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Orchestrations by Larry Wilcox

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SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

Scene 1: Kansas 1931 Outside the Gale Farm

“Over the Rainbow” Dorothy

Scene 2: Roadside Encampment of Professor Marvel

Scene 3: Outside the Farm/Cyclone

Scene 4: Munchkin Land

“Munchkinland Musical Sequence (Part 1)” Glinda, Dorothy, Toto, Munchkins

“Munchkinland Musical Sequence (Part 2)” Munchkins

“Yellow Brick Road” Munchkins

Scene 5: Fork in the Road/Cornfield

“If I Only Had a Brain” Scarecrow, Dorothy

“We’re Off to See the Wizard Duet” Dorothy, Scarecrow, Crows

Scene 6: Apple Orchard

“If I Only Had a Heart” Tin Man, Dorothy

“We’re Off to See the Wizard Trio” Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man

Scene 7: Dark and Creepy Forest

“If I Only Had the Nerve” Lion, Tin Man, Scarecrow, Dorothy

“Jitterbug” Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Toto, Jitterbugs

“Optimistic Voices” Girls Chorus

Scene 8: Emerald City

“The Merry Old Land of Oz” Chorus, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion, Toto

“If I Were King of the Forest” Lion, Dorothy, Tin Man, Scarecrow

Scene 9: Wizard’s Chamber

Scene 10: Haunted Forest

Scene 11: Witch’s Castle

Scene 12: Haunted Forest

“Winkies March” Winkie Guards

Scene 13: Witch’s Castle

“Over the Rainbow (Reprise)” Dorothy, Aunt Em

“Winkies Marsh (Reprise)” Winkie Guards

“Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead” Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, Lion,

Toto, Winkie Guards, Monkeys

Scene 14: Wizard’s Chamber/ Oz

Scene 15: Dorothy’s Bedroom

CAST

Dorothy Ana Bennett
 Toto Olivia Raber
 Aunt Em Lauren Young
 Uncle Henry Elijah Conger
 Hunk Alex Marshall
 Hickory Nathan Thornton
 Zeke Zander Parks
 Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch Willow Peyton
 Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz Mollie Smith
 Glinda Libby Swaney

Mayor Andrew Hanna
 Coroner McKenna Broce
 Barrister Easley Adams-Morrison
 Munchkin Tots Addy Bumgarner, Elaina Koskey, Natalie Salizzoni
 Tough Munchkins Cole Caltrider, Declan Raber, Broc Willis
 Munchkin Ensemble Adalyn Eichmiller, Cate Evans, Zackary Lantz,
 Karsyn Marshall, Zander Parks, Andrew Salizzoni
 Scarecrow Brittany Ward
 Crows Carolyn Jasmine Oak, Lauren Parsons, Lauren Young
 Trees Erin Carmicle, Ali Evans, Cate Evans
 Tin Man Zoe Koskey
 Lion Jack Peyton
 Jitterbugs McKenzie Barnett, Josiah Clark, Adalyn Eichmiller,
 Kiara Groves, Zackary Lantz, Keaton Lowther, Carolyn Jasmine Oak,
 Lauren Parsons, Kaelynn Seebaugh, Libby Swaney, Zane Van Fossen
 Doorman Elijah Conger
 Chorus Easley Adams-Morrison, Braden Barnett, McKenna Broce,
 Erin Carmicle, Josiah Clark, Elijah Conger, Ali Evans, Keaton Lowther,
 Christian Marshall, Lauren Parsons, Kaelynn Seebaugh, Nathan Thornton
 Oz Woman Kaelynn Seebaugh
 Guard Christian Marshall
 Nikko Zach Gaston
 Monkeys Kiara Groves, Andrew Hanna, Alex Marshall,
 Karsyn Marshall, Caleb McClung, Declan Raber, Broc Willis
 Winkie Leader Josiah Clark
 Winkie Guards Braden Barnett, Elijah Conger, Keaton Lowther, Zane Van Fossen

STAFF & CREW

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 Music Director Jenny Parks
 Assistant Director Doug Parks
 Choreographer Lori Ullmann
 Stage Manager Nicole Raber
 Backstage Manager Angie Evans
 Production Assistants Nicole Raber, Angie Evans
 Costume Design Trisha Swaney
 Properties Wendy Smith
 Make-up Design Shauri Morrison
 Technical Director Beth Lane
 Set Design Beth Lane, Jason Osborn
 Set Construction Beth Lane, Jason Osborn, Jim Miilbach, Erin Miilbach,
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 Spotlight Operators Rachel McClung, Hollie Swaney
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 Propmaster Rachel McClung
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Director's Note

I knew I wanted to open this with a quote, but it became difficult when I found two that spoke to me. "...a heart is not judged by how much you love; but by how much you are loved by others." There was also, "Hearts will never be practical until they can be made unbreakable."

