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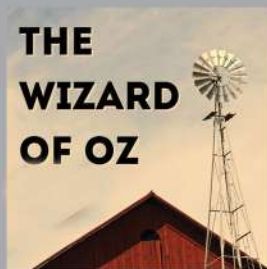
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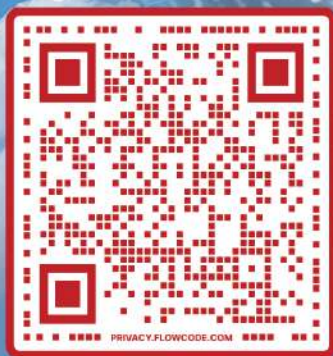
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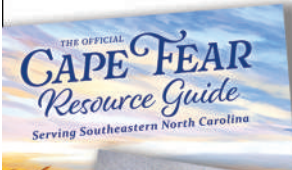
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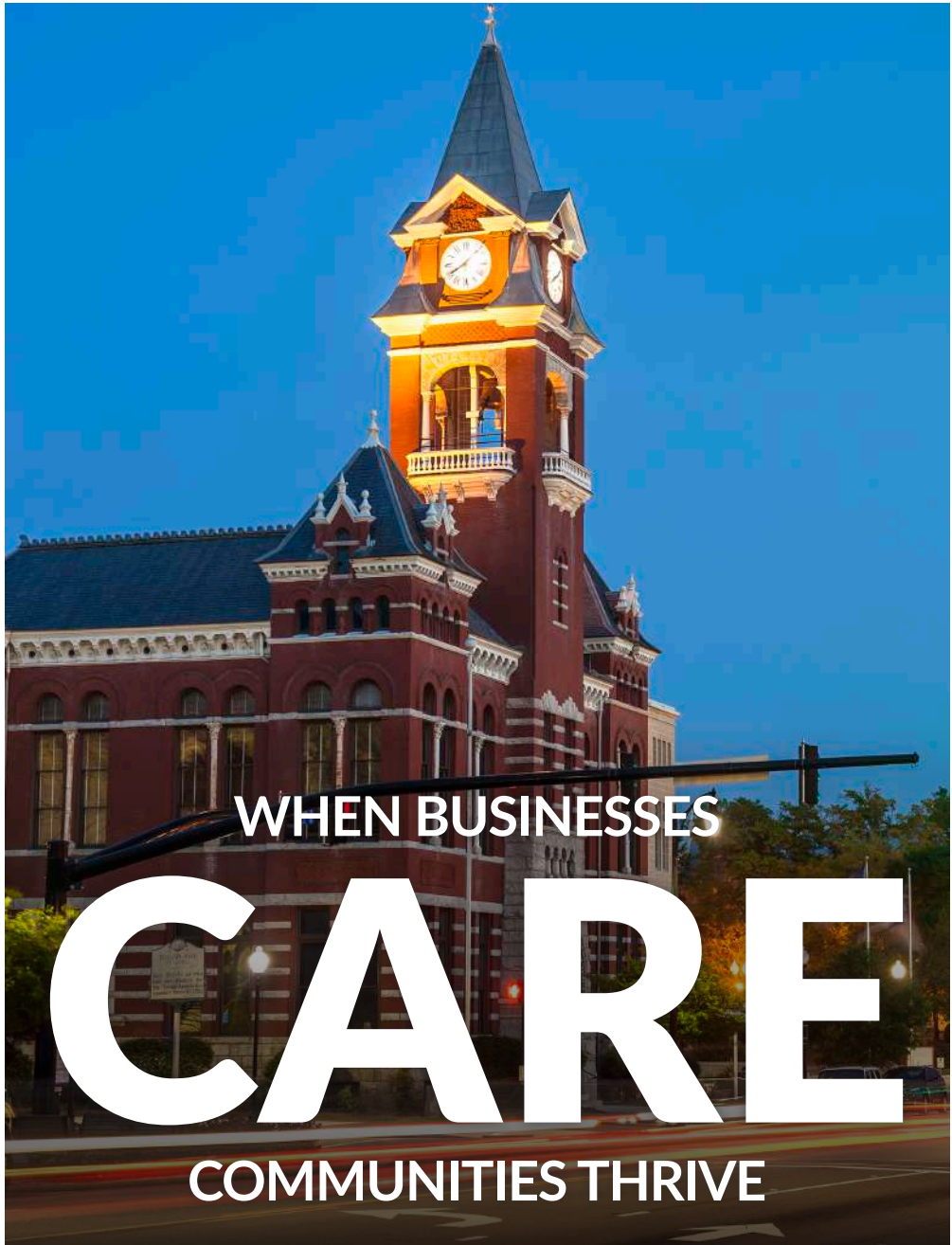
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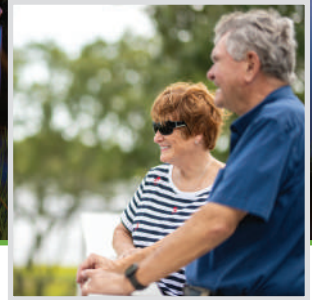
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CAST

