

**T-Time Productions Presents**

*The Wizard of*

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Independence High School

November 12th-15th, 2009

“As we let our own light shine, we unconsciously  
give other people permission to do the same”

-Marianne Williamson.

# Synopsis of Scenes

## Act I

Scene 1: The Kansas Prairie

Opening – Orchestra with Girls Chorus

Scene 2: The Rainbow

“Over The Rainbow” - Dorothy

Scene 3: Kansas

Scene 4: Gypsy Caravan

Scene 5: The Twister

Scene 6: Munchkinland

Munchkinland (Incidental) – Orchestra with Girls Chorus

Munchkinland Musical Sequence – Glinda, Dorothy & Munchkins

Scene 7: The Wicked Witch

“Yellow Brick Road” – Munchkins

Scene 8: Scarecrow - The Corn Field

“If I Only Had A Brain” – Scarecrow, Dorothy & Crows

Scene 9: Crows in Cornfield

“We’re Off To See The Wizard” – Dorothy & Scarecrow

Scene 10: Tinman – With Apple Trees In Front Of His Cottage

“If I Only Had A Heart” – Tinman, Dorothy & Trees

Scene 11: Want To Play Ball?

“We’re Off To See The Wizard” – Dorothy, Tinman & Scarecrow

Scene 12: The Lion – Wild Forest

“Lions, Tigers and Bears” – Dorothy, Tinman & Scarecrow

“If I Only Had The Nerve” – Lion with Dorothy, Scarecrow & Tinman

“We’re off to See The Wizard” (Quartet) – Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin-

man & Lion

Scene 13: Poppies

Poppies – Chorus (Poppies, Glinda, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman & Lion)

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## Intermission

### Act II

Scene 1: Outside Gates of the Emerald City

Entre' Acte (Part Two) – Girls Chorus

Scene 2: The Town Square, Emerald City

“Merry Old Land Of Oz” – Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Emerald City Guard and Ozians

Reprise: Merry Old Land of Oz – Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion, Guard & Ozians

“King Of The Forest” – Lion with Dorothy, Scarecrow & Tinman

Scene 3: The Wizard’s Chamber

Scene 4: The Gates of the Emerald City

Scene 5: The Witch’s Castle

March of the Winkies – Winkies

Scene 6: The Haunted Forest

“Jitterbug” – Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion & Bugs

Reprise: Jitterbug - Ensemble

Scene 7: Flying Monkeys

Scene 8: The Witch’s Castle

Scene 9: Main Gate of the Witch’s Castle

Reprise: Winkies March – Winkies

Scene 10: The Witch’s Chamber (The Rescue)

Winkies March with Friends & Reprise: Rainbow – Winkies, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion & Dorothy

Reprise: Ding Dong! The Witch Is Dead – Winkies

Scene 11: Wizard’s Chamber

Scene 12: Balloon

Scene 13: Farewell to Oz

Scene 14: The Kansas Prairie

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This is my first experience choreographing for a high school musical and I have to say it has been one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences in my life! The students have been an absolute joy to work with and I've enjoyed getting to know them and watching them bloom into the incredibly talented performers that they are. From the first day of "Jitterbug" rehearsals and teaching Cody to tap dance in 15 minutes to the fully fleshed-out land of Oz and the giggling munchkins, this has been an experience I will never forget. Thank you to Miss T for your encouragement and for being such a great collaborator. Thank you to Kerey for all your help and especially in Munchkinland! Thank you to Taylor for being my DJ at rehearsals and to Ashley for helping me take all those notes. And lastly, thank you to the students for working so hard and not complaining even if I made you do something 20 times! You guys have done great and by doing so, you make me look great. So thank you, thank you, thank you!

Lindsey Kirkendall-Choreographer



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How does one express in a "short blurb" the gamut of thoughts and emotions that are mine because of IHS theatre? My heart and mind are filled with six years of fond memories, precious friendships, and fabulous music.

Like the five seasons before it, this one started with a script, a score, and ideas. Placed in the hands of one gifted Ms. T and these very talented students, our version of The Wizard of Oz has come to life.

It has been my privilege to work with this unstoppable cast and crew. They have shown remarkable enthusiasm, flexibility and determination no matter what the task. To our seasoned Senior cast members, I say thank you for your leadership, friendship, and inspiration. I will miss you.

To the students making their debut, because of your talent, enthusiasm, and commitment, I look forward to the journey down the yellow brick road to the future of IHS theatre.