These are strong parables from *The Wizard of Oz*. These small lessons always belong with us. We enter situations seeking friends and companions – love, even. We leave with sadness, even as we hold on tightly to the memories. That's really Our Story today. Dorothy will find the friends she needs to get back home again and treasure the memories of her new friends as she sadly bids them goodbye.

Our young performers and crew will do the same. As you enjoy this show, you

will experience the love and joy and energy of a group who have come together so tightly to make something magical on that stage, and like the rush of an oncoming twister the show run is over...and they are back to their lives with only the memories.

But these young artists have become a family. And that, Dear Patron, is the true lesson of *The Wizard of Oz*. Families are made from the binding experiences.

I, too, am thankful for my new Guild Family, and especially for the group who have adopted me as one of theirs. It was never expected. I didn't know I needed it. I did.

I am so proud to present our "Wizard of Oz Family."

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Director, *The Wizard of Oz*



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Who's Who in the Cast & Crew

ADAMS-MORRISON, EISLEY (Bar-rister of Munchkinland/Chorus) is pleased to be back on the Guild stage, previously appearing in *Aladdin JR.* and *Madagascar JR.* She enjoys acting, hanging out with her friends, art, and reading. She wanted to be in this production because acting is her passion. Her favorite song in this show is "Yellow Brick Road." She wants to thank her family for always supporting her acting.

ARNOLD, PATRICK (Sound Operator) is pleased to be back in the sound booth, previously being the sound operator for *Our Town* and *Madagascar JR.* at the Guild, plus multiple productions at Blennerhassett Theater and Parkersburg South. He enjoys working with technology. He wanted to be involved in this production because Joe (director) said we needed his skills. He would like to thank his mom, dad, mamaw, and the staff crew.

BARNETT, BRADEN (Winkie/Chorus) is no stranger to the Guild, having previously appeared in *Little Mermaid, JR., Aladdin JR.,* and *Madagascar JR.* He enjoys participating in marching band and playing video games, air soft, and D&D. He wanted to be involved in this production to be back with his Guild family. His favorite song in this production is the "Winkies March". He sends special thanks to his family for supporting him in all of his interests.

BARNETT, MCKENZIE (Jitterbug) is excited to be back on the Guild stage, previously participating in *Aladdin JR.* and *Madagascar JR.* She enjoys band, acting, and sewing, including helping with costumes sometimes on Guild shows. She auditioned for this produc-

tion because she enjoys being on stage. Her favorite character in this show is Scarecrow. She would like to thank her family for being her biggest supporters.

BENNETT, ANA (Dorothy) was last seen on the Guild stage in *Madagascar, JR.* She enjoys drawing, singing, dancing, playing ukulele, and spending time with her animals and family. She was interested in this production to gain more acting experience and have fun with her theater friends. Her favorite character is Dorothy because she feels she is optimistic, determined, and loves to sing like her. She wants to thank her parents for taking her to rehearsals and giving her this opportunity and shout out to the cast and crew for making the show happen!

BROCE, MCKENNA (Coroner of Munchkinland/Chorus) has previously appeared in *Aladdin JR.* and *Madagascar JR.* at the Guild. She enjoys skateboarding and photography. She wanted to audition for this production because it is one of her mother's favorite movies and she thought it would be fun. Her favorite song in the show is "Jitterbug." She would like to give special shout outs to her mother for everything (I love you very much, Mom!) and her sister Emma and her friends.

