



LlamaDrama presents

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz



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Welcome to The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

LlamaDrama is a amateur production company and this is our first production in Fulbourn. It is never easy staging a new show and building one from scratch, on a shoe-string is, shall we say challenging! We have put a great deal of effort into this show and we hope you enjoy it. We set out to stage a family show with local adult and child actors that will be entertaining to the whole family. We wrote the script, which was based on the original book by Frank L Baum and not on the famous 1939 musical film adaptation starring Judy Garland. We felt there was a need for this type of show in the area and we hope you agree. If you have any interest in helping us or in seeing more shows by LlamaDrama then please let us know. You can email us and tell us what you think, want to see, want to do or simply comment on this production. Our email address for comments is: feedback@llamadrama.org.uk. We will be delighted to hear from you.

This version of The Wizard of Oz has all the famous characters that you know and love plus some extras that you may not have heard of... until now! It was written to be a fun romp through Dorothy's adventures in the land of Oz with poignant songs to build the characters and situation. The main emphasis, however, is to have fun and we think we have achieved this - tell us what you think!

So sit back, relax and enjoy the show.

Andrew Clark
LlamaDrama

Wikipedia say:

The Wonderful Wizard of Oz is an American children's novel written by author L. Frank Baum and illustrated by W. W. Denslow, originally published by the George M. Hill Company in Chicago on May 17, 1900. It has since been reprinted on numerous occasions, most often under the title *The Wizard of Oz*, which is the title of the popular 1902 Broadway musical as well as the iconic 1939 musical film adaptation.

About our Actors

Scarlett Atkinson:

Scarlett has been a pupil at Stagecoach Theatre School and the Russian Ballet School for six years and has recently started Streetdance classes with Bodywork Company. She first appeared on stage at Sheffield City Hall with her ballet school at age 4. She has appeared in panto with Basil Brush, taken part in choir performances at Cheltenham Town Hall, the Adelphi Theatre and the Royal Festival Hall. She loves expressing herself through drama, dance and song, and having the opportunity to play Dorothy in Wizard of Oz is a dream come true for Scarlett.

Rebecca Hawker:

Rebecca first became interested in acting and performing when she joined a local drama school at the age of 9 and began studying for her LAMDA exams. At the age of 13, she played Fat Sam in the Camcit Players production of Bugsy Malone at the Mumford Theatre in Cambridge. As an adult, she has performed on stage with a local theatre group affiliated with the Coleridge School, taking on roles in short plays such as Alan Ayckbourn's "Between Mouthfuls". Becky played Fantine in Les Misérables in 2015.

John Koch:

Only claims to 'fame' are playing Stephen Blackpool in Classworks Theatre's production of Charles Dickens's Hard Times in 2013 and then Joseph Dare, the landlord of the Six Bells in Fulbourn as part of a First World War centenary re-enactment in 2015, both at the Fulbourn Community Centre.

Dave Weir:

Dave Weir had not performed on stage since leaving school (in the 90s) until he took on the role of Enjolras, in the October 2015 production of Les Misérables in 2015. He has since appeared in a couple of Christmas pantomimes and played Sandy Tyrell in the June 2016 production of Hay Fever.

Colin Ransom:

Colin has been in many plays for St John's Players at Fulbourn since 1997, has been nominated for Best Actor (playing a dog called Ben!) and Best Supporting Actor in Cambridgeshire festival plays and has recently appeared as an extra in the Oscar winning film 'The Theory of Everything' and the play 'The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas' at Cambridge Arts Theatre. After this production he is going back to the zoo for a rest!

Michelle Gray:

Michelle's first stage role was as a member of the chorus in a production of Carousel over 30 years ago, whilst still living in the North East of England. Since then she has played a huge number of key roles, both in musicals and plays, including 'Maggie' in Hobson's Choice. She played 'Chris' in a St John's Players' production of Calendar Girls and most recently took the role of 'Phyllis' in Ayckbourn's Season's Greetings. She is very much looking forward to getting into the spirit of the Wicked Witch of the West!