Patricia Wakefield-Vocal Director

# Notes from the Staff

One fateful day over the summer, I was handed a list of show ideas. The top one was just four simple words that, when put together, have shaped our cinematic history. The Wizard. Of. Oz. It was a classic I loved as a child and continue to cherish as an adult. But, to direct something like this? The one with songs we find ourselves humming in the rarest of moments, (you may even be doing so as you read this). The one that has left us with images of ruby slippers, the skyline of Emerald City and the yellow brick road we have followed time and time again. The treasured tale of a girl, her friends, some witches and a wizard that we can't ever forget. How does one replicate such a masterpiece?

Easy. Take the same kids who handed you the list. Grab about 6 dozen more with a few talented leaders and a plethora of support and encouragement. After all of the blood, sweat, tears, and exhaustion ... ladies and gentlemen, we have ourselves a show.

From auditions to the dress rehearsals, this process has been one of a kind. I can easily say that I have had the opportunity to work with one Ozsome cast and crew who has made this show even more so unforgettable. With 80 students, over 70 costume changes, 400 bobbi pins, quick and detailed set changes, endless bottles of water and the flu or strep every now and then, I may not have been able to pick anything crazier for my first production here, but I truly can't imagine anything better than this.

I have such excitement for this theatre program and am grateful everyday for getting to take on such a position. Our seniors have immeasurable talents and leadership capabilities that I know will be passed on to those that follow them with the many talents of their own. And I hope that none of them, and none of you, ever lose sight of the wonderful things you do have – hopefully you don't need a journey as wild as this to remind you of all that surrounds you. But, if you do, join us on our trip down the yellow brick road. And simply enjoy – and sing along if you'd like ...

To those students who gave me that list with those four fateful words, thank you.

Rebecca J Tertzakian - Director

It has been my pleasure to be a part of the 1<sup>st</sup> T-Time production show at Independence. It is truly amazing to work with these students. It seems that their talent has no boundary as they continually produce high quality work at every request. While working with this group has been amazing, it has been a true honor to see each and every cast and crew member grow creatively and more importantly as individuals.

Justin Alexander-Creative Consultant

I am excited to be part of the Magic of T-Time's inaugural production, "The Wizard of OZ". The talented students of Independence prove themselves again with their professional work ethic and presentation. From the cast to the crew the students have created an exceptionally exciting program for your enjoyment. Please take in all the sites and sounds of the wonder of Oz that has captured generations. It has been an honor to work on this presentation.

Congratulations to all involved and enjoy the show!

Chris Cooper-Orchestra Director



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## Kendall Reasons

You have always been our Munchkin!  
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- Mom and Dad

We love you and we're proud of  
you!

- Mom, Dad & Drake

Good luck, Sissy! See, we  
were right - you ARE a  
munchkin!!!

- Billy, Sarah and Will

## Allie Laughary

You're my shining  
star!  
-Great Grandma

Have fun! We are very  
proud of you! Break a leg!  
-Mom, Dad, & Sammie

You are our talented  
family star!

-Nana & Popop

## Chelsea LeRoy

To the fairest witch of them all, You amaze us  
with your talent and we know you will do your  
best. We love you! Break a Broomstick!

-Mom and JuJu

## Katelyn Johns

To the most beautiful, singing tree that we know! Sing your heart out and let your  
light shine! We love you! Love,

-Mom, Dad, Ben, Jordan, Chloe, and Cade

Best of luck to Ms T, Taylor, Rachel, Wyatt  
and the rest of the amazing cast and crew.  
Thanks for bringing the "theater" back into  
my life. Break both legs!

Brian "Brandon" Williams

powering your dreams<sup>SM</sup>





Ashley VanMatre (Munchkin/Ozian) is a freshman and is so excited to be a part of this amazing musical. She is lucky enough to have such a great cast, crew, and director. She would like to thank her family for all of their love and support, and to Alyssa and Laura for the laughs!



Carissa Vaughn (Ensemble) is very excited to be a part of "The Wizard of Oz" and would like to thank her friends and family for their support.



Bethany Wellhousen (Munchkin/Ozian/Poppy/Female Chorus), is a junior and is thrilled to be a part of "The Wizard of Oz". This is her second play, first one being "Broadway Lullaby", where she worked behind the scenes. She is excited now to be on the stage.



Katie Ziegler (Munchkin/Ozian) has a passion for theatre that first started when she auditioned for "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" at the Spring Hill Arts Center (SHAC), when she was eleven. After that, she was hooked. She is always involved in one production or another. In fact, right now she is also participating in a Christmas show at The Maury County Arts Guild (MCAG). Those theatres (SHAC and MCAG) are the two major places she works with. To pursue her musical career, she has been under vocal instruction from Diana Ra since 2005. She hopes to one day be on Broadway.