BUMGARNER, ADELYN (Munchkin Tot) is pleased to be in her first Guild production. She enjoys dance, 4-H, crafting, volleyball, camping, and pageants and is currently Miss Roane County Preteen. She auditioned for this production because she wants to be an actress. Her favorite character in this show is Dorothy because of her personality and determination. She wants to thank her parents for encouraging her

to be her best self in all she does and the Guild for the opportunity.

CALTRIDER, COLE (Tough Munchkin) previously appeared on the Guild stage in *Aladdin JR., Madagascar JR.,* and *Elf The Musical.* He enjoys playing guitar and video games. He auditioned for this production because he likes the movie and loves acting. His favorite song is "The Merry Old Land of Oz". He would like to thank his family for supporting him and his girlfriend for dealing with all the practices.

CARMICLE, ERIN (Tree/Chorus) was previously in *Aladdin JR.* at the Guild, but also has been in numerous shows in Blennerhassett Theater program. She enjoys playing bassoon, singing in the PSHS madrigals, rowing with PSHS crew, and 4-H. She is excited to be involved in this production, as it is her last Guild Builders show with her friends. Her favorite character in this show is Toto. She wants to give a shout out to her family for supporting her.

CLARK, JOSIAH (Winkie Leader/Jitterbug/Chorus) was previously in *Scrooge!, Aladdin JR.* and *Madagascar, JR.* at the Guild. He enjoys playing music, singing, making films, and playing video games. He auditioned for this show because he thought it would be fun to get back into theater after two long years due to the pandemic. His favorite character is the Lion. He would like to say thank you to his brother Eli for getting him into theater, his Hee Haw grandpa Roy Clark for giving him the "music gene", and his oldest brother Caleb for helping him with everything.

CONGER, ELIJAH (Uncle Henry/Winkie/Doorman/Chorus) has previously appeared in *Our Town* at the Guild. He enjoys playing guitar, working out, and hanging out with friends.

He auditioned for this production because he enjoys acting and thought it would be a fun show. His favorite character in the show is Lion. He would like to say "Thanks, gang!"

DAWSON, MARIO (Tech Crew) is pleased to be returning to the Guild after being seen last in *Madagascar JR.* He enjoys acting, dancing, and playing football. He wanted to be involved in this show because he thought it would be a fun experience and to see his theater friends again. His favorite character in the show is Toto. He wants to say thanks to all the tech and crew, cast, directors, and his football coaches: Coach Walls, Coach Tanner, Coach Miller, and Coach Youngblood.

EICHMILLER, ADALYN (Jitterbug/Munchkin) is pleased to be in her second Guild show, previously appearing in *Elf: The Musical.* She enjoys acting, reading, art, and farming with family. She wanted to audition for this production to get another chance to act onstage and spend time with kids interested in theater. Her favorite song is "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." She would like to thank her family for all their encouragement and support.

EVANS, ALI (Tree/Chorus) is pleased to be back on the Guild stage, previously appearing in *Madagascar JR.* and *Aladdin JR.* She enjoys dance, band, and youth activities at her church. While she loves acting, she decided to audition for this production because her sister told her to. Her favorite song in this show is "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". She would like to thank her mom, dad, and extended family for all their support, but most of all her sister for always being her number one fan.

EVANS, CATE (Tree/Munchkin) has previously appeared at the Guild in *Our*



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Town, Madagascar JR., and Aladdin JR. She enjoys playing the flute, dancing, and spending time with her family and friends. She auditioned for this production because she thought it would be fun. She says she doesn't have a favorite character, but Olivia insists her favorite character is Toto. She would like to give a special thanks to her family and friends, but especially her little sister for all the love and support.

GASTON, ZACH (Nikko) is excited to be in another Guild production, previously being involved in *Madagascar JR.* and *Elf: The Musical*. He enjoys animating, acting, eating, and hanging out with friends. He wanted to be involved in this production because he thinks its fun to be in shows. His favorite character is Nikko and his favorite song is "Merry Old Land of Oz." He would like to thank his mom for being his biggest supporter.

GROVES, KIARA (Dance Captain/Jitterbug/Monkey) is happy to be in her first production at the Guild. She enjoys dancing, working with aerial silks, and performing in theater. She auditioned for this production because she has always wanted to act. Her favorite song in this production is "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". She would like to send a special thank you to Uncle Denny for supporting her.