The Wonderful

Cast

Actor	Roles
Scarlett Atkinson	Dorothy
Becky Hawker	Good Witch of the North (Nelly)
John Koch	Scarecrow
Dave Weir	Tin Woodman
Colin Ransom	Cowardly Lion
Michelle Gray	Wicked Witch of the West
Harvey Clark	Wizard of Oz, Guardian of the Gate
Faye Dower	Munchkin, ECR, Queen of the Field Mice
Anastasia Borakis	Munchkin_2, Flora, Horace, Pig, Monkey_2
Harry Yeo	Munchkin, Brains (Crow), Wolf_1, Giraffe, Eric (Monkey_1)
Julius Jackson	Munchkin, Masher (Crow), ECR, Wolf_3, Reindeer_2, Monkey_3, Egyptian Boy
Toby Owers	Munchkin, Fingers (Crow), ECR, Wolf_2, Tiger, Winkie, Ben the Dog
Sibylle Jackson	Aunt Em, ECR, Reindeer_1, Glinda
Arabella Jackson	Munchkin_3, ECR_1, Tiny Bee, Dragon
Vivienne Jackson	Munchkin_4, ECR_2, Sheep_2, Cat
Emily Peckham	Munchkin, ECR_3, 2nd Mouse, Monkey_4
Helena Oliver	Munchkin, Sheep_1, ECR
Tanyel Davis	Munchkin_1, ECR_4
Kathy Cutmore	Big Bee
David Tipple	Uncle Henry, Spirit of Oz
Nikki Owers	Loralei, Elephant in the Room

ECR = Emerald City Resident

Director: Andrew Clark

Producer: Carole Ransom

Wizard of Oz

& Crew

Stage Manager	Gary Beaver
Lighting	Graham Royston
Sound	Carole Ransom
Prompt	Kathy Cutmore
Costumes & Props	Carole Ransom
Nelly's Dress	Linda Hadaway
Set Design & Construction	Andrew Clark, Graham Royston, Gary Beaver, Tony Baker, Dave Weir, John Koch, Carole Ransom, Moira Stephenson, Abishek Reddy
Front of House & Refreshments	Members and Friends of LlamaDrama
Child Protection Officer	Abishek Reddy

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Additional photographs by Barry Hamilton

Music by Mark McKenzie, Danny Elfman, Randy Edelman
Song lyrics by Carole Ransom

Refreshments will be served before the show and also there will be a 20 minute interval when refreshments will be served

Raffle tickets (£1 a strip) will be available before the performance and in the early part of the interval, then the raffle will be drawn

Have a look at our 'Friends of the Earth' display in the Hall and pick up a free Bee sticker, grab some info. and perhaps save some bees!

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*This show is dedicated to the 'real' Ben the Dog  
(2003-2016)*

**Harvey Clark:**

Harvey first 'trod the boards' when he was 4 years old. He has been in many productions and enjoys playing character parts. He has played in panto as the Widow Twanky in Aladin, the amiable Grantaire in Les Misérables, and the pompously comic Mr Collins in Pride and Prejudice.

**Faye Dower:**

Faye has been on stage since the age of 3 and now at 12 years old has appeared in many shows and productions. Faye is currently grade 5 in tap and ballet and enjoys all aspects of singing, dancing and acting and hopes to pursue a career in drama.

**Anastasia Borakis:**

Anastasia is 13 years old and a student at Linton Village College. She has played several roles in school plays, including Snake Eyes in Buggy Malone, Mozart in Time Lord and a resident of the Emerald City in The Wiz. She loves drama at school and would like one day to take it up professionally.

**Harry Yeo:**

Harry has been interested in acting and performance since the first year of primary school. He began as part of the chorus of little tots in the annual Christmas production, and then ended up with substantial acting and singing roles as he got older. He also enjoys performing tricks with his 'diablo' at the Cambridge Folk Festival Circus show for kids. Harry had his first significant stage experience when he played the role of the 'prosecutor' in the St John's Players' production of Les Misérables. He so enjoyed it, he is back now in 'The Wonderful Wizard of Oz' for LlamaDrama!

**Julius Jackson:**

A year-8 student at the local secondary school, Julius (13) has had starring roles in various productions at his local primary school. Encouraged by his drama teacher there to continue with acting, Julius was part of Les Misérables in 2015 in Fulbourn and would love to play more roles in the future. He also plays cricket, tennis and other sports, and even finds time to play his viola.

**Toby Owers:**

Toby's previous experience was in his last school play, Dr Faustus. He also enjoys technical theatre at school. He really enjoys being involved and will do more - his next play is Thoroughly Modern Millie as assistant set designer.

**Sibylle Jackson:**

Sibylle discovered Fulbourn's legendary amateur theatre scene after moving to the village seven years ago. Little did she know then that she would be up on stage herself one day, starting with being an extra in Les Misérables in 2015. She has now dragged all her children into it, too, and will continue to seek out plays in which both she and them can enjoy the fun and challenge of acting together. If they all pass the audition, that is!