### Deanna Cunningham

You're a star in our eyes! We love you!  
-Grandma & Grandpa Barclay

### Lindsey Blum

Have a blast doing WOZ! Remember that we love you and have always known you should be on stage. You have always been our "Drama Queen" and we wish you nothing but the best!  
-Love Mom, Dad, Katelyn and Grandad

### Shea DeLeon

Can't wait to see the show!  
POM

Do your best Shea-Bear  
-Kelsey Layton

Rock it Shea!  
-Mallory Holliday

Very excited to see the play!  
- Heather

Go sissy Shea! Go!  
-Samuel Layton  
Shea O'Bay on stage and shining!  
Dad

Break a leg! Can't wait to see the Munchkin dance. I love you.  
xoxo Mom

### Kendall Carrasco

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! Go Munchkins!!!  
-Love Mom and Dad

# Cast List

Dorothy Gale: Rachel Melius  
Hunk/Scarecrow: Collin Brown  
Hickory/Tin Man: Cody Muller  
Zeke/Cowardly Lion: JC Nix

Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz: Taylor Sokoll  
Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch of the West: Chelsea LeRoy  
Glinda, the Good Witch of the North: Anna Roebuck  
Uncle Henry: Jordan Twaddle  
Aunt Em: Lindsey Blum  
Emerald City Guard: Jon Castro  
Winkie General: Wyatt Fetner  
Nikko, Commander of the Flying Monkeys: Lexi Toft

Understudies:  
Rachel Maupin – Dorothy  
Jason Thompson – Tin Man

Munchkins  
Mayor: Austin Sullivan  
Coroner – Jason Thompson  
City Fathers – Kendall Carrasco, Christian Culbertson, Cameron Lucente

Lollipop Guild: Jon Castro, Wyatt Fetner, Jordan Twaddle

Lullaby League: Allie Laughary, Laura Pettit, Alayna Shook

Teachers: Alyssa Kamel, Deanna Cunningham

Braggart – Audra Mathis

Allison Smith is very excited to be a munchkin and ozian her freshman year in the wonderful “Wizard of Oz”. She has done many performances before such as School House Rock, Annie, and Sarah Crew in the Little Princess. Allison loves acting and hopes to make it big one day. She loves singing and dancing. Allison thanks her friends and family for all the support through



Taylor Sokoll (Student Director/ Professor Marvel/ Wizard of Oz) is a senior who is very excited to be a part of “The Wizard of Oz”. Since his freshman year, Taylor has had a substantial role in the theatre department here at IHS and is currently serving as Co-President of the drama club. You may have currently seen him in his most recent role as “Eddie” in the Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 or “Mr. DePinna” in You Can’t Take it With You. While he loves being on stage, Taylor’s heart lies with directing and he is hoping to attend college in Chicago or New York to study directing. Taylor would like to send out a huge thank you to Ms. T, not only for being an amazing director, but for putting up with him through this whole process. He hopes you enjoy the show and thinks that you



Jason Thompson (Munchkin Coroner/Winkie/understudy) is a freshman who feels he is very happy to be able to be a part of The Wizard of Oz. He would like to thank his friends and family for pushing him to do his best in whatever he wants to do and for being supportive of his choices.



Alexandra (Lexi) Toft (Nikko, Commander of the Flying Monkeys) is a junior. While a seasoned forensics participant, Lexi’s role in The Wizard of Oz is her theatrical debut. Lexi is very excited to be a part of this production and deeply appreciates being given this opportunity. She would like to send love to her family and friends who always supported her inner monkey and gave her her wings.



Jordan Twaddle (Uncle Henry/Lollipop Guild/Winkie), senior, is excited to return to the Independence stage for his last high school musical experience. Previously on the high school stage he has performed in the chorus in The Sound of Music, as Helsa in Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, and Professor Bhaer in Little Women. His other credits include Dormouse in Alice in Wonderland and Baby John in West Side Story at Pull Tight Theatre. It’s sad to think these past couple of years have gone by so fast, but he wishes to thank all of those who have had an impact on his high school theatre career. His future plans are still unsettled but he knows he still wants to work with theatre. He would like to say thanks for being a part of this production, and enjoy the show.