Dorothy Gale	Joelle Buck
Hunk/Scarecrow	Phillip Bernier
Zeke/Cowardly Lion	Georgie Davis
Hickory/Tinman	Jack Larrabee
Glinda	Noelle Smith
Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch	Lizz Matthews
Prof. Marvel/Wizard of Oz	Lilly Goddard
Aunt Em	Mary Jo Pembrook
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Charlotte Bentley, Maple Bentley, Bryce Brown, Hazel Fink Avery Galligan
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Max Styons, Anna Williams, Daniel Bernier, Kaia Hodge, Katie Call, Gracyn Hall
Camille Hamilton, Eliza Rose Haugland, Chantal Paquette, Lisa Perry, Ethan Warren

WHO'S WHO

LIVIA CIARLO (Tree/Ensemble) is so excited to be a part of her second show with Thalian Association! She is currently a senior at UNC-Wilmington, and has most recently been seen having the time of her life in Thalian Association's production of the "Rocky Horror Show". Being her mom's favorite movie, this story has always felt like home, so she is very grateful for the chance to be a part of it now. She would like to thank her favorite crew, Ethan, for being her other piece in these puzzles for the last 4 years, and her family for always reminding her that there's really no place like home!

JOHN ALAN AUBIN is so excited for his main stage debut in The Wizard of Oz! He has had so much fun in previous roles, especially "Skipper" in Madagascar Jr (TACT), "Fregley" in Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PCTC), "Max" in The Grinch (PCTC), and "Miss Hannigan" in Miscast Cabaret (PTPT). John appreciates all of the love and support that he has received from his family, friends, castmates, and the many wonderful instructors and directors that have encouraged him along the way. Special thanks to his sister, Addison, his best friend, Finn, and his vocal coach, Amanda Clawges. His advice to other kids pursuing theater is to project, and be "big" with your facial expressions. Lastly, John would like to share from one of his favorite musicals, Kinky Boots, "...the Price and Simon secret to success- One, pursue the truth. Two, learn something new. Three, accept yourself and you'll accept others too! Four, let love shine. Five, let pride be your guide. Six, you change the world when you change your mind! Just be."

PHILLIP CLYDE BERNIER (Scarecrow) is honored to take the stage as the Scarecrow in Thalian Association Community Theatre's production of *The Wizard of Oz*. He previously appeared at Thalian as Bert in *Mary Poppins*, earning a nomination for the Wilmington Theater Award for Best Actor in a Musical. Phillip is a musician, performer, and educator who has spent much of his life in the arts. A graduate of James Madison University with a degree in Music, he has toured internationally both as a solo recording artist and as a professional drummer, and was formerly signed to Hollywood Records. He is also the winner of ABC's *Dance War: Bruno vs. Carrie Ann*. In Wilmington, Phillip owns and operates Wilmington Hip Hop Dance and enjoys sharing his love of performance with the community. When he's not on stage or in the studio writing and recording music, he treasures time with his wife—whom he first met in the third grade—and their seven wonderful children, many of whom he loves performing alongside. Phillip is deeply grateful for the opportunity to bring this iconic role to life and is thrilled to share the stage with such a talented cast and creative team.