HANNA, ANDREW (Mayor of Munchkinland/Monkey) last appeared on the Guild stage in *Our Town*. He enjoys participating in marching band, theater, and practicing archery. He auditioned for this show because he loves being in theatrical shows and acting on stage with friends. His favorite character in this show is Toto. He would like to thank his parents for dealing with a teen like him because it takes a lot of skill, and also a shoutout to Mr. Parks for dealing with him.

KIRK, TYSON (Tech Crew) is happy to be involved in his first production at the Guild. He enjoys talking with friends, drawing, painting, dancing, singing, and playing with his brothers. He wanted to be involved in this production because he enjoys theater and wants to learn as much as he can. His favorite character in this show is the Lion. He wants to thank his parents and the Guild for this opportunity.

KOSKEY, ELAINA (Munchkin Tot) is pleased to be making her Guild debut after participating in the Blennerhassett Theater program for many years. She enjoys basketball, singing, and reading. She auditioned for this production because she loves singing and she wanted to be part of the Guild like her sisters. Her favorite character in this show is Tin Man. She wants to thank her sisters, Thea and Zoe, her mom and dad, and also her Grammy.

KOSKEY, ZOE (Tin Man) has previously appeared at the Guild in *Madagascar JR., Aladdin JR., Little Mermaid JR., Alize in Wonderland JR., and Our Town*. She enjoys singing, skate, video games, and spending time with her family. She auditioned for this production because she has watched the movie since she was little and couldn't wait to be part of it on stage. Her favorite song in the show is "King of the Forest". She wants to give a shout out to her family and the Parks family.

LANTZ, ZACKARY (Jitterbug/Munchkin) is happy to be involved in his first show at the Guild. He enjoys telling stories, singing, making puppets, acting, drawing, dancing, and doing impersonations. He wanted to be in this production because he loves acting and he loves this show. His favorite song in this show is "Jitterbug". He would like to thank his family and his teachers at Marietta City Schools for their love and support.

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LOWTHER, KEATON (Winkie/Jitterbug/Chorus) is pleased to be in his first Guild production. He enjoys playing sports, theater, and hanging out with his friends. He auditioned for this production because he wanted to try out the Guild's opportunities. His favorite character in this show is Scarecrow because he can be indecisive. He wants to thank everybody who supports him.

MARSHALL, ALEX (Hunk/Monkey) is pleased to be returning to the Guild stage after previously being in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *A Christmas Story*, and *Madagascar JR.* at the Guild. He enjoys participating in Wood County Tennis Champs, piano, Smoot Boys Ensemble, and the Jackson Select and Honor Choirs. He wanted to be involved in this production to see his theater friends. His favorite song in this show is "Jitterbug". He would like to thank his parents for supporting him and encouraging him to be true to himself no matter what.

MARSHALL, CHRISTIAN (Guard/Chorus) is happy to be back on stage at the Guild, previously appearing in *Fiddler on the Roof*, *A Christmas Story*, and *Madagascar JR.* His passion is singing, so he enjoys being in the Smoot Boys Ensemble and the Jackson Select and Honor Choir, in addition to piano and Wood County Tennis Champs. He wanted to be in this production because he missed his theater friends. His favorite song in this show is "Jitterbug". He would like to give a shoutout to all the adults who run this program and his parents for encouraging him.

MARSHALL, KARSYN (Munchkin/Monkey) is excited to be a first time performer on the Guild stage. The activities she enjoys include creating art, music, and cosplay. She auditioned for this production because she has wanted

to be in a performance for a while. Her favorite character in this show is Toto. She would like to say thank you to her parents and siblings for supporting and encouraging her to chase her dreams.

MCCLUNG, CALEB (Monkey) has previously appeared at the Guild in *Aladdin JR.* and *Madagascar JR.* He enjoys playing with his siblings, playing video games, and reading books. He wanted to be in this production because he likes performing and acting in shows. His favorite song in this show is "Jitterbug." He'd like to thank his siblings for entertaining him and his parents for causing his existence.