J.C. Nix (Zeke/the Cowardly Lion), is back for his last musical appearance on the IHS stage. He has recently been seen as Mr. Lawrence in “Little Women” and Kurt Von Trapp in “The Sound of Music”. He has been an active member of the International Thespian Society and is currently serving as the 2009-2010 Treasurer. He hopes to continue his love for acting and singing in college, and would like to thank his family, and friends for their love and support. He would also like to thank Ms. T for allowing him to be a part of this wonderful cast. So sit back and relax as you take a trip over the rainbow.



Laura Pettit (Munchkin/Ozian/Lullaby League) is so excited about traveling to the Land of Oz. She has performed in several other musicals, one of which was “The Sound of Music”, where she played Gretel when she was six. She also played a nun in middle school. She would like to thank her family for all their love and support and for chauffeuring her to all the practices.



Kendall Reasons (Munchkin Barrister/Ozian) is a freshman and is thrilled to have a role in her first IHS theatre production. She has been acting and singing in both children’s and adult church musicals since she was four years old. She was also active in the Heritage Middle School theatre program, with roles in The Toys are Alive, Peter Pan, and Hollywood Hillbillies. Kendall also played the part of Beilke in the Spring Hill Arts Center production of Fiddler on the Roof.



Anna Roebuck (Glinda, the Good Witch of the North) is a senior at IHS and is so excited to be a part of “The Wizard of Oz”. Last year, Anna appeared as Amy March in “Little Women” the musical, her first mainstage production ever. Anna has always loved performing and has performed in various showcases such as Independence Idol, Miss Liberty, and other various choral concerts at IHS and elsewhere. Anna feels extremely blessed to be a part of such a fun show under the direction of Ms. T, and alongside an incredibly talented cast. She is also especially excited for her princess dress, and other obnoxious sparkly accessories! She is extremely grateful for the friends she has made in the process, and wants to thank everyone who has come to support her and hopes they enjoy the show!



Alayna Shook (Munchkin/Lullaby League/Ozian), sophomore, is thrilled to be a part of “The Wizard of Oz”. She would like to send a special thanks to her wonderful mom and dad, and her sister Andrea. She would also like to thank her best friends for all of their encouragement.

### Fiddler – Katie Ziegler

Mo Kirkpatrick, Alli Smith, Hayley Johnson, Molly Moore, Sarah Kim, Bethany Wellhousen, Shea DeLeon, Honor Leahy, Saman-tha Cantrell, Kirsten Carter, Marissa Genovese, Ashley VanMatre, Carissa Vaughn, Lindsey Blum, Chelsea Belmont, Mariah Driver

### Ozians

Mo Kirkpatrick, Alayna Shook, Laura Petit, Alyssa Kamel, Alli Smith, Deanna Cunningham, Hayley Johnson, Molly Moore, Katie Ziegler, Sarah Kim, Bethany Wellhausen, Audra Mathis, Shea DeLeon, Honor Leahy, Kendall Reasons, Christian Culbertson, Cameron Lucente, Kendall Carasco, Samantha Cantrell, Kirsten Carter, Marissa Genovese, Ashley VanMatre, Carissa Vaughn

### Winkies/Male Chorus

Jason Thompson, Austin Sullivan, Jordan Twaddle, Wyatt Fetner

### Monkeys

Rachel Gregg, Hayley Harvey

### Female Chorus/Poppies

Chelsea Belmont, Rachel Maupin, Katelyn Johns, Allie Laughary, Kerey Morris, Colleen Morris, Mariah Driver, Allie Huber, Katie Hill, Carissa Vaughn, Shea DeLeon, Bethany Wellhousen

### Jitterbugs

Chelsea Belmont, Rachel Maupin, Katelyn Johns, Allie Laughary, Kerey Morris, Colleen Morris, Mariah Driver, Allie Huber, Katie Hill, Lindsey Blum

### Trees

Rachel Maupin, Katelyn Johns, Allie Huber

### Crows

Kerey Morris, Colleen Morris, Katie Hill

# WIZARD OF OZ CREW

PAY SOME ATTENTION TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS BEHIND THE CURTAIN

Student Director: Taylor Sokoll

Stage Manager: Jamie Feliu

Assistant Stage Manager: Ashely Lance

Costume Mistress: Chloe Howcroft

Makeup Manager: Sarah Kim

Costume and Make-up Assistants  
Morgan Oliver, Caity Bosarge, Heather Dudley, Anika Terbruggen,  
Spencer Besaw, Katie Hill, Olivia Brown