DANIEL BERNIER (Ensemble) has been immersed in performing since his first role at age 12 as "Slightly Soiled" in *Peter Pan*. After studying Theatre and Dance at James Madison University and taking a 20-year break to focus on his roles as a husband to his wife, Kristine, and father of four, Daniel is delighted to return to the stage with Thalian Association. He is proud to set this example for his children and hopes his friends and family have a wonderful time at the show.

Twelve-year-old MAX STYONS loves being on stage and sharing his enthusiasm for music and theatre. His love of performing began in elementary school when he appeared in his first school musical, and since then, he has embraced every opportunity to sing, act, and entertain. Over the past three years, Max played Marty the Zebra in *Madagascar*, Jacey Squires in *The Music Man*, Cousin It in *The Addams Family Jr.*, himself in *Hometown Holiday 2024*, Papa Shrek and Pig #3 in *Shrek the Musical Jr.*, Teen Angel in *Grease*, and, most recently, Yukon Cornelius in *Rudolph*. In addition to theatre, Max was a youth host for the NC STEM Explorers television show, filmed at the University of North Carolina Wilmington and broadcast on networks across the state. When he's not performing, Max enjoys playing percussion in his school band and competing in flag football, soccer, and tennis.

JOELLE BUCK (Dorothy) is thrilled to be stepping into the ruby slippers for this year's Azalea Festival Main Stage production of *The Wizard of Oz*. Joelle discovered her love for theatre at a young age after watching musicals with her parents and siblings. Her recent credits include Kathy Snow Productions' *Shrek the Musical* (Fiona), *The Lion King* (Rafiki), *The Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy), *Peter Pan* (Wendy), *The Little Mermaid* (Ariel), *Beauty and the Beast* (Babette), *Mulan* (Mulan), and *Willy Wonka* (Veruca Salt). Joelle is a 2024 Summa Cum Laude graduate of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, where she earned a degree and currently works in the Clinical Research field. She is beyond excited for this opportunity to be back on stage performing. First and foremost, she thanks God, as well as her parents, family, and friends, for their constant love and support. She would also like to thank Thalian Association Community Theatre for all their hard work bringing this magical show to life. She hopes you enjoy this journey down the Yellow Brick Road! @Joelle.buck

GRACYN HALL (ensemble) is excited to be part of her 2nd Thalian production! She is a senior at UNCW studying Theatre performance with a minor in Musical Theatre. She has appeared in plays/musicals such as *Riot Girls*, *Romeo and Juliet* (Juliet), *A Murder of Crows* (Susannah), *Beauty and the Beast* (Ensemble), *Head Over Heels* (U/S Philoclea/Go-Get), and *Legally Blonde* (Elle Woods). She has also previously worked as a performer for Walt Disney World and is planning to go back this June! She is so thankful for this talented Wilmington community!

CAMILLE HAMILTON is so excited to be part of such a classic show. Camille's first ever show was *The Wizard of Oz*, when she played a munchkin. She is so grateful for such a wonderful opportunity to be in this show again. She thanks the creative team and cast, and most importantly, her family and friends for always supporting her. Enjoy the show!

LISA PERRY (Ensemble) is thrilled to be in one of her favorite singing Christmas shows, and under the direction of Kendra for a second time. Encouraged by her son Connor to join the theater and supported by her amazing husband, this will be Lisa's fourth production with Thalian Association.

Her debut was with Thalian Association in *The Wedding Singer*, with additional performances in *A Chorus Line* as a pit singer, *The Producers*, and *Annie* with OHTC, *Rocky Horror Picture Show*, and her most favorite, playing Mrs. Puff in Nickelodeon's *SpongeBob*, where her son was the lead. She is grateful to the many who have encouraged and shared their skills, including Center Stage Studios and Erin Sullivan, Logan, Sydney, Denise, and Chandler. And most thanks and love to her nieces and nephews, offspring Connor, and her favorite and best husband, Richard.

