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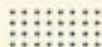
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DIRECTOR: Bruce Jacklin
MUSIC DIRECTOR: Kylie Stadler Hoam
CHOREOGRAPHY: Anthony Ingham
STAGE MANAGER: Hannah Marshall

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There's no place like home—and there's certainly no place like the stage!

Directing THE WIZARD OF OZ with this wonderful group of young actors has been a true adventure. They've brought energy, imagination, humor, and plenty of personality to every rehearsal. And yes, we even survived the flying monkeys!

These young performers have learned that theater isn't about being perfect. It's about telling a story, making bold choices, working together, having fun, and knowing what to do when something goes completely wrong—which, of course, never happens in live theater!

Along the Yellow Brick Road, they've discovered that the Scarecrow doesn't need a brain, the Tin Man already has a heart, and the Lion has more courage than he realizes. I hope they've also discovered a little of those qualities within themselves.

A special thank-you to the families, volunteers, crew, and everyone who helped bring these young performers to the stage. Your support makes experiences like this possible.

And to our audience, thank you for joining us on this journey to Oz. We hope you laugh, cheer, and maybe remember a little bit of what it feels like to dream.

So, take a deep breath, trust the work, have fun—and enjoy the journey. There's no place like home... but there's nothing quite like being on stage!

— Bruce Jacklin, Director

BRUCE JACKLIN has dedicated much of his life to theater as a director, actor, educator, mentor, and advocate for the performing arts. Over the course of his career, he has directed and acted in more than 150 productions spanning professional, collegiate, community, and educational theater. A member of SAG-AFTRA, Bruce has worked extensively in theater, film, and television. His screen work includes the independent film *Nietzsche Ate Here*, which premiered in Columbus and Washington, D.C., and was featured at the Montreal International Film Festival. Bruce was awarded Best Supporting Actor at the San Francisco Actors Film Festival for his performance in the film. His work as an actor has been recognized with awards from the Ohio Community Theatre Association (OCTA), American Association of Community Theatre (AACT), and the Columbus Theater Roundtable. Bruce has also been recognized for his commitment to arts education and community service. In 2014, he received the Red Cross Education Hero Award, honoring his dedication to students and arts education. In 2025, he was honored with the William J. Stroud Jr. Community Service Award for his continued service to the community and his dedication to the arts. Bruce currently serves as Artistic Director for MTVarts and The Alcove Dinner Theater, where he continues to direct productions, mentor performers, and create opportunities for artists and audiences to experience the transformative power of live theater.



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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

Opening.....	Ensemble
Over the Rainbow.....	Dorothy
Munchkin Sequence/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 & Ensemble

~15 MINUTE INTERMISSION ~

ACT TWO

Optimistic Voices.....	Ensemble
Merry Old Land of Oz.....	Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, Guard & Ozians
Reprise: Merry Old Land of Oz.....	Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion, Guard & Ozians
If I Were King of the Forest	Lion with Dorothy, Tinman & Scarecrow
March of the Winkies	Winkies
Jitterbug.....	Wicked Witch, Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion & Jitterbugs
Reprise: Jitterbug.....	Jitterbugs
Reprise: Winkies March.....	Winkies
Reprise: Winkies March / Reprise: Over the Rainbow.....	Dorothy, Tinman, Scarecrow, Lion & Winkies
Reprise: Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead!.....	Winkies

CAST OF CHARACTERS

AUNT EM	Braelyn Jones	
UNCLE HENRY	Cameron Powell	
DOROTHY	Allie Vance and Lanah Andrews	
TOTO	Hippopotamus McGucklinson	
HUNK/ SCARECROW	Carter Skillman and Will Pletcher	
HICKORY/ TIN MAN	Vincent Oertel	
ZEKE/ LION	Briggs Swallow and Zayden Luckmeier	
GLINDA	Reese Ferenbaugh	
MISS GULCH/ WICKED WITCH	Jules Garrett	
PROFESSOR MARVEL/ WIZARD OF OZ	Devyn Hall	
CROWS	Finn DeLoss Sophia Keener Lark Wright	MUNCHKINS/ OZIANs/ ENSEMBLE Anna Camillus Jane Camillus Mary Jo Camillus Izzy Cook Finn DeLoss Maxine DeLoss Zoanne Durbin Cashe Elliott Eden Figurski Jeremy Figurski Faye Gantt Clara Giles Jack Jenkins Cadence Jones Mollie Jurkowitz Mila Kanuckel Sophia Keener Jack Lobbell Naomi McFarlane Amari McQuigg Bentley Moore Everly Perry Andrew Petersen Cameron Powell Betsy Radcliffe Evelyn Risner Isla Robinson Avery Sears Anneliese Scott Lillian Stoler Careanna Swallow Ainsley Sweeney Lark Wright
TREES	Anna Camillus Amari McQuigg Avery Sears	
NIKKO	Ainsley Sweeney	
TOUGH GUYS	Jack Lobbell Bentley Moore Andrew Petersen	
LULLABY LEAGUE	Mary Jo Camillus Evelyn Risner Careanna Swallow	
HATCHING MUNCHKINS	Lena Giles Imogen Jacklin Tallulah Wright	
MAYOR	Zoanne Durbin	
CORONER	Cashe Elliott	
FIDDLER	Everly Perry	
BARRISTER	Betsy Radcliffe	
BRAGGART	Lillian Stoler	
EMERALD CITY GUARD	Braelyn Jones	



