

# ANKENY COMMUNITY THEATRE

## PRESENTS



## ANKENY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

1992

March 27, 28 - 7:30 PM

March 29 2:00 PM

April 3, 4 - 7:30 PM

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# ***THE WIZARD OF OZ***

is

By: L. Frank Baum

Adapted by: Frank Gabrielson

With music and lyrics by: Harold Arlen  
E. Y. Harburg

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

They said it couldn't be done, but "the dreams that you dare to dream really do come true." These are my favorite lines from *The Wizard of Oz*.

The dream of ACT is to bring everyone, young and old, the opportunity to entertain an audience--or to be a part of an audience that is entertained by our family productions. I feel that ACT has done just that with *The Wizard*. We have over 100 people in our cast and 46 of these folk are related to one or more people.

Our next big dream is for ACT to find a permanent home that we can call our own. That dream really can come true also.

From the bottom of my heart I wish to thank all of my cast and production staff for their hard work. We were a good team, and I will forever be grateful.

Thank you to all our audiences for supporting the Ankeny Community Theatre.

Jo Reid, Director

## SYNOPSIS OF SCENES

### ACT ONE

- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| Scene 1: | A Kansas Farm                                |
| Scene 2: | Munchkinland                                 |
| Scene 3: | On the Road to Emerald City of Oz            |
| Scene 4: | The Great Forest Along the Yellow Brick Road |

There will be a 15-minute  
intermission

### ACT TWO

- |          |  |
|----------|--|
| Scene 1: | Emerald City of Oz                     |
| Scene 2: | Castle of the Wicked Witch of the West |
| Scene 3: | Emerald City                           |

# CAST OF CHARACTERS

(in order of appearance)

Aunt Em  
Joe, a farmhand  
Uncle Henry

Hazel Pratt  
Jeremy Gwinnup  
Jim Dean

\*Dorothy  
\*\*Toto

Jessica Keenan  
Skittles

Munchkin Braggert  
Munchkin Mayor  
Munchkin Farmer  
Munchkin Bartisler  
Munchkin Coroner

Keith West  
Nate Green  
Aaron Price  
Scott Phillips  
Nathan Jensen

\*Glenda, the Good Witch of the North  
Wicked Witch of the West

Kristen Harrigan  
Debbie Hilder

\*The Scarecrow  
\*The Tin Woodman  
\*The Cowardly Lion

Al Price  
Steve Betz  
Dave Michael

Private Ozmas  
Oz Lady

Jim Bisbey  
Bonita Lennon

Lord Growlie  
\*Gloria, his daughter

Bud Pratt  
Kathryn Bisbey

The Wizard of Oz

Darel Hildreth

First Witch  
Second Witch  
Tibbia, a butler

Jan Price  
Kathy Dickinson  
Ray Peters

\*indicates principal singing role

\*\*Toto (Skittles) is the Keenan family pet.

## Soldiers of Munchkinland

Lisa Arterburn  
Amee Ashmore  
Courtney Behrens  
Elizabeth Blair  
Jenny Blair  
Mary Buck  
Valerie Collins  
Julie Cross

\*Kate Janssen  
\*Meredith Jennings  
\*Carrie Lande  
\*Kelli Powell  
\*Andrea Price  
Lana Starr  
Sara Stone  
Diane Lundstrom

\* indicates featured dancer

## THE OZ CHORUS

\*\*Lisa Arterburn  
\*Douglas Arterburn ++  
Jim Bisbey  
Kathryn Bisbey  
Elizabeth Blair  
Jeannine Carey  
Jim Dean  
Nancy Despotovich  
Craig Green  
\*\*Jeremy Gwinnup  
Kate Janssen  
Meredith Jennings  
Carrie Lande

\*Bonita Lemon  
Chuck Lierman  
Ginger Link  
Diane Lundstrom  
Joyce Lundstrom  
Swede Lundstrom  
Pam Meyer  
Kelli Powell  
Bud Pratt  
Hazel Pratt  
Andrea Price  
Paul Sheffield  
\*\*Sara Stone  
\*\*Sara VanOverbeke

\* indicates soloist

\*\* indicates ghost role

++ award for best stand-in!

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

**JESSICA KEENAN** (Dorothy) - Small but mighty, at the age of 15, and a sophomore at Ankeny High School, Jessica has tackled the perfect role for her. Her voice, stature and stage presence is suited for every aspect of Dorothy. Judy would be proud of her. Jessi's debut with ACT was the role of Gretel in *Sound of Music* when she was six years old. She has been on a roll since that time. Just last month Jessi performed in a school production of *The Good Doctor*.

Jessi is a well-known local vocalist, a continual winner at the Iowa State Fair, and nationally known through her performances on Star Search and singing the national anthem for the San Diego Padres.