PENELOPE MUHLSTEIN is a 10-year-old Wilmington native and has performed with The Dance Cooperative, Opera Wilmington, *Turning the Wheel*, Thalian Association Community Theater, and in several independent short films. She would like to thank her parents and grandparents for their support and can't wait to be in her first Thalian Mainstage show.

KAIA HODGE is so excited to be performing on Thalian Mainstage again in *The Wizard of Oz!* She is a sophomore at Wilmington Early College High School and did her first musical when she was 5 years old, which was actually also *Wizard of Oz!* Some of her recent roles include Belinda Cratchit/ensemble in *Ebenezer!* (Thalian), Tim/ensemble in *Spamalot Jr.* (TACT), and Maxine Dean/ensemble in *Beetlejuice Jr.* (TACT). She would like to thank the creative team and all her friends and family for their support! Enjoy the show!

ELIZA ROSE HAUGLAND is a sophomore at Hoggard HS and is an avid participant in the performing arts. She enjoys singing, dancing on the Hoggard dance team, and musical theater. Some of her favorite roles include Matilda in *Matilda the Musical*, Junie B. in *Junie B. Jones the Musical*, Patrice in *13 the Musical*, Gertrude in *Seussical the Musical*, and Sad Girl in *Bye Bye Birdie*. Eliza Rose is absolutely delighted to return to the Thalian Hall stage with this exceptional cast and creative team!

GRETA KATE HAUGLAND is an 11-year-old performer with a deep love for musical theater and the performing arts. Her favorite stage credits include Molly in *Annie*, Randy in *A Christmas Story*, Young Fiona in *Shrek the Musical*, Nemo in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, and the Sour Kangaroo in *Seussical the Musical*. In addition to her stage work, Greta Kate is a voice actor for several Pinkfong characters, including Baby Shark. She has also appeared in a variety of commercials and film projects. Greta Kate is incredibly grateful to be back at Thalian Hall performing one of her favorite shows.

GEORGIE DAVIS (*Zeke/Cowardly Lion*) is thrilled to be back onstage with Thalian Association. TA credits include *Legally Blonde* (Paulette), *Godspell* (Judas), *Rodger and Hammerstein's Cinderella* (Cinderella), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Narrator), *Company* (Amy), and *Elf* (Deb). She won a Wilmington Theatre Award for Best Actress in a Musical for Panache Theatrical Productions' *Lizzie* in 2020. Georgie is a pediatric nurse at NHNHRMC Betty Cameron Women's & Children's Hospital. Thanks to Sam, Logan, Katie, Denise, Susie, and the whole Thalian team! She dedicates this production to all the amazing babies, kids, teens, and families she takes care of at the hospital who inspire her every day. Love you, Mrs. Davis!

LILLY GODDARD (Professor Marvel/Wizard) has grown up with a passion for all aspects of theatre. Lilly has contributed to a plethora of productions both on stage and off. Her most recent credits include: TA *Legally Blonde* (Pilar), TA *Newsies Jr.* (Director), OHTC *Heathers* (Heather Duke), TA *The Spongebob Musical* (Pearl Krabs), TA *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Director), OHTC *Spring Awakening* (Martha), and TA *Dogfight* (Ruth Two Bears). Lilly is ecstatic to have the chance to be onstage again this spring! She is forever grateful to Thalian Association Community Theatre and the incredible Creative Team for having her on board. A special shoutout to her amazing family who are with her through everything, her friends for the constant love and support, and Kaylyn, her rock, partner-in-crime, and for absolutely killing it on other creative teams this year. Enjoy this gorgeous and fun show! @lilly.goddardd

REAGAN BLACKBURN (*First Tree/Ensemble*) is over the moon to be playing one of the most iconic parts of all theatrical (and cinematic) history – *First Tree*. She is an honors graduate of East Carolina University with degrees in Theatre Arts and Public Relations. You may have recently seen her as *The Ghost of Christmas Future* in “*Ebenezer*,” Magenta in “*The Rocky Horror Show*,” and Enid Hoopes

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in “Legally Blonde.” However, she equally loves directing, stage managing, and writing her own works. She couldn’t do what she does without the support of her loved ones, so thank you to them always. As always, please be sure to watch out for any apples!