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Music Director.....Kylie Stadler Hoam
Choreographer.....Anthony Ingham
Assistant Choreographer.....Gabby Fuller
Producer.....Janis Stone
Production Manager.....Carla Swallow
Stage Manager.....Hannah Marshall
Assistant Stage Manager.....Chloe Skillman

Set Designer.....Bruce Jacklin
Master Carpenter.....Michael Sears
Scenic Painters.....Bruce Jacklin, Abigail
Tenney, Bella Oster, Kiarah Smith, Lanah
Andrews

Set Assistants.....Bryden Moore,
Avery Wheeler
Props.....Bruce Jacklin
Prop Assistant.....JoJo Lobdell

Costume Design.....Leah Miller,
Kristin Van Valkenburg
Costume Assistants.....Cora McMillen,
Kensley Titus

Dorothy Costume Design & Construction...
Jessica Smarrella
Seamstress.....Tish Roginski, Libby Wright,
Sadie Ryals, Emilee Fletcher, Michele
Bayko, Julie Falk

Wigs and Hair.....Ainsley Sweeney
Make Up.....Kerri Mahan,
Erin Skillman
Make Up Assistants.....Annie Stemen,
Kensley Titus, JoJo Lobdell

Sound Engineering.....Alex Thompson

Lighting Designers.....Ian Fraser Ernsberger,
Scott Swingle
Light Board Operator....Sydney Ferenbaugh
Spotlight Operators.....Molly Emig, Camden
Hatem, Julia Matkovich, Avery Wheeler

Flying Crew.....Ed Erndt, Steve
Jefferson, Matt Jenkins, Abigail Tenney,
Libby Wright

Backdrop Crew.....John Nixon
Stage Crew.....Mike Sears, Libby Wright,
Dawn Hall, Christan Sears, Stephanie Scott,
Charles Powell, Ashley Moore, Amy Stemen,
Rosie Stemen, Kue Clinedinst, JoJo Lobdell

Ticketing.....Scott Swingle and the Mount
Vernon Arts Consortium

Media Design.....Carrie Haver, Mark't
Playbill.....Megan Evans and the Mount
Vernon Arts Consortium

House Manager.....Kirstin Fuller

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Stephanie Lobdell, Caroline Pletcher

Workshop Instructors.....Laura Ackert,
Serra Barrett, Chloe Cappuccilli, Kylie Stadler
Hoam, Norita Hissong, Tony Ingham, Bruce
Jacklin, Kerri Mahan, Zachary Sherman,
Jessica Smarrella, Amy Stemen, Corey
Strinka, Jesse Ryals, Aaron Vanvalkenburg,
Hannah Marshall

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Lanah Andrews (Dorothy, Green Cast) is beyond honored to be bringing Dorothy to life, a dream role she has cherished for as long as she can remember. This is her 16th production, and she couldn't be more excited to share this story with you. Some of her favorite past roles include Karen in THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL, Anne in OUR PLACE, and Babette in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR. Lanah's love for Oz began after watching her dad portray the Tinman years ago, making the opportunity to play Dorothy especially meaningful. Lanah loves theater with a passion and is incredibly grateful for the guidance of her acting coach, Christopher Hartman, and vocal coach, Kylie Stadler-Hoam. She would like to thank her family, cast, crew, her friends Carter, Izzy, Reese, and so many others for their endless love and support. And remember... follow the yellow brick road!



Anastasia Camillus (Tree; Munchkin; Ensemble) has been performing as long as she can remember, with 10 years of experience in dance and piano. She's part of the High School's chorale and drama club, and loves to read and write (both novels and music) in her free time. This is her 4th artsIQ show, and she can't wait to share the stage with two of her seven younger siblings again. Thanks so much to her amazing vocal teacher Hannah Marshall and to her family and Molly for enthusiastically supporting her no matter what.



Jane Camillus (Munchkin; Ensemble) is a ballet dancer with the Central Ohio Youth Ballet, and she has played piano since she was 4 years old. Jane plays flute and percussion in band as well. You'll most likely find her reading, singing, or playing with her siblings and dog. This is Jane's fourth show with artsIQ, and she's excited to be performing for you with her older and younger sisters!