Student Choreographer: Kerey Morris

Prop Manager: Sara Smith

Prop Crew:  
Cameron Luna and Abbye Wilkerson

House Manager: Kemi Kakoti

House Crew  
Kelli Spears, Jasmine Greer, Megan Brown

Light Design: Gavin Blackhurst



Rachel Melius (Dorothy) is a senior this year. She is absolutely thrilled for her final musical performance here at IHS. Some of her previous roles include Liesi (The Sounds of Music), Meg March (Little Women), and most recently Maria in Pull Tight Theatre's production of West Side Story. Rachel would like to thank everyone who was involved in this production and is still amazed by the company she is surrounded by. A show is truly a success when everyone works together as one and believes in each other enough to stand hand in hand as the curtain comes down. In this, Rachel couldn't be any prouder of Independence's past four years of successful shows. She feels honored to have played a part. Rachel would like to dedicate this performance to her beautiful little sister Isabella who is an inspiration to munchkins everywhere!



Molly Moore (Munchkin/Ozian) new from Ames, Iowa, loves being a part of Munchkinland in "The Wizard of Oz". She was in the "Sound of Music" at her old school and loved participating in that musical. She is graduating this year and attending college in the fall.



Colleen Morris (poppy, crow, jitterbug, female chorus) is excited to appear in her 1st show on the IHS stage. Colleen is a prime member of the top choir here at IHS and is also an active member of Color Guard and Marching Band. She has always loved theater and is proud to finally be a participant. She thanks you all for support and



Kerey Morris (student choreographer/female chorus/ jitterbug/ poppy/crow) is thrilled to be back on the IPAC stage for her senior year. As sophomore she made an appearance in Independence's production of The Sound of Music, as Louisa von Trapp. Thanks to God and my family, for their support. Good luck everybody!



Cody Muller (Hickory/Tinman), senior, is off to see the Wizard and is extremely excited to do so. You may have seen him previously as John Brooke in Little Women or Friedrich in "The Sound of Music" both here on the Independence stage. He was also a part of "Godspell" at the Maury County Arts Guild where he sang "We Beseech Thee". As a senior, Cody would like to thank Ms. T for giving him the biggest role of his high school career. In a few months he will be auditioning to be a music major in college and asks if you would please, wish him luck. He hopes your experience tonight is truly magical, and that when you leave here you will truly know how to follow the Yellow Brick Road.



Honor Leahy (Munchkin/Ozian) is thrilled to be a part of “The Wizard of Oz”. Being a freshman, this is her first production at Independence High School, but she is looking forward to being in many more. She would like to thank the cast and the crew for the amazing job that they have done.



Chelsea LeRoy (Wicked Witch of the West), senior, is wickedly excited to have the privilege of bringing The Wicked Witch alive for Independence’s performance of “The Wizard of Oz”. She couldn’t have asked for a better senior year role than this! Her latest performance was as Nikki in the “Musical Comedy Murders of 1940” at IHS. She would like to thank her beautiful, wonderful mother, Ms. T, her family and friends for sharing in her enthusiasm. She thanks you and loves you all!



Cameron Lucente (Munchkin/Ozian/ City Father) is a newcomer to the stage and looking forward to more. He would like to thank his 5th grade teacher, Mr. Bell, for instilling Cameron in the need to sing. He would also like to thank his friends and family for pushing him to chase his dreams.



Audra Mathis (Braggart/ Ozian) is in love with “The Wizard of Oz” show. Just this year, she has found a brand new love for the theatre. She says having a new director is very exciting! She would like to send a shout out to Rachel Melius for being an inspiration to take lessons.



Rachel Maupin (female chorus, jitterbug, tree #1, poppy, Dorothy understudy) is making her debut on the IHS for her sophomore year. She is so excited to be a part of the Wizard of Oz. Thanks to my awesome family and friends for being supportive of everything. Most of all, thanks to God for never letting me give up. She is really looking forward to being a part of future productions in the IPAC. Also... Shout out to Lindsey for being my inspiration!

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Backstage Crew

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Set Design and Construction: Wyatt Fetner

Set – building, painting, designing

Bea Carbone, Myranda Spaulding, Jillian King, Colleen Casey, Dylan Fick, Kendall Carter

Special FX: James Rolando

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## Haley Johnson

Have a really great show and remember: you will always be our little "munchkin"! We love you.  
-Mom, Dad, and Hannah Grace

Haley Johnson (Munchkin/Ozian) is excited to be a part of the Independence Fall Musical production of The Wizard of Oz. She is currently a senior, and is in her fourth year of theatre arts at Independence. She has also participated in the 2008 one act festival as the Cheshire cat in Alice in Wonderland. This will be her first main stage production. She is looking forward to performing with this amazing cast and crew.