BRYCE BROWN is excited to join the merry Munchkins of the Wizard of Oz! Bryce has appeared in several local productions including The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Finding Nemo Jr., White Christmas, Willy Wonka Jr., Shrek Jr., Elf Jr., Ebenezer, and his all time favorite Mary Poppins. Bryce loves being part of the theatre community and the creativity, teamwork, and friendships that come with every production. The Lollipop Guild proudly welcomes you to Munchkin Land!

JACK LARRABEE (Tin Man) is excited to be joining the amazing cast of The Wizard of Oz, although he is a little rusty. He has appeared in several productions such as Urinetown and Little Shop of Horrors, playing characters like Perch Perkins in The SpongeBob Musical, Karl the Giant in Big Fish, and Dr. Frederick Frankenstein in Young Frankenstein. Jack has lived in Wilmington for nearly 10 years, working in film, studying art at UNCW, and making videos for his YouTube channel, Signature Sauce. He wants to thank his parents and family for their support and for always being his biggest fans.

VICTORIA JACKSON is a Wilmington native and proud graduate of UNC- Chapel Hill. Following her training at CLI Conservatory, directed by Teddy Forance, she worked with Disney Cruise Line as a dancer. Victoria is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to share the stage with her talented peers and thankful for everyone who has supported her artistic journey thus far, most importantly, her family!

STEPHEN TERRY (Ozian Guard) is glad you’re here. He assumes you’re a braver person than he is; If [he] Only had the Nerve, he’d Follow the Yellow Brick Road to a place Over the Rainbow, but it turns out there are Lions, Tigers and Bears along the way. He tried taking that up with the King of the Forest, but that’s where The Jitterbug is. You don’t need to worry about any of that, though; You’re Off to See the Wizard!

FINLEY GALLIGAN is a big fan of the Wizard of Oz and so excited to be playing a munchkin! A 3rd grader at Holly Tree Elementary, she began her theater journey last year as a sassy sunflower in Alice in Wonderland Jr. (TACT), and was also a Who in the Grinch Christmas Spectacular (PCK) this past December. Finley loves gymnastics and playing outside with her friends.

AVERY GALLIGAN is so happy to be part of the Thalian Association Community Theater family, most recently she played Tiny Tim in TACT’s production of Ebenezer! A Musical. She loves art, chorus, and ELA. Wicked, Wizard of Oz, and Hamilton are a few of her favorite shows

KATIE CALL is so excited to be returning to the stage with Thalian Association Community Theatre. She was born and raised in Wilmington and grew up dancing competitively with Evolution Dance Complex. She is a recent graduate of NC State University and hopes to attend law school. She wants to thank her mom for always pushing her to pursue the things that make her the happiest and her friends who consistently show up for her no matter the occasion.

MASON LITCHFIELD (Nikko) is pumped to be back on the main stage at Thalian! You might’ve recently seen him as the turkey boy in Ebenezer, or in TACT youth productions such as Spamalot and Beetlejuice. When he’s not rehearsing, you’ll find him with his headphones in listening to rap, walking his dog Pumpkin, asking for more snacks, or dropping some stats about the Charlotte Hornets. He is grateful for all of the unique theatre opportunities in Wilmington and for all of the wonderful humans who believe in creating a better world through the arts!

KATHY ENLOW (Tree/Ensemble) is thrilled to be back on stage again and delighted to be working with such amazing humans. Favorite roles include Mrs. Brill (Mary Poppins), Stepmother (Cinderella), Helen (Fun Home) and Sarah (Company). A big thanks to Samantha, Chandler, Logan, Denise, Melanie, and Susie for being amazing! A huge Squidge and Love to Randall for being her biggest supporter and partner in crime through this adventure called life!!

LIZZ MATHEWS (Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch) started her acting career at age 6 as the skunk in "Snow White" and hasn't left the stage since. She found her passion for improv comedy in early adulthood and has since traveled the country performing, coaching, and teaching in improv comedy clubs and theaters wherever she goes. She relocated to Wilmington in 2022 and rediscovered her love of scripted theater. This is Lizz's third show with TACT and she is beyond grateful to perform this iconic role alongside an amazing cast and crew. Thanks to Sam for her brilliant directing skills, and a special thanks to Jake, Norma, and Maggie for all their support.