Mary Jo Camillus (Lullaby League; Ensemble) is so excited to be performing in her second MTVarts musical! MJ loves to sing and dance, so becoming a munchkin and part of the Lullaby League is a dream role!

MJ is 11 years old and attends Mount Vernon Middle School where she is playing violin and singing in the choir. She wants to thank her mom for helping her stay focused in taking

dance, gymnastics, cheer, and baton classes since she was 3 as well as piano lessons since she was 4 years old. Enjoy the magic of Oz!



Isabella Cook (Munchkin; Ensemble) is a freshman at MVHS. She is so excited to be sharing the stage with such a talented cast for her 11th MTVarts performance! Some of her favorite past shows include

AACSL, MATILDA JR., THE LITTLE MERMAID JR., and OUR TOWN. Outside of performing and working backstage, she runs both indoor and outdoor track, is a member of Chorale and also enjoys crafting, swimming, and spending time with friends and family. She would like to thank everyone who helped put this show together. And as always she hopes that you enjoy the show!



Finn DeLoss (Crow; Munchkin; Ensemble) is 12 years old and excited to be in her first show with MTVarts. Previously she's performed on stage in ballet and gymnastics for The Spotlight Dance Studio, as well as playing cello for the middle school orchestra. When not performing, she enjoys drawing, shopping, and relaxing with her family. Finn is hoping to get cast in more MTVarts productions to learn and make new friends!



Maxine DeLoss (Munchkin; Ensemble) is a 10-year-old artist with passions for dance, gymnastics, visual arts, and musical theater. When not performing, Maxine pursues interests in climbing, backpacking, and spirituality. She's deeply inspired by her time in nature, reading poetry, and watching live theater. This is her debut performance with MTVarts, and she's already excited to audition for future shows.



Zoanne Durbin (Mayor of Munchkinland; Ensemble) has been performing with the Danville performing arts program for 4 years. Her favorite character has been the grandma in THE ADDAMS FAMILY. This

is her first year with MTVarts and she is very excited about it!

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Cashe Elliott (Coroner; Ensemble) is excited to make his theatre debut as a Munchkin in *The WIZARD OF OZ*! When he's not performing, you can usually find him on the soccer field, cheering on his favorite

WWE Superstars, or making everyone around him laugh with his goofy sense of humor. Cashe is having an amazing time being part of the magical world of Oz and is grateful to everyone who helped make this adventure possible. He hopes you enjoy your journey on the Yellow Brick Road!



Reese Ferenbaugh (Glinda) is a senior at East Knox High School. She has been involved with MTVarts for the last nine years! In her free time she enjoys painting, hanging out with friends, cheerleading, sewing,

and anything else to show her creativity. *THE WIZARD OF OZ* is a particularly special show to her, because it was the first production she ever did with MTVarts! From Lullaby League to Glinda, she is so grateful for the opportunity to share her passion with the audience. She would like to give special thanks to her mom, who has always supported her dreams, her family, friends, and casts along the years. Reese would like to invite you to tap your heels together three times and enjoy the show!



Jeremy Figurski (Munchkin; Ensemble) is excited to be part of *THE WIZARD OF OZ*! After appearing in *The SpongeBob Musical*, he discovered a love for theatre and has been looking forward to getting back on

stage. When he's not performing, Jeremy enjoys playing baseball and golf, playing video games, and spending time with family and friends. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Eden Figurski (Munchkin; Ensemble) is excited to be back on stage in *THE WIZARD OF OZ*! She first caught the theater bug as a little girl in *CINDERELLA* with Mount Vernon High School and has since appeared in MTVarts productions of *MATILDA JR.*, *HONK! JR.*, *THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.*, *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.*, and *THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL*.

Theatre has become one of her favorite places to be, right up there with the couch and sleeping in (whenever she gets the chance). When she's not rehearsing, she enjoys playing the cello, singing, and spending time with her family

and friends. She hopes you enjoy following the yellow brick road!



Faye Gantt (Munchkin; Ensemble) is a 4th grader at East Elementary. She's thrilled to make her MTVarts debut after participating in Footlights for three summers. When not

on stage, she enjoys dancing around the house and playing piano. To her biggest supporters—her mom, dad, brothers and grandparents—she “thanks you very sweetly!”



Jules Garrett (Miss Gulch; Wicked Witch) is a 14-year-old student at Big Walnut High School and is absolutely wicked with excitement to make her MTVarts debut! She has been performing in productions

throughout the Columbus area since she was 8 years old, taking the stage in a variety of memorable roles and growing her love of singing and theatre along the way. When she's not flying across Oz, Jules enjoys hanging out with friends, belting out karaoke, and cuddling her cat, Pickles. Jules would like to thank her family and friends for always believing in her and cheering her on. As the Wicked Witch herself might say, “I’ll get you, my pretty!” ...but only after the final curtain call. Enjoy the show!