MCCLUNG, RACHEL (Propmaster, Spot Light Operator) is no stranger to the Guild, having previously participated in *Scrooge*, *Alice in Wonderland JR.*, *The Little Mermaid JR.*, *Aladdin JR.*, *Madagascar JR.*, *Murder by Poe*, *Hallelujah Girls*, and *Elf The Musical*. She enjoys biking, reading, and spending time with friends and family. She wanted to do this show because she likes doing theater. She would like to thank her amazing friends and family for supporting her.

MCINTOSH, ALAINA (Tech Crew) is excited to be involved in another Guild show, previously working tech for *Aladdin JR.* and *Madagascar JR.* She enjoys reading in her spare time. She wanted to be in this production because she wanted to learn more about tech roles. Her favorite character in this show is Dorothy. She would like to thank her parents.

MILLER, GRACE (Light Operator) is pleased to be involved in her first Guild production. She enjoys dance, theater, and traveling. She wanted to be involved in this production because she became interested in theater during the pandemic. Her favorite song in this show is the Munchkinland Musical Sequence.



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She would like to thank her friends, family, and dog for supporting her.

OAK, CAROLYN JASMINE (Jitterbug/Crow) is pleased to be back at the Guild, previously appearing in *Madagascar JR.* She enjoys rowing, painting, reading, singing, and hanging out with friends. She auditioned for this production because she loves theater. Her favorite song in his show is "Jitterbug." She would like to thank her mom and dad for everything.

OSBORN, ISAAC (Sound Operator) is happy to be returning to the Guild after last being involved in *Madagascar JR.* He enjoys sports and band. He wanted to be involved in this production because he likes the movie and enjoys being part of tech crews. His favorite character is Tin Man. He would like to thank his family.

PARKS, ZANDER (Zeke) was last seen onstage at the Guild in *Aladdin JR.* and *Madagascar JR.* He enjoys playing video games and recording Tiktoks. He auditioned for this production because he enjoys acting and singing. His favorite character in this show is the Wizard. He wants to thank the staff for letting him do this show and his family and friends for supporting him.

PARSONS, LAUREN (Jitterbug/Crow/Ozian/Chorus) has previously appeared in *Madagascar JR.* at the Guild. She enjoys singing and drawing. She auditioned for this show because she enjoys acting and being onstage. Her favorite song in this show is "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". She would like to thank her mom and dad for letting her do this show even with as many things as she already does.

PEYTON, JACK (Lion) is glad to be in another Guild show, previously appear-

ing in *The Little Mermaid JR.*, *A Christmas Story*, *Aladdin JR.*, *Madagascar JR.*, *Our Town*, and *Elf*. He enjoys playing clarinet, animating, and hanging out with friends. He wanted to be involved in this production because he thought it would be a wonderful show with his friends. His favorite song is "If I Were King of the Forest." He wants to give a shoutout to his family and friends and say "I Love You!"

PEYTON, WILLOW (Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch) is excited to be returning to the Guild stage, previously appearing in *Aladdin JR.*, *Madagascar JR.*, *Our Town*, and *Elf: The Musical*. She enjoys painting, sketching, playing bass, and singing in the Smoot Girls Ensemble. She wanted to participate in this production because it lets her do her favorite thing with her people! Her favorite song is "Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead". She would like to thank her family, both biological and theater, for their support.

RABER, DECLAN (Tough Munchkin/Monkey) is pleased to be in his first Guild production after being dragged along to countless rehearsals for shows his parents and siblings have been involved in for years. He enjoys playing Minecraft. He auditioned for this production because his family encouraged him. His favorite song in this show is "Yellow Brick Road". He would like to thank his mom and dad.

RABER, OLIVIA (Toto) has previously appeared onstage at the Guild in *Scrooge!*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Alice in Wonderland JR.*, *The Little Mermaid JR.*, *Aladdin JR.*, and *Madagascar JR.* She enjoys reading, community service, and photography. She was happy to audition and be cast in her last Guild Builder show. Her favorite characters in the show are the Munchkins. She wants to thank Dixie Showalter for



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SALIZZONI, ANDREW (Munchkin Father) is excited to be in his first show at the Guild. He enjoys football, soccer, drawing, and acting. He wanted to be involved in this production because he likes to act and thought it would be a good experience. His favorite character in this show is Lion. He would like to thank his family.