In anticipation of becoming a professional singer, Jessi will be competing with other aspiring hopefuls this summer in New York City. Good luck to "*Our Dorothy*."

**AL PRICE** (Scarecrow) - Al Price is too young to be a forefather, but he is a godfather of ACT productions and a pillar in the cast of *The Wizard*. After playing all those comedy roles, he is finally cast in a serious leading man role--as the Scarecrow?? And he has a diploma to prove it. Seriously, Al is multi-talented and ACT is lucky to have him--and his wife--and his kids. In real life, Al is a computer nerd and enjoys some weird hobbies--too weird to mention.

**STEVE BETZ** (Tin Woodman) - Steve is making his debut on the Ankeny stage and has found a new home with ACT. His voice and acting ability are ideally suited for his portrayal of Tin Woodman. He has earned the respect of his fellow actors.

Steve recently graduated from Luther College where he performed in *Arsenic and Old Lace*, *Cheaper by the Dozen* and *Our Town*. He also toured Europe with the Luther choir. Steve is employed by Pioneer Hi-Bred as a research associate. He is single and looking!

**DAVID D. MICHAEL** (Cowardly Lion) - A newcomer to ACT, Dave adds a new dimension to community theatre and to *The Wizard*. He not only roars in feline fashion on the stage, but he is known to do a little tomcatting around town. Dave appeared in several musical productions during high school, and returns to the stage after a decade. We are glad he chose *The Wizard* for his return. Dave gets the award for being prompt, dependable, pleasant, helpful and a lot of fun.

Dave works in Ames as a technician at NADC, lives in Elkhart and is a brown belt in Karate. No wonder he can prowl.

**DAREL ALLEMAN HILDRETH** (The Wizard) - Darel had to wait until he was 59 before he was awarded a role on stage. He was a Protean in *The Forum*! Since that time Darel has played several parts--all of which made Darel a big hit.

Darel and his wife Mary are always busy doing wild and crazy things. Two years ago Darel was superannuated, and he has had a ball since that time--looking for a real job. We hope everyone related to Hildreths and Allemans will attend this production. They could make their own full house.

**KRISTEN HARRIGAN** (Glenda, the Good Witch of the North) - Kristin has been singing and dancing since she was a toddler, and she continues to use her skills to the delight of many audiences. Her recent claim to fame as Annie Oakley in *Annie Get Your Gun* is still in the memories of theatergoers in this area. Kris also had a leading role in ACT's production of *Carousel*. She has assisted with the choreography in *The Wizard*.

Kris works full time as an employment counselor, sings with ACT II and the Des Moines Choral Society, and still has time for a husband and two cats.



**DEBBIE HIDDER** (The Wicked Witch of the West) - Debbie can do it all, and she does it with enthusiasm. In her career with ACT she has had a wide variety of roles--dramatic, comic and musical. It is obvious that Debbie loves the stage, and her performances are never to be forgotten. Recent credits include *Ten Little Indians* (she was not the villain), *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, and *Annie Get Your Gun*. Debbie has a job at DMACC, a job being homemaker, and a job as chauffer for her four children. Debbie's daughters have also been active in ACT.

**KATHRYN BISBEY** (Gloria and Choral Director) - With a degree in music theatre and dance, Kathy is well qualified and a great attribute to the community theatre, especially with *The Wizard*. She has directed *The Wizard* chorus, assisted with choreography, and is playing Gloria. She also provided her unsuspectant husband's assistance.

Kathy's credits include singing and dancing in *Godspell*, *Kiss Me Kate*, *Annie*, *Grease* and others. In her spare time Kathy works in marketing, sings in ACT II, rollerblades, fishes and loves sports.

**C.W. (BUD) PRATT** (Lord Growlie) - Bud is a pillar of ACT and has done many roles--some small, some major, e.g., *Bad Seed*, *40 Karats*, *Ten Little Indians*. Perhaps his favorite role was Buffalo Bill in *Annie Get Your Gun*. Participation in *The Wizard* leaves him a bit frustrated since Kansas is his home state, and some of the dialogue is not very complimentary. However, Bud always enjoys community theatre but still has time to play golf, take pictures and keep Aunt Em happy.

**HAZEL PRATT** (Aunt Em) - Hazel lists community theatre as one of her hobbies. She likes the small roles that keep her involved but without too much pressure. Other ACT participation has been in *Guys and Dolls*, *Bad Seed*, *Carousel*, *40 Karas* and *Murder by Membership* (at DMACC).

Hazel is retired from the business office of the City of Ankeny. Her other hobbies include painting (pictures), grandchildren and genealogy. She is currently writing a book on her family history.