Clara Giles (Munchkin; Ensemble) This is Clara's first MTVarts production. She is a fifth grader at Wiggin Street Elementary. She likes playing volleyball, collecting Jellycats, and hanging out with her friends. She would

like to thank her parents and her sister, Lena, for being so supportive.



Lena Giles (Hatching Munchkin) This is Lena's first production with MTVarts. She likes to play soccer and also enjoys playing piano. Lena thanks her family for believing in her.



Devyn Hall (Professor Marvel; Wizard of Oz) This is Devyn's 18th show! Some of his favorite roles have been Dragon Puppeteer in *SHREK JR.*, the Elephant Bird in *SEUSSICAL JR.*, the Escapologist in *MATILDA JR.*,

King Triton in *THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.*, Mark in *LOCKDOWN*, Beast in *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST*

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JR., and PFC Loudon Downey in A FEW GOOD MEN. He is a homeschooled Junior. When he is not acting, he plays board and video games, along with baseball. He thanks his family and friends for their love and support. He would also like to thank his acting teacher and friend Christopher for everything he's done to help him improve his acting skills. He hopes you enjoy the show!



Imogen Jacklin (Hatching Munchkin) is a second grader at Wiggin Street Elementary School, and THE WIZARD OF OZ is her fourth production! She was last seen on the Memorial stage as the Pepper Shaker in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR. When she's not on stage, Imogen enjoys reading, playing piano, playing soccer, and spending time with her friends. She is very excited to be part of THE WIZARD OF OZ and hopes you enjoy the show! Just watch out for those flying monkeys!



Jack Jenkins (Munchkin; Ensemble) is a 7th grader at the middle school. He is passionate about the performing arts and loves bringing stories to life both on stage and behind the camera, where he also enjoys making his own movies. His previous roles include the part of Chauncey in NAÏVE ART (a Kenyon College short film), ensemble in THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL, and Captain Hook in THE TRUE STORY OF THE THREE LITTLE PIGS. Most recently, he performed as Dill in TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD, which was an incredible experience. He would like to thank his very talented fellow cast members and his mom and dad.



Braelyn Jones (Aunt Em; Emerald City Guard) This is Braelyn's fourth show with MTVarts. She loved being a part of LITTLE MERMAID JR., BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR., and THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL. She is a junior at Mount Vernon High School and plays the violin in the symphony orchestra. She was recently asked to play in a quartet for a wedding, and she greatly enjoyed the opportunity. Braelyn also loves hanging out with her best friend, Charlee Foley, and doing arts and crafts with him in her free time. ding, and she greatly enjoyed the opportunity. Braelyn also loves hanging out with her best friend, Charlee Foley, and doing arts and crafts with him in her free time.



Cadence Jones (Munchkin; Ensemble) This is Cadence's second show with MTVarts. Previously, she performed in THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL and helped backstage for MURDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS and LITTLE WOMEN at Mount Vernon High School. In her free time, Cadence plays viola in the Mount Vernon symphony orchestra, goes on bike rides, and teaches tricks to her dog, Pax.



Mollie Jurkowitz (Munchkin; Ensemble) is a sixth grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. This is her fourth MTVarts production - her previous roles include Downy in HONK JR., Jana in AND A CHILD SHALL LEAD, and Sherry in OUR PLACE. She takes contemporary dance and tumbling classes, plays the violin, loves playing tennis, and enjoys snow skiing with her family. Mollie is thankful for both her friends and family supporting the journey to her theatre performances. She is so happy to be a munchkin in this show and hopes you enjoy this classic!



Mila Kanuckel (Munchkin; Ensemble) Mila Kanuckel is excited to be in THE WIZARD OF OZ! Mila loves to perform. She has been dancing for as long as her family can remember. She began taking dance classes at 2 years old, and currently dances contemporary, jazz, ballet, and hip hop at The Spotlight. When she is not on stage, Mila loves playing tennis, singing along to musicals, and spending time with her family and friends.



Sophia Keener (Crow; Munchkin; Ensemble) is thrilled to return to the MTVarts stage for her second production! A high school freshman, she previously ROCKED OUT as an Electric Skate in THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL. Performing has been Sophia's passion since she was little. When she isn't on stage, she stays busy with Tavaci Performing Arts—where she has trained since age six—taking vocal lessons with Hannah Marshall, singing in her high school choir, and playing violin in the orchestra. In her free time, Sophia loves hanging out with friends, being outdoors, shopping, and playing video games. She is incredibly thankful to take the stage with such an amazing cast and crew. Sophia sends a huge shout-out to her

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family, directors, castmates, and friends for their endless support. Thanks for coming and enjoy the show!



