts and *Nonsense* for Bruce Jacklin & Company. This is her first time choreographing for a summer musical with MTVarts. Laura is the 911 Operations Director for Knox County and resides in Mount Vernon. She enjoys spending time with her 3 children, family, and spoiling her 3 dogs.



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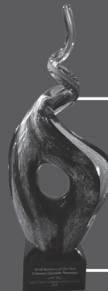
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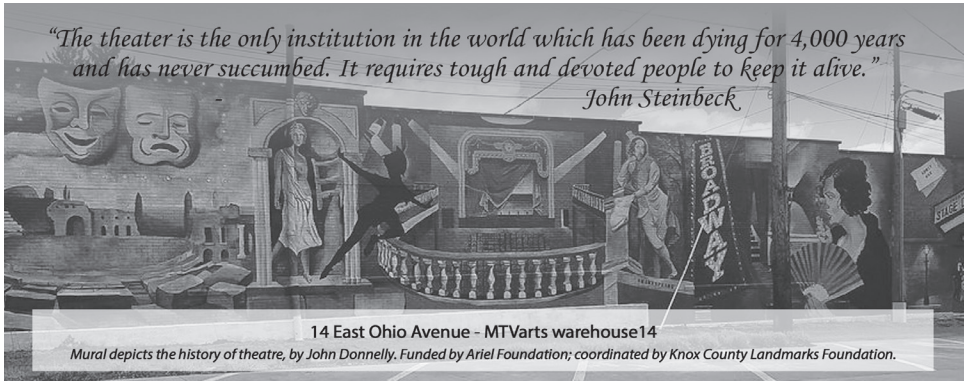
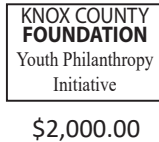
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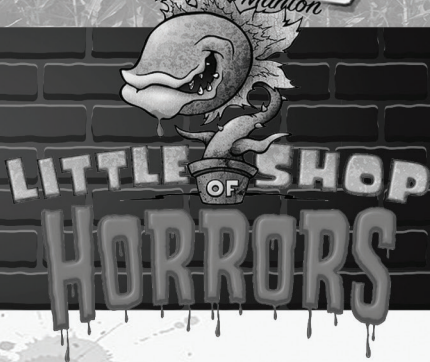
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