## Rachel Maupin

I wanted to let you know that I am very proud of you. Keep following your dreams, even those that are "over the rainbow."  
- Your dearest Father

Do a great job. Good luck!  
You're sister, Melissa

To our dearest granddaughter, we are very proud of you on your endeavor to have a part on the play, "The Wizard of Oz." Congratulations!  
- Angelito & Elvira Neluna

I am so proud of you!  
Congrats on your part and I know you will do GREAT! Just wanted to wish you GOOD LUCK from Texas! Love you,  
Valnessa

Congratulations on your part. I know you will do great. I am so proud of you.  
Love you, Aunt Toni

Just wanted to wish you the best in your performances. I am very proud of you!  
-Love your most awesome mother

Do it good and do it perfect.  
You're the best sister!  
-E.J.

3AL!!!  
-Theo Tyrrell

Just wanted to let you know Texas is behind you. We are very proud of you and your accomplishments.  
- Uncle Roger

Wishing you good luck in the play. Your voice is so beautiful and you deserve the best!  
-Grandma & Grandpa

Alyssa Kamel (Munchkin Teacher/Ozian), sophomore, is so glad to be in The Wizard of Oz this year. It is a pleasure for her to work with such an amazing cast and crew, and of course Ms. T! She would also like to thank everyone who came including her family and friends!



Sarah Kim (Munchkin/Ozian) is a senior and is so ecstatic to be a part of The Wizard of Oz. Being a munchkin is PERFECT for Sarah for she is not...very...tall. Gravity loves her and as a result it was fate that she would be a munchkin. She would like to thank her parents, Ms. T, and all of her friends (a.k.a. fans) for coming to watch the fabulous show.



Maureen "Mo" Kirkpatrick (Munchkin/Ozian), 9th grade, is thrilled to be a part of The Wizard of Oz. Music and theatre have always been a major part of her life and have become more so since coming back after a week-long NYC Broadway workshop, Destination Broadway, with Michael Rafter and other Broadway artists this summer. Mo would like to thank her very supportive family and friends, Ms. Annette for her wonderful vocal direction, and the lovely Ms. T for casting her in the musical. Mo says, "Without you all, I wouldn't be in this musical."



Allie Laughary (Female Chorus/Munchkin/Poppy), sophomore, is excited to be a part of the WOZ cast. She moved from Winchester, VA where she started in musical theatre at Shenandoah University as Will Roger's daughter and a munchkin in the production of WOZ. She was an orphan in "Annie" and Peter in "Peter Pan" during elementary school. Most recently, she performed as an extra in the Hannah Montana movie and as Bridget in "Campaign Capers" and "Tiger Lily" in the 8th grade Heritage Middle School production of Peter Pan. She would like to give her love to her wonderful family and amazing friends who support her.





Rachel Gregg (Flying Monkey) is a senior and is thrilled to be a part of The Wizard of Oz. She has enjoyed the experience of portraying this character. She would like to thank her mom for always being there for her.



Hayley Harvey (Flying Monkey) is very excited to be traveling to Oz once again in her senior year at Independence. She would like to thank her family and close friends for all their love and support of her theatre passion, through the years.



Katie Hill (Crow/Female Chorus/Jitterbug/Poppy) is a senior here at IHS and this is her 2nd production. She was in Little Women last year and is very excited to be a part of The Wizard of Oz. She is also an active member of NTHS, HOSA, and Habitat for Humanity. She wants to thank everyone for coming to see this production, because without the support, she wouldn't be here.



Allison Huber (Apple Tree/Jitterbug/Female Chorus) is a sophomore and is so excited to be joining such a wonderful cast for The Wizard of Oz. She had previously been studying at the Salt Lake School for the Performing Arts. Some of her past performances include Apennine in Les Misérables, Baloo in The Jungle Book, the cat in Honk Jr., Veruca Salt in Willy Wonka, and part of the chorus in Hello Dolly. Allison would like to thank her mom and dad and siblings for believing and standing by her. She would also like to thank all of the seniors for helping her.



Katelyn Johns (Female Chorus, 3rd Tree, Poppy, Jitterbug), a senior at IHS, has been a lead role and played 2 minor parts in SHAC's Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol as well as participated in several of her church youth group's cultural and drama performances. She has been in the high school's concert, symphonic and wind ensemble bands for three years. Katelyn has also studied piano performance for 11 years and loves writing her own music. Katelyn enjoys being with her friends and family and she'd like to thank all those who came out to support her very much. She has had an amazing time being part of this production, and has loved making new friends.