Jack Lobdell (Tough Guy; Ensemble) After enjoying putting on a show with Footlights, Jack couldn't wait to get involved in MTVarts. THE WIZARD OF OZ is his first big show. When he's not at rehearsal, Jack loves to play sports of all kinds, build amazing Lego creations, and play with his two Boston Terriers and big sister, JoJo.



Zayden Luckmeier (Zeke; Lion, Green Cast) This is Zayden's fifth production with MTVarts and he is excited to be a part of this cast as ensemble and the lovable coward himself, the Lion! He recently performed as Mr. Krabs in THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL. He is currently an eighth grader at Fredericktown Middle School. Besides acting, Zayden enjoys reading, art, playing video games, and hanging out with his friends. He is happy to be a part of this production and wants to thank everyone involved for such a great experience! He would also like to thank his mom, dad, family, and friends for their support. He hopes you enjoy the show and thank you for supporting his passion!



Naomi McFarlane (Munchkin; Ensemble) This is Naomi's fourth production with MTVarts. She appeared in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR., THE LITTLE MERMAID JR., and HONK!

JR. as well as playing Edith in RACHEL at the King Arts Complex. Naomi plays cello in the Mount Vernon High School Orchestra, plays tennis, and is on the swim team. She is looking forward to being on stage for OZ and thanks her family and friends for their support.



Amari McQuigg (Tree; Munchkin; Ensemble) This is Amari's 7th show with artsIQ. She is glad to be a part of THE WIZARD OF OZ. Some of her favorite roles have been chorus for BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

JR., MATILDA JR., THE LITTLE MERMAID JR., PETER PAN JR., and FROZEN KIDS. Characters she has enjoyed playing include Bewick, Sardine 3, Widow Corney, Oaken, and Snoopy. She enjoys singing, dancing and reading. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Bentley Moore (Tough Guy; Ensemble) is a current 6th grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. He plays the trombone in band and loves sports. He is also a member of the Clinton Clovers 4H club. He is excited to be in his first play and looking forward to performing.



Vincent Oertel (Hickory; Tin Man) This is Vincent's fourth performance with MTVarts. When Vincent is not doing theatre, he enjoys playing basketball, going on walks, dancing, and hanging out with family. Vincent is thrilled to be playing this part and is so thankful to be working with such an amazing cast and directors. Enjoy the show!



Everly Perry (Fiddler; Ensemble) is a fifth grade student at Pleasant Street Elementary and loves singing, dancing, and performing on stage. As a lifelong fan of THE WIZARD OF OZ, being part of this production is a dream come true!



Andrew Petersen (Tough Guy; Ensemble) is excited to be in his fourth show with MTVarts, having previously been in SHREK JR., A CHRISTMAS STORY, and OUR TOWN. He also played Kris in the pantomime show FREEZIN' with JGPS Stage Club in Edinburgh, Scotland. Andrew is a sixth grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. Offstage, he enjoys reading, drawing, and playing piano. He's grateful to have the opportunity to entertain you and be a part of this great cast!



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Will Pletcher (Hunk; Scarecrow, Green Cast) is excited to be playing Scarecrow for the second weekend of WIZARD OF OZ. Will is currently a junior at Fredericktown High School. A few of his past roles include the plant Audrey II in LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS, Squidward in THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL, Cogsworth in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR., and Grimsby in LITTLE MERMAID JR. Will has recently taken to working behind the scenes in productions as sound tech, spotlight operator, and stage manager. Will would like to thank his fabulous mother and father and his beautiful puppies for their support.



Cameron Powell (Uncle Henry; Munchkin; Ensemble) is excited to be playing Uncle Henry and joining the ensemble of THE WIZARD OF OZ in his second MTVarts performance. He previously played the young prince and was part of the ensemble for BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR. While in middle school, he played Michael Darling in the school rendition of PETER PAN JR. Cameron is 15 years old and a sophomore at Mount Vernon High School who looks forward to continued involvement with MTVarts.



Betsy Radcliffe (Barrister; Munchkin; Ensemble) is a fifth grader at East Elementary who loves volleyball, reading, and being outside with her friends and family. This is her first MTVarts production. She loves the story of THE WIZARD OF OZ and her favorite character is Glinda!



Isla Robinson (Lullaby League; Ensemble) THE WIZARD OF OZ will be Isla's second show with MTVarts. She is very excited to be performing with all her friends in a show she loves. Outside of theatre, Isla loves singing, dancing, swimming, and spending time with her friends at school.