**JIM DEAN** (Uncle Henry) - Ask Jim to do a job, and Jim will do a **good** job. He's reliable, friendly, pleasant and always ready with a laugh or two. Somehow, playing Uncle Henry is not typecast, but he fits the part.

Jim sings in ACT II and church choir, peddles coffee services and loves his five grandchildren.

**JEREMY GWINNUP** (Joe, a farmhand) - Jeremy is an excited and interested high school thesbian who is making his debut with ACT. He says he is a good farmboy and he is right. He likes sports, singing, acting and listening to music.

**JAN PRICE** (Witch #1) - While in college Jan met her husband (Scarecrow) while applying his makeup, and it's been play, play, play since that time. And their three children are following in their footsteps. The Prices are busy with their employment, church choir, ACT II and keeping up with the kids. Jan has been a hatcheck girl and now a witch. Is she typecast?

**KATHY DICKENSON** (Witch #2) - Kathy enjoys playing minor character roles with only a few lines, but can still play dress-up. According to her family of a husband and four sons, she has been typecast as a witch. But then, she is outnumbered, and we suspect she's a pretty good mom and wife. A staff writer for the Ankeny Press Citizen, Kathy is able to help with ACT advertising. Her hobbies include crafts and reading.

**BONITA LEMON** (Oz Lady) - No one loves to sing more than Bonita. She has sung in most of the ACT musical productions--*Sound of Music*, *Oklahoma*, and *Guys and Dolls*. She also sings in the Presbyterian church choir, while she walks, and in the shower. Bonita works for Ankeny's Community Education, loves to golf, and is a proud grandmother of three girls.

**JIM BISBEY** (Private Ozmas) - *The Wizard* is debut-time for Jim. Director Jo asked him to stand-in for an unfilled role, and Jim got the job permanently. He has done a fine job and everyone welcomes Jim to ACT. He also sings for ACT II, does car tinkering and motorcycling. He also looks after Gloria.

**JO REID/GRACE LEVERENZ** (Director/Producer) - The Reid/Leverenz combination comes as a team. They seem to have very little in common--they don't look, act or think alike; but they have teamed up several times to put on a class act. They have worked together with *Bad Seed*, *Annie Get Your Gun* and now *The Wizard of Oz*. We hope you like their production.

Ankeny Community Theatre (ACT) will host the 1992 Annual Conference of the IOWA COMMUNITY THEATRE ASSOCIATION at the Ankeny High School on June 12-14. Workshops will be conducted on acting, directing, stage management and producing plays. Interested persons are invited to attend.

## PRODUCTION STAFF

Director and Choreographer

Jo Reid

Producer

Grace Leverenz

Piano Accompanist

Christine Stone

Choral Director

Kathryn Bisbey

Set Design/Construction

Orville Ballard

Randy Koenig

Bill Shay

Dick Wilson

Ed Coleman

Interior Set Design

Bette and Chuck Honeck

Stage Managers

Jerry Reid

Light Design

Josh Iglehart, Duane Spicer  
Mike Mossman, Mike King

Costumes

Lynne Arterburn

Sarah Olson

Mary Lou Dean

Properties

Carole Lee Spicer

Roger Steiger

Marion Collins

Makeup

The Cast

Jeanine Carey

Pam Meyer

Nancy Despotovich

Kathryn Bisbey

Monica Green

Beverly Heldt

George Hart

House Manager

Ankeny Senior Citizens

Programs

Jan Klinker

T- and Sweatshirts

Growlie and Oz

Ticket Distribution

Walnut Street Gallery

Steve and Bev Stone

Darel Hildreth

Video Recording

Cliff Carey

Photographer

Bud Pratt

# A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING:

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| Walnut Street Gallery                        | Ankeny Senior Citizens |
| VOV Architecture & Design                    | Ideal Party Store      |
| Chip Overton and David Overton               |                        |
| Iowa Auto Dealers' Association (Gary Thomas) |                        |

All parents, families and friends of cast members who assisted and cooperated in numerous ways.

## 1992 CONTRIBUTORS

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The Ankeny Community Theatre is a nonprofit organization created to promote the development of theatre for the Ankeny community and surrounding area. We strongly urge you to not only patronize and support community theatre but also to participate. There are many ways you can become a part of this organization. Audition announcements for all productions are posted in the Press Citizen, Ankeny Today, and the Datebook. If you would like to act, direct, produce, or be involved with one of our production crews, we welcome your involvement. Ankeny offers a tremendous opportunity for talented people and we would like to tap your talents by encouraging you to participate.

ACT also has a singing group called ACT II. This group performs for community affairs, as requested, e.g., Ankeny Summerfest, the State Fair and Christmas programs. If you are interested in scheduling their services, call any of the following ACT officers.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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