## Ashley VanMatre

You are going to do a great job as our favorite Munchkin! We love you!

-Mom, Dad, Lexi, Shana, Chase, Janet & Anna

## Wyatt Fetner

Good luck General!  
-The Toft Family

Go Bro!  
-Ty

Do it big, like you would in Texas! Uncle Jon, Aunt Keli, Karis and Kyle

Way to take command, General, of Winkies, of sets, of life! We love and are proud of you!  
-M&D

Costumes sure look great!!  
Have fun!  
Granni and Raypa

## Mo Kirkpatrick

Break a leg Mo! We are so proud of you and wish we could see you perform. We know you will make the very best Munchkin and a wonderful Ozian! We love you!

-Memaw and Papa  
Bewley/Grammie and Papa  
Kirk

We always knew you would be on stage. "Wizard of Oz" first, then "Wicked"! Follow the yellow brick road. All your dreams will come true! We love you!  
- Aunt Julie and Aunt Ann

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Deanna Cunningham (Munchkin Teacher/Ozian), sophomore, is enjoying her first high school theatre production following roles in Honk, Charlotte's Web, The Wiz and others. She has also participated in numerous film and television productions, which are her passion.



Shea DeLeon (Ensemble) is a senior at IHS and is extremely thankful to be a part of The Wizard of Oz. She most recently performed in Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940s last year as a junior. She thanks her close friends and family for supporting her for everything she has accomplished.



Mariah Driver (Jitterbug/Female Chorus/Munchkin) has been a part of the theatre department for about a year and has experienced so much within that time. From working backstage in Musical Comedy Murders of 1940 to playing Sally Harper in Little Women, she is very excited for this production and her multiple dance numbers. She would like to thank her mother, God, and all of her Jitterbugs. Mariah would like to dedicate the show to M.J, R.I.P.



Wyatt Fetner (Lollipop Guild/Winkie) is a senior who is thrilled and at the same time saddened as this is his final musical appearance at Independence. He has been seen as Col. March in Little Women, Rerun in You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown, Patrick O'Reilly in Musical Comedy Murders of 1940, and countless other ones. In his imaginary free time, Wyatt is a senior rep for the International Thespian Society, JROTC Battalion Executive officer, and NHS member. Wyatt plans to attend Texas A&M University next fall. He hopes you all enjoy the show. It will be OZ-some.



Marissa Genovese (Munchkin/Ozian), sophomore, is very excited to be in The Wizard of Oz. This is her first time being in a musical and she has enjoyed it very much. She would like to thank everyone for supporting her through this. She loves you all!





Sam Cantrell is a freshman at IHS playing a munchkin and an Ozian she is super excited for the Wizard of Oz. After performing in several plays in Middle School she is ready to take on whatever Kansas throws at her.



Kendall Carrasco (City Father/Ozian), sophomore, this is Kendall's first production and he is so excited, "like you don't even know." Kendall has grown up with the movie, so when he heard the school was putting the show on, he signed up that minute. He hopes you enjoy the show.



Kirsten Carter (Ozian/Munchkin) is a freshman this year. She is a crazy 14 year old girl. She likes to act and dance and draw and take pictures and write. Let's just say she is a cornucopia of talents. She loves to just hang out and talk on the phone. Recently she has been seen in The Best Christmas Pageant Ever and A Christmas Carol. This is her first musical and she loves being a munchkin. She will be giving out free autographs after the show.



Jon Castro (Emerald City Guard), senior, is thrilled to be a part of The Wizard of Oz cast. He was last seen on the IHS stage as Ken de la Maize in The Musical Comedy Murders of 1940. He is also a captain of the forensics team here at IHS. He is an active participant in community theatre, and was last seen as China in West Side Story at Pull-Tight theatre in Franklin. He hopes you enjoy this marvelous performance of "The Wizard of Oz", and he dedicates his performance to God and his family and friends for their love and support.



Christian Culbertson (Ensemble) is happy to be a part of The Wizard of Oz production and would like to thank his friends and family for supporting him.

### Chelsea Belmont

To Chelsea Belmont: We love you Mama Bass! Try not to forget about your home skizzles in the line. KI! KI!!! Manfrica for life.

-The IHS Drum Line

### Cody Muller

We are so proud of you Cody. Good luck on this play and many more. Love you!

-Mom and Dad

### Laura Pettit

To our little "Munchkin". We are so proud of you! Keep up the great work and remember you can achieve whatever you want to!

Love,  
Mom and Dad.

Good luck, buddy! We love you!