Evelyn Risner (Munchkin; Ensemble) was in BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR. This is her second MTVarts production. She enjoys writing, drawing, singing, and playing softball with her friends. She also loves taking piano lessons from her cousin. Evelyn

hopes that everyone enjoys the show!



Anneliese Scott (Ensemble) is a 16-year-old homeschooled junior. She has appeared in numerous MTVarts productions, including THE LITTLE MERMAID JR., BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR., and MATILDA JR. She is excited to share the stage again with so many talented friends.



Avery Sears (Tree; Munchkin; Ensemble) is a sophomore at MVHS and has been in 9 shows with MTVarts. She is ready for another exciting show playing many roles. Some of her favorite roles from past shows include Silly Girl (BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.), Dot (Honk! Jr.), Workhouse Ensemble (OLIVER!), Big Kid/Parent (MATILDA JR.). Avery has performed in several shows with MCT in Loudonville as well as one with Weathervane in Newark, Ohio. She also sings with the MVHS Chorale. When she is not on stage, you might find her creating a dance or handshake with friends, or reading a book with her dog Sophie! Avery would like to thank her family and friends for all of their never-ending support, laughter, and love. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Carter Skillman (Hunk; Scarecrow, Pink Cast) has had the honor of being in eight theatrical performances. Some of his favorite roles have been Eugene in GREASE, SpongeBob in THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL, Tommy in MATILDA JR., Pilot in THE LITTLE MERMAID JR., and Schwartz in A CHRISTMAS STORY. Carter would like to give a special thank you to his family for always supporting him, his sister for helping him get to where he is today, and all of his friends for always supporting him. Carter is so happy to get to spend so much time with such an amazing cast, especially getting to work



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extra closely with Vincent, Allison, and Briggs. Carter couldn't be more grateful for this amazing cast and the opportunity to play this role. Most importantly, he hopes you enjoy the show!



Lillian Stoler (Braggart; Ensemble) is in 5th grade and a student at Pleasant Street Elementary School. She lives in Mount Vernon and enjoys playing soccer, doing art, playing with friends, and singing

and dancing. This is her first performance with MTVarts, and she is excited to be a part of the show.



Briggs Swallow (Zeke; Lion, Pink Cast) This is Briggs. He is excited to be working with MTVarts again for his seventeenth show with the company. Most recently, he played the role of Stanley in OUR

PLACE, one of the two one acts directed by his sister, Hannah Marshall. He was also recently in MTVart's productions of THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL, AND A CHILD SHALL LEAD, and BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR. as well as the Knox Memorial's A CHRISTMAS CAROL. When he's not working with MTVarts, Briggs can be found on stage at either the Mount Vernon High School or at the Short North Stage in Columbus. In addition to theater, Briggs has many other hobbies such as singing, engineering, reading, writing music, and practicing all seven of his instruments for 40 hours a day. Briggs would like to thank Christopher Hartman and Mary Harris for their support and lessons, Hannah Marshall for being the coolest stage manager ever, and his fellow cast mates for making his experience fantastic. Briggs hopes that you enjoy the show, but requests that you not clap too loud for him, as he is easily frightened by loud noises.



Carenna Swallow (Lullaby League; Ensemble) is thrilled to be appearing in her fourth production with MTVarts. Previous roles include a silly and sassy townfish in THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL, a townspeople in

OLIVER! and a tadpole in HONK JR.! Carenna is 11 years old and is a sixth grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. She loves performing, dancing, doing arts and crafts, and being fancy. She thanks her parents and big brother for helping her with auditions and for supporting her theatre dreams. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

The collage features three posters. The top poster is for **GRAHAM NASH LIVE ON TOUR 2026**, showing a man singing into a microphone. The middle poster is for **Motown Christmas**, featuring the Motown All-Stars and a 65th anniversary logo. The bottom poster is for **White Christmas: The Musical**, featuring a snow globe and the text 'Featuring Irving Berlin's'.

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Ainsley Sweeney (Nikko; Munchkin; Ensemble) is in 11th grade at the KCCC in the welding and fabrication lab. She does AFJROTC and is in her 3rd year! Ainsley's first show was with Mount Vernon Players in *THE HOBBIT*. She has worked with MTVarts since third grade and has been part of shows with the Mohican Community Theater and Mount Vernon Players. Some of her favorite shows are *SHE KILLS MONSTERS* (Agnes Evan's), *GREASE* (Wig Master), *DRACULA: A COMEDY OF TERRORS* (Dracula and Wig Mistress), *MATILDA JR.* (Big Kid Ensemble), *SEUSSICAL JR.* (Thing 1), *JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT* (Ensemble and Wig Mistress), and *THE CHRISTMAS CAROL* (Pamela Crotchet) *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST* (featured ensemble and Wig Mistress) *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.* (Ensemble and Wig Mistress), and *9 TO 5* (Wig Mistress). Not only being onstage she also does lots of wig work! She hopes everyone enjoys the show! @wigsentral - Her wigstagram<3

other shows have been *Grace Farrell* (ANNIE), *Dragon* (SHREK), *Summer Hathaway* (SCHOOL OF ROCK), and *Wednesday* (ADDAMS FAMILY). Outside of theatre, she enjoys participating in track, choir, her high school theatre department, and her church's youth group. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their support, the crew for being so welcoming, and the cast for making this show so much fun. And another thanks to her Scarecrow, Tinman, and Lion for always making her laugh and smile! And as always...enjoy the show!