SALIZZONI, NATALIE (Munchkin Tot) is happy to be in her first show at the Guild. She enjoys art and playing sports, including basketball. She auditioned for this show because she would like to be an actress someday. Her favorite character is Dorothy and her favorite song is "Somewhere Over the Rainbow". She is thankful to be part of this show.

SEEBAUGH, KAELLYN (Oz Woman/Jitterbug/Chorus) has previously appeared in *Mission: Improbable* and *Madagascar JR.* at the Guild. She enjoys marching band, dance, and theater. She auditioned for this production because she enjoys being with the cast because they bring her lots of joy, so she wanted to make sure that she participated in her last Guild Builder show. Her favorite song in the show is "Jitterbug". She would like to thank her sister Oceanna for inspiring her to do theater and the rest of her family for supporting her in everything she does.

SMITH, BROOKLYN (Tech Crew) is excited to be involved in her first Guild show. She enjoys art, music, and hanging out with friends and family. She wanted to participate in this production to make new friends and learn about theater. Her favorite character is Dorothy and her favorite song is "Somewhere Over the Rainbow." She would like to give a shoutout to her cousins Willow, Jack, and Mollie for supporting her and helping her start this journey.

SMITH, MOLLIE (Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz) has previously appeared in *Aladdin JR.*, *Madagascar JR.*, and *Mary Poppins*. She enjoys drawing, singing, and spending time with friends and family. She wanted to audition for this show because she loves performing. Her favorite song in this show is "Yellow Brick Road", while her favorite character is Scarecrow. She considers it an honor to have the title role and thanks her whole family and the staff for allowing her this wonderful opportunity.

SWANEY, HOLLIE (Spot Light Operator) is excited to be involved in her first Guild Builders show. She enjoys playing marimba and handbells in the Warren High School Marching Warriors. While this is her first official show, she has been a fixture in past Guild productions that her sisters and mother have worked on. She would like to give a shoutout to her friends and family.

SWANEY, LIBBY (Glinda/Jitterbug) is excited to be back on the Guild stage, previously appearing in *Little Mermaid JR.*, *Aladdin JR.*, and *Madagascar JR.* She enjoys being in the Warren High School Marching Band. She wanted to be involved in this production because she enjoys meeting new people and the theater feels like a second home to her. Her favorite song in this show is "Yellow Brick Road." She wants to thank her family for always being there and supporting her, plus her friend Nadia Russo for always being there for her.

THORNTON, NATHAN (Hickory/Chorus) was last in a Guild production in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* He enjoys playing piano and flute and singing in A Capella Choir. Due to the pandemic, live shows were not taking place, so he was happy to hear about auditions for this production from the PHS Thespians

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Club. His favorite character in this show is the Wicked Witch. He would like to thank his mom, dad, family, and friends.

VAN FOSSEN, ZANE (Winkie/Jitterbug) is excited to make his debut at the Guild, having previously been involved in the Blennerhassett Theater program. He enjoys football, video games, hunting, and fishing. He auditioned for this production because his sister wanted him to. His favorite song in this show is "Jitterbug". He would like to thank his sister, Shauri, for helping him be his best, and the rest of his family for support.

WARD, BRITTANY (Scarecrow), has previously appeared at the Guild in *Madagascar JR.* and *Elf The Musical*. She enjoys theater, drawing, and creative writing. She has a passion to be onstage and she wanted to be in this show to keep pushing herself forward to further her talents. Her favorite song in this show is definitely "Jitterbug". She wants to give a shout out to her mom, stepdad, and grandparents for supporting her 24/7.

WILLIS, BROCC (Touch Munchkin/Monkey) is excited to be back on the Guild stage, previously appearing in *Madagascar JR.* He enjoys mountain bike racing, acting, and golf. He auditioned for this show for the opportunity to be in another Guild Builder play. His favorite character in this production is the Wicked Witch. He wants to thank his parents for always supporting him in all his adventures, the staff/crew for the opportunity, and his dog Bela for being his best friend.

YOUNG, LAUREN (Aunt Em/Crow) has previously appeared at the Guild in *Madagascar JR.* and *Our Town*. She enjoys spending time outside, reading, and spending time with her friends and family. She auditioned for this production because it will be her final Guild Builder show. Her favorite character in this show

is the Wicked Witch. She wants to thank her amazing Guild family that she has met throughout the last few years because they make her smile and laugh endlessly. She also wants to give a shout out to her friends and family for always supporting her.