OWEN is thrilled to have been cast as a munchkin in this production of Wizard of Oz. This is his 10th show and his 2nd main stage Thalian role. When he isn't acting, Owen is completely obsessed with basketball. Owen wishes to thank the Hampstead carpool moms - they know who they are!

HAZEL FINK (munchkin) is excited to perform in her first Thalian main stage production. Her past performances include Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Jr. (Clarice); Spamalot Young @ Part (Laker Girl), and several others. When she's not on stage, 9-year-old Hazel enjoys singing, playing piano, dancing, golfing with her dad, hanging out with her mom, and calling and texting her older brother. Hazel is thankful for all her family and friends who have supported her throughout her musical theatre journey.

GEORGIA LOPATKA is a 6th grader at Cape Fear Academy. She enjoys tennis, traveling, her dogs, and of course... all things theater! She is thrilled to be participating in her first Thalian Association Show.

CHANTAL PAQUETTE is thrilled to make her debut with Thalian Association in The Wizard of Oz. This marks her first production in sixteen years, and she is grateful to return to the stage. She is also a volunteer with Thalian Hall and the Wilson Center. Outside of the theater, Chantal is currently taking online classes to become a medical coder, and expects to graduate in December. She would like to thank the cast and crew for a welcoming experience.

ETHAN WARREN (Ensemble) is so grateful to be doing his fourth show with Thalian Association! Ethan is a junior vocal performance major at UNCW and recently he has been apart of TACTS 1776, Ebenezer! and The Rocky Horror Show. He has also been apart of OHTC's production of Oklahoma! And UNCW's production of Head Over Heels. Ethan is very excited to be apart of this production and would like to thank everyone in the cast and crew for making this such a special experience!

GEDDINGS TABOR is a fourth grader at New Horizon Elementary School. She began theater one year ago and Wizard of Oz is her 5th show. Geddings loves to sing, go to concerts, all things Disney World, creative art projects and being with her friends and family.

MARY JO PEMBROOK (Auntie Em) is excited to make her debut on the Thalian stage in The Wizard of Oz. She is very appreciative of Sam and Chandler who made her feel right at home at auditions. Also, thanks to all in this wonderful cast for making a newcomer feel so welcome.

LILIANA BORGES (Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of this amazing Main Stage Thalian production! A tenth-grade student at John T Hoggard high school. Liliana dreams of pursuing a career in theater. She has had the pleasure of performing in several productions, including 'FAME' (Mable - TACT), 'ELF Jr' (Jovie - TACT), 'Six' (Ensemble - TACT), 'The Best Christmas Pageant Ever' (Mother - TACT), 'A Chorus Line' (Cut Dancer/Stand In - Thalian), 'Descendants' (Fairy Godmother - TACT), 'Newsies Jr' (Katherine Plummer - Cape Fear Academy), 'Beauty and the Beast Jr' (Mrs. Potts - Cape Fear Academy), 'Rocky Horror Picture Show' (Magenta - Long Lake, NY), and 'Chicago' (Velma - Long Lake, NY). The past few years performing on stage have been a source of great joy for her, and she is truly thankful for the talented, kind, and supportive individuals she has had the pleasure of meeting in Wilmington's vibrant theater community.

SAMANTHA CHAPPELL (Director) - Sam is honored to have been given the opportunity to direct the classic tale of Wizard of Oz. Previous directing credits include Cinderella at Thalian Hall in April

2023 as well as TACT Youth Shows Willy Wonka Jr, Charlotte's Web, Dear Edwina Jr, and Junie B Jones Jr. She would like to thank the hard work of this amazing cast, the non-stop dedication of the staff crew and creative team, her stage manager and lifelong friend Susie Q, and of course to Susan and Chandler. She would like to give a special shout out to her wife Leah and their two munchkins for all their love and support.