Lark Wright (Crow; Munchkin; Ensemble) is an eighth grader at St. Vincent de Paul School. Besides musical theatre, she loves roller coasters, spending time with friends, and hanging out with her pets. She is so

excited to be part of *THE WIZARD OF OZ* and to share this production with the community! She would like to thank the MTVarts *WIZARD OF OZ* production team for this wonderful experience, and her family for always supporting and encouraging her.



Allison Vance (Dorothy, Pink Cast) is a sophomore at Danville High School, and has been doing theatre for over eight years. She is excited to say that this is her first production with MTVarts, and she couldn't be more honored to take on a role that has always been so special to her! Some of her past roles in



Tallulah Wright (Hatching Munchkin) Tallulah "Bootsie" is a second grader at Wiggin Street Elementary. She is thrilled to make her MTVarts debut! Tallulah loves animals, creating art, and spending time outdoors with her family.

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PRODUCTION TEAM



GABBY FULLER (Assistant Choreographer) is thrilled to be part of MTVarts' production of *THE WIZARD OF OZ*! A drama major at Kenyon College, Gabby has been involved in theatre for nearly a decade, with experience in acting, directing, and technical work. She previously directed *I THINK YOU THINK I LOVE YOU* for MTVarts' Night of One Acts and has performed in *THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.*, *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*, *9 TO 5*, *GREASE*, *LOCKDOWN*, and many more. Gabby also enjoys teaching drama classes and sharing her love of theatre with younger students. She is excited to collaborate with the cast and production team to help bring the magic of Oz to life. She would like to thank her family, friends, and the production team for their continued support. Enjoy the show!



KYLIE STADLER HOAM (Music Director) is currently a local private lessons teacher for flute, voice, and piano. She is a graduate of Otterbein University, completing a degree in both Music Education and Flute Performance. Kylie has taught several classes at MTVarts and has served as the music director for the artsIQ's Footlights camp. She is also a stage performer whose favorite roles include Doralee Rhodes in *9 TO 5*, Wednesday Addams in *THE ADDAMS FAMILY*, Susan Hendrix in *WAIT UNTIL DARK*, and Jane in *THE YELLOW WALLPAPER*. In addition, she teaches private lessons for voice, flute, and piano. She would like to say a special thank you to her parents, her sister, her grandparents, and her husband, Davis, for their support in all she does.



ANTHONY INGHAM (Choreographer) began choreographing at MTVarts with *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* and has since worked on *OLIVER!*, *SISTER ACT*, *FOOTLOOSE*, *9 TO 5*, and *GREASE*, as well as choreographing the artsIQ productions, including *MATILDA JR.*, *HONK JR.*, *THE LITTLE MERMAID JR.*, *BEAUTY AND THE BEAST JR.*, *THE SPONGEBOB MUSICAL*, and now, *THE WIZARD OF OZ*. He also choreographs for Hilliard Arts Council, Northridge High School, and groups in Florida, New Jersey, and both Carolinas. Tony is the Founder, Director, and Producer of Columbus Entertainment Productions 4 Charity. Grateful to be part of the MTVarts family, Tony strives to make each show unique and loves challenging both adult and junior casts—who consistently exceed expectations. To the cast, crew, and production

team—break a leg!



HANNAH MARSHALL (Stage Manager) is thrilled to be joining MTVarts' production of *THE WIZARD OF OZ*! While she loves being onstage and directing, Hannah is excited to experience this beloved story from behind the scenes and work alongside the talented cast and crew. A native of Massachusetts, Hannah studied musical theatre at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy (AMDA) in New York City. Her recent MTVarts credits include Sandy Dumbrowski in *GREASE*, Jean Louise in *TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD*, and directing the 2026 Night of One-Acts. Hannah currently serves as the Education Director and artist-in-residence at MTVarts and is grateful to be part of the Mount Vernon arts community. She would like to thank everyone for supporting this production and live theatre. Enjoy the show!



LEAH MILLER (Costumer) has been with MTVarts since the beginning and has volunteered as production manager, actor, director and costumer. She loves costuming and loves seeing her daughter Lanah and all her friends create and perform. She is the Director of Human Resources at Kenyon College and loves reading, drinking wine with her husband, and hanging with her Frenchie bulldog, Peter Venkman.