**Arabella Jackson:**

Having admired her older brother Julius in the production of Les Misérables in 2015, Arabella (10) has taken time out of her busy hobby schedule to launch her own acting career in The Wonderful Wizard of Oz. The aforementioned hobbies include Equestrian vaulting (gymnastics on a moving horse), riding, playing violin and clarinet, as well as building Lego. Arabella is in year 5 at Primary School.

**Vivienne Jackson:**

The youngest of the three Fulbourn-based Jackson siblings in the play (7), Vivienne is fairly new to acting, putting Kindergarten nativity plays and school assembly performances aside. In fact this is her debut! She particularly loves playing animals - when not attending to her zoo at home, currently comprising three rabbits, two cats, two dogs and a pony. Vivienne is in year 3 at Primary School. To find out about her other hobbies please read her sister Arabella's biog.

**Emily Peckham:**

Emily loves dancing, singing and acting at her Stagecoach classes and is also working on her Grade 3 ballet. This term she is playing Gerda in the Snow Queen at school and is very excited to be dancing at EuroDisney in the summer.

**Helena Oliver:**

Helena has been a student at the Stagecoach group for over three years. She was particularly proud of taking part in a gala performance in London as Young Fiona, and as narrator in a production of Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat. She has taken part in many other shows, including pantomime.

**Tanyel Davis:**

Tanyel Davis aspires to become an actress, to pursue a career in the performing arts and attend a drama school. Her first performance was as Eliza Doolittle. She also played in the musical Oliver as part of Fagin's gang. She has been an extra in EastEnders twice. She is in The Young Actors Company in Cambridge, and been in three small productions - one was A Midsummer Night's Dream, playing Titania. Tanyel says: 'I thoroughly enjoyed playing these roles and being part of different productions to widen my experience, it is something I am very passionate about and I want to do this as a career.'

**Kathy Cutmore:**

Kathy has been a member of St John's Players since 1994 and has appeared in a variety of productions with them since then, and is now our 'Big Bee' for LlamaDrama. She also prompts in her Bee costume! She has also written and directed plays of her own, including numerous productions for children whilst she was a Primary School teacher.

**David Tipple:**

David has been involved in amateur theatre in the Cambridge area since 1951, where he appeared in over 30 productions at the ADC Theatre with the Pye of Cambridge Drama Group. Also he was in four plays at the Arts Theatre with the Combined Actors. Over the last five years he has been in five productions with St John's Players and is now enjoying his time with LlamaDrama.

**Nikki Owers:**

Nikki has had no previous experience of the theatrical world, and says that this has been an enlightening journey! She has enjoyed the camaraderie and the elephant costume!

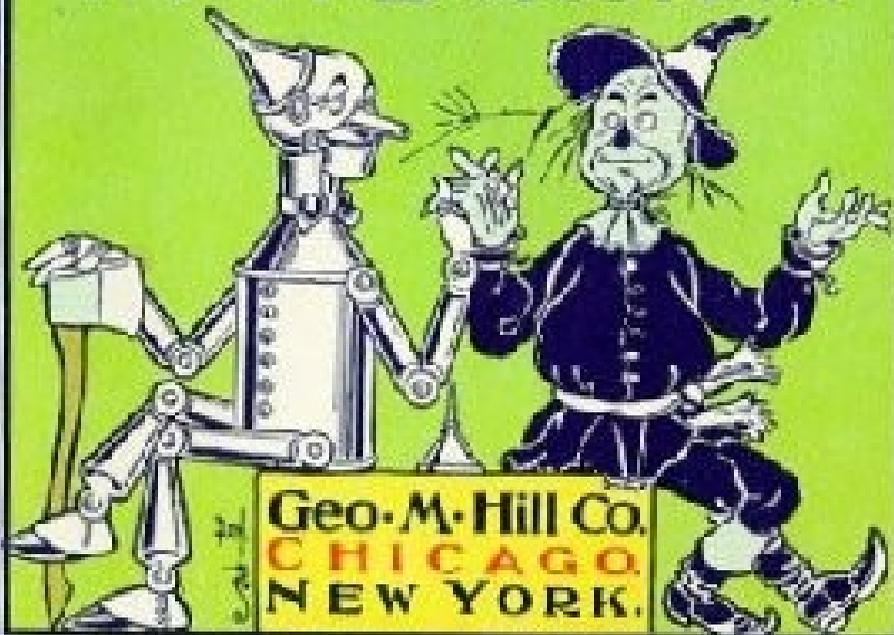
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