SUSIE LUKENS (stage manager) is grateful to be a part of this amazing production with this brilliant creative team and cast! It is a joy to come to the Main Stage as stage manager for her lifelong friend and creative partner Sam! S2 forever! Susie has performed with Thalian Association in 1776, Godspell, Young Frankenstein (Dracula), The Wedding Singer (Julia), and Company (April), as well as teaching and stage managing with TACT Youth programs and CAC summer camp.

MELANIE HODGE (Costume Designer) is an award-winning designer whose work spans film, television, and theater. She is honored to be part of this wonderful production and to work alongside such an incredible cast and creative team. Melanie is deeply grateful to her family for their constant support in her mission to bring joy and inspiration through costume design. She hopes your journey to OZ is a magical one!

JONATHAN GRAVES, Sound Designer It has been over 18 years since Jonathan last had the opportunity to design sound for The Wizard of Oz. At that time, it was his seventh production working with Thalian Association. Jonathan is thrilled to return for another adventure down the Yellow Brick Road and to once again encounter the lions, and tigers, and bears... oh my! Jonathan would like to extend a special thanks to the talented cast and dedicated crew for making this such a fun and rewarding production to be a part of.

GINA GRAVES is the Assistant Sound Designer for The Wizard of Oz. She is grateful to work with such a talented cast and creative team and has enjoyed helping bring the soundscape of Oz to life. Gina loves watching a show grow from words on a page into a live performance and seeing audiences enjoy it each night. Just remember—if you hear a mysterious sound in Oz, it might be magic... or it might be Gina.

HUNTER WYATT (Set Designer) Hunter made her stage debut at 5 years old as the Mayor of Munchkin City, and couldn't be happier to return to the Land of Oz in a new and exciting way. She is currently completing her Interior Design degree at CFCC, and recently made her Set Design debut with 1776. Big thanks to Chandler for this opportunity to go over the rainbow!

LOGAN HAYES (Co-Choreographer) is ecstatic to be working on this magical show! This is his 4th season as Thalian Association's Production Manager, and he loves serving the arts community. You may have seen his choreography on stage in previous shows, such as Frank Trimble's Ebenezer, Legally Blonde, Mel Brooks' Young Frankenstein, and Nickelodeon's The SpongeBob Musical. He would like to thank his family and best friends for their constant love and support. Please vote. @theloganhayes

PAUL ERTZBERGER (Asst. Director) is thrilled to be making his assistant directing debut with TACT! Paul is a homeschooled high school Junior, and when he is not on stage, he loves writing, reading, memorizing the Bible, and ballroom dancing. He recently directed Into The Woods Jr., (PCTC) and Music Directed Winnie The Pooh Kids (Acting Up). You might also have seen him as Buddy (Elf Jr., TACT Youth), Prince Eric (Little Mermaid Jr., ActingUp), or John Brooke (Little Women, TACT Youth). Paul would like to thank the entire Thalian staff for this opportunity, his parents, grandparents, and brothers for putting up with his rambling about the show and always getting him to practice, and finally, his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for giving him purpose and making him who he is! Enjoy the show

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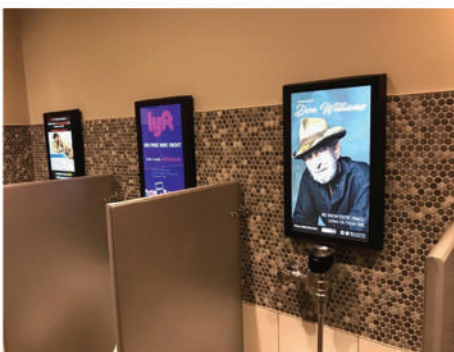
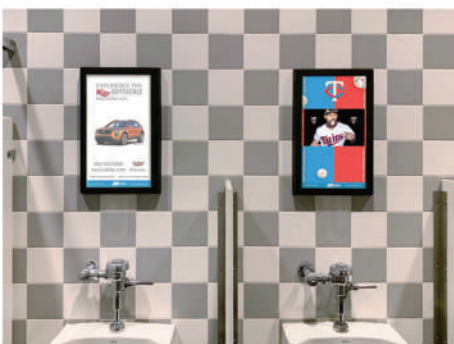
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