MICHAEL SEARS (Master Carpenter) After his daughter Avery (one of the trees and ensemble members) was in her first artsIQ production with MTVarts, Mike and his wife Christian began helping behind the scenes. Local community theater has turned into something that they can all enjoy together.



CHLOE SKILLMAN (Assistant Stage Manager) is very excited to be back working with the MTVarts artsIQ kids! Some of her favorite shows she has had the pleasure of working on are *THE LION KING JR.* (Nala), *THE SOUND OF MUSIC* (assistant stage manager), *WELCOME HOME* (stage manager), *WALLY'S CAFE* (stage manager), *SHREK JR.* (assistant stage manager), and *A CHRISTMAS CAROL* (stage manager). Chloe is very proud of her little brother Carter, who is playing the pink cast Scarecrow!

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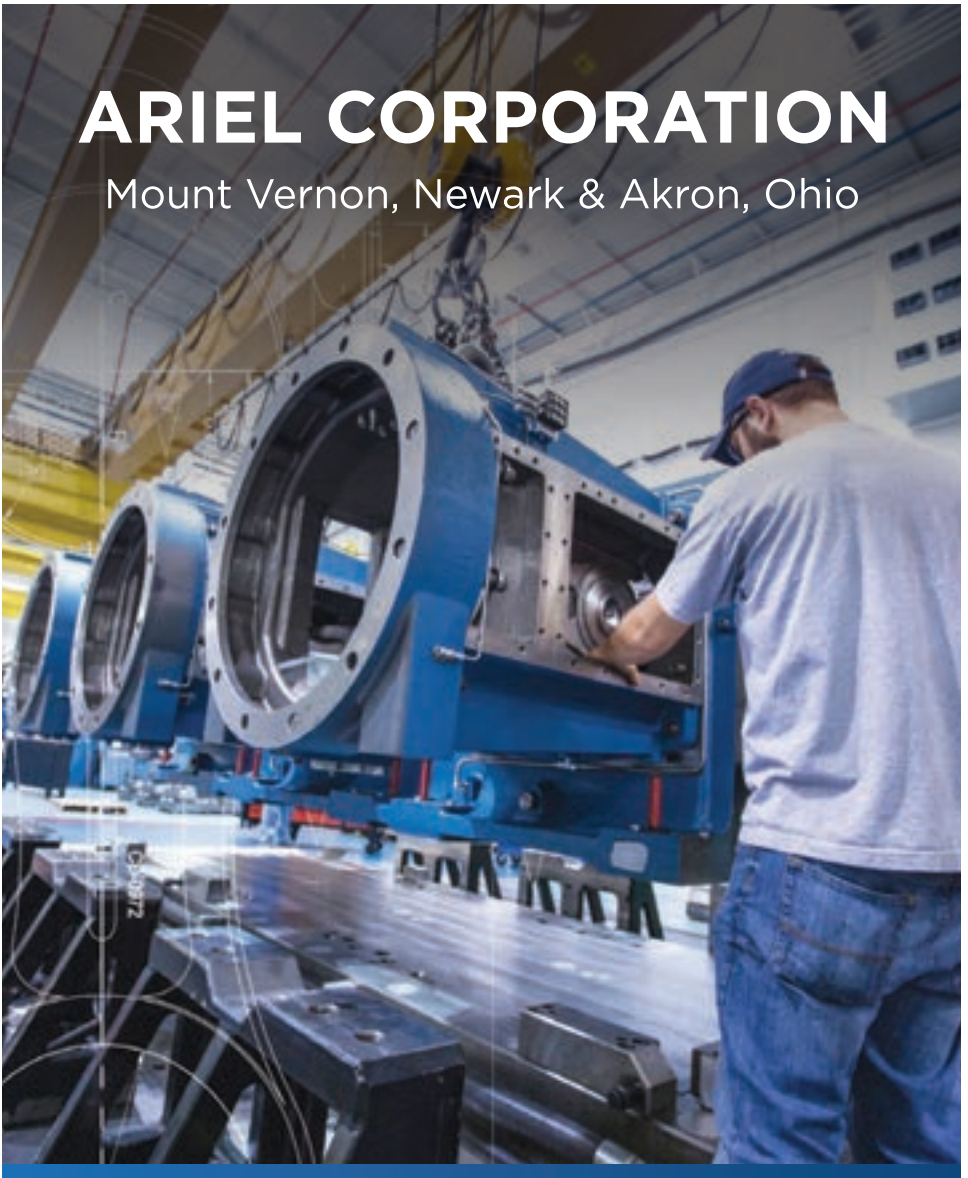
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