LANE, BETH (Technical Director) has enjoyed working on this production, among many others here and with local and professional theatres. She and her fiancé are loving their involvement with this lovely theatre. She welcomes all to return to The Actors Guild of Parkersburg for future shows. If you have an interest in getting involved with The Actors Guild of Parkersburg, she would be more than happy to learn more about your interests and assist in your involvement.

PARKS, JENNY (Music Director) This is Jenny's 4th show as musical director for a Guild Builder's show. She enjoys working with the children that are part of the Guild Builders Program. Jenny has also served as musical director for Blennerhassett Middle School's theater program and most recently she was directed music for Parkersburg South High School's *Godspell JR.* Thank you to my husband for encouraging me to step outside my comfort zone with music. Thank you to all the wonderfully talented children and teens in our community that make this job so enjoyable.

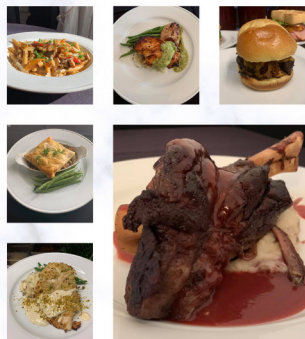
PARKS, DOUG (Assistant Director) serves as co-chairperson of Guild Builders program. He teaches English, reading and theater at Parkersburg South. Doug is the director of theater at Blennerhassett Middle and Parkersburg South High Schools. In 2020, Parks was named WV Theater Teacher of the year by his peers for the work he has done with children in theater in the schools and our community. Parks has begun revitalizing theater at Park-



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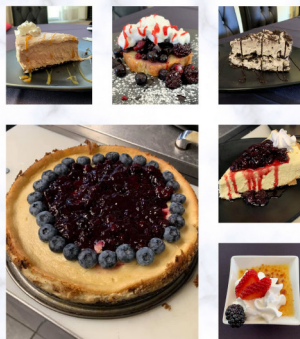
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ersburg South HS and looks forward to its future. He's excited about bringing his extensive skill set to the Guild Builders program and working with Reeves, Ullman and his wife.

RABER, NICOLE (Stage Manager/Production Assistant) has previously served as Stage Manager for the Guild's productions of *Madagascar JR.*, *The Game's Afoot!* or *Holmes for the Holidays*, *A Christmas Story! The Musical*, *To Kill A Mockingbird*, *Sister Act* and *Big Fish*. She's assisted for other productions as props, running crew, sound, and construction. Nicole works full time at a local real estate law firm, is a busy mother of three, serves on the Board of Trustees for Consumer Credit Counseling of the Mid-Ohio Valley, and is a strong advocate for families in the MOV.

REEVES, JOE (Director) Once upon a time, Joe worked as a stand-up comic. That did not last long. His current passion is restoring arcade and pinball machines and thinks there's always room for another. He wishes to thank his family and all his friends at the Actors Guild! He is proud to serve on the Guild's Board and Trustees and with the Guild Builders program. Joe was previously on stage as The Old Man in *A Christmas Story*:

The Musical and Albin/Zaza in *La Cage Aux Folles*, and recently assistant-directed *Madagascar JR.* and *Our Town*.

SWANEY, TRISHA (Costumer) is a longtime theater mom and happy to be lead costumer for another Guild Builders show. When not assisting in theater, she uses her mom powers as a band mom for The Marching Warriors. Nothing makes her happier than helping kids experience the arts! She'd liked to give a huge thank you for Michele Sander for being her costuming partner and all the parents and grandparents who helped make this show happen.

ULLMANN, LORI (Choreographer) is excited to be choreographing and assisting with *The Wizard of Oz*. Her Guild credits include being part of the directorial team for *Our Town* and choreographing *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Sister Act*, *Legally Blonde*, *Aladdin JR.* and *Madagascar JR.* Lori has appeared on stage in *La Cage Aux Folles*, *Sister Act*, *Hairspray*, and *The Full Monty*. She has been involved with community theater since 1989. Lori is excited to work with this talented cast and crew. She would like to thank her family for all their love and support, especially her children and grandchildren.



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