-Your Brothers

### Cameron Lucente

To Cameron Lucente: Who knew that jazz hands at Disney World would lead to this? We are very proud of you and love you so much!

- Mom, Dad, Emma, & Hayley

To Cameron Lucente: I know you will shine like the star you are!

-Joyce Moody

### Rachel Gregg

Break a leg- you little monkey!  
-Uncle Terry

Swing for the fence!  
-Jimmy

The Flying Monkeys Playing their favorite game: Unstuff the Scarecrow! Congratulations Rachel!

-Aurora & John - Las Vegas

I hope all of your dreams really do come true! Good luck and have fun!

-Love Mom.

Rachel Gregg is a rising star! We could tell when she was growing up she'd really go far as a flying monkey! Hey, hey, she's a monkee! Best of luck Rachel! Break a leg!

-Kathy and Mo in Tucson

Hey Rachel, my niece with a heart, courage, and a brain, you go show Dorothy and Toto monkeys really can fly. Fly right over the rainbow...and beyond.

Love,

Aunt Paula - Phoenix, AZ. Good Witch, Western Style.

# Meet Your Cast

Bethany Wellhousen

We are so proud of you! Blessings on your play at school!  
Can't wait to watch the performance! We love you!  
-Mom and Dad

Christian Culbertson

"Never give up on your dreams."  
Always proud of you!  
-Mom, Dad, Christal & Courtney

Rachel Melius

Rachel, I can't believe after all our many play dates that we've finally come to our Senior year of high school. Congratulations on Dorothy! You are extremely talented and I know you'll be amazing in all that you do. Best wishes and break a leg!

Love, Katie de la Torre

WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU! WE  
LOVE YOU HONEY!  
-GRANDMA AND GRANDPA

We're off to see  
Rachel! Have a  
good play!  
-Love, Isabella

Dorothy, don't ever trust  
talking trees.  
Love, Mommy

Follow the yellow brick road  
to your dreams

Love, Uncle Paul, Aunt  
Lisa, and Aline

When you get to the fork  
in the road, just take it!  
Love, Uncle Paul

Rachel! The hills are alive!  
-Love, Dredah and Keori

Just give the shoes back!  
Love, Makai, Elia, Sevan, and  
Kates



Chelsea Belmont (Munchkin/Poppy/Female Chorus/Jitterbug) is a junior this year who is utterly thrilled to be a part of The Wizard of Oz. Coming from watching the movie monotonously as a young girl and performing a shortened version in eighth grade to singing and dancing as a munchkin and chorus member on stage has been an exhilarating experience. She would like to thank her family and fellow drumline members for their astounding support and much needed jokes.



Lindsey Blum (Auntie Em/ Munchkin/ Jitterbug) is so excited to be a part of the Wizard of Oz as a senior. She couldn't think of a better show for her last musical production at IHS. Last year, she appeared in Little Women as Aunt March and has done backstage work for Sound of Music, Musical Comedy Murders of the 1940's, and the musical You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown. She would like to wish all her fellow cast and crew friends the best of luck and she hopes you enjoy the show. Also, she loves her sophomores Rachel and Allison!



Collin Brown (Scarecrow) is a junior at IHS. He is excited to perform as the Scarecrow in the Independence High School production of The Wizard of Oz. Last year, Collin made his first appearance as Laurie in Little Women. Though still somewhat new to acting, Collin is no stranger to singing and performing in front of crowds. Collin often sings and plays guitar in downtown Franklin with friends and sings or plays an instrument whenever he can. Though Collin aspires to be a musician, his real passion is in God. Collin would like to thank his parents and friends. Collin and the rest of the cast and crew hope that you enjoy The Wizard of Oz.

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The Orchestra

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To the parents ... the best group of parents I have known – for the meals, snacks, making costumes, building sets, being patient, checking in, bringing in coffee, offering and listening to ideas, loaning and donating props, making trips to Dickson, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, offering words of encouragement ... the list goes on and on. Grateful doesn't begin cover it.



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We are so proud of you! You have come such a long way from Mr. Downtown to now The Wizard!!! We love watching you on stage and watching your role unfold!! Remember to always dream big! We love you, Todd and Mom

*We are so proud of our brother, The Wizard!  
We love you, Noah and Kayla*

### Alex Hack

*Alex,  
Have fun and make memories! We love you so much!  
-Dad, Mom, Kayla, Honey*

### Kerey and Colleen Morris

*Yes! We think YOU can dance! Good luck!  
-M*

### Austin Sullivan

*Congratulations, Austin! We are so proud of you!!  
Love,  
Mom and Dad*