# Ankeny Community Theatre

# THE WIZARD OF OZ



Based on the book by

# L. Frank Baum

# Dramatized by

# Elizabeth Fuller Chapman

January 12 - 28, 2007



# ACT Celebrates Silver Anniversary

Twenty-five years ago, Pastor Fred Lewis and some of his First United Methodist congregation decided to put their acting skills to use. From that group, Ankeny Community Theatre was born. Since then it has been a venue for a long list of local actors, directors, stage crews and volunteers to use their talents to provide entertainment to the Ankeny area. Hundreds of dedicated volunteers have donated countless hours over the past 25 years to keep ACT a part of the community.

For years, the group performed shows in many locations around Ankeny including Ankeny High School, Neveln Center, Lakeside Center and the old movie theater building on West 1st Street. In 1993, with the help of Denny Elwell, ACT moved into a place it could call home. Sweat and many hours converted the empty space into a community theater. ACT has expanded its season from one to two shows a year to five, and sometimes even six. Children's theater and educational opportunities have been a vital part of ACT since 2004.

Ankeny Community Theatre would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to its loyal audiences, supporters and business partners. Without their support, ACT would not be celebrating its 25th anniversary. With your continued support, ACT looks forward to providing live theater to Ankeny for another 25 years.

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<i>Our Town</i> September 22 - October 8
And Then There Were None (Ten Little Indians) November 3 - 19
<i>Wizard of Oz</i> January 12 - 28
<i>Godspell</i> March 2 - 18
Arsenic and Old Lace April 27 - May 13 Auditions: March 4 & 5 at 7:00

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## Director's Notes

Welcome to the wonderful world of the Wizard of Oz! Many of us associate the Wizard of Oz with ruby slippers, familiar songs, and the 1939 MGM movie starring Judy Garland. That movie was based on the book written by L. Frank Baum at the turn of the century in 1900. There are many differences. For example, the shoes are silver, the wicked witch is not green, but has one eye, and the witch of the North is quite different than the witch of the South. In the movie, they were a combined character. Our play today is a version that was written in 1928 and based more closely on the original book that Mr. Baum wrote. When L. Frank Baum set out to write the Oz books, he was seeking to create a new kind of fairy tale to present to the "modern" child of the day, a kind of story that was not too gruesome and terrifying to children as were many of the classic fairy tales. He endeavored to create a \*wonder tale\* where modern children could fall into a magical world that was fantastic and wondrous. A world that valued friendships and family. In keeping with Mr. Baum's spirit to appeal to the modern child, our play has some fun elements in this land of Oz. We hope you enjoy the show!

Karen Pederson Director



### CAST

Dorothy Toto Witch of the North Munchikin Munchkin Munchkin Scarecrow Tin Woodman I ion Guardian of the Gates Oz Head Green Lady Oz Beast Ball of Fire Wicked witch of the West Chorus Chorus Chorus Chorus Wizard of Oz Glinda the Good Floria Glinda Guard Glinda Guard Glinda Guard Glinda Guard Act L - Scene 1 Munchkin Farm ŀ

(in order of appearance) Nicole Frericks/Madison McClure Jonathan McGill Lauren Stratton Molly Hawks Emma Sorensen Jason Billingham Monte Engh Doug Chew **Richard Lough** Fric Sandoval Brandon Kuehl Kelsey Knake/Dominique L'Heureux Brad DePrez Matthew McGill Sarah Billingham Espri L'Heureux Grayson McCoid Brooke Lilienthal Lexi Kennard Troy DeStigter Emma Peterson Hayley Blok Monica DeCarlo Shawnacee McCarl Allison Smith Lauren Ceplecha

Act I- Scene 2	Edge of forest on road to the Emerald City
	15 Minute Intermission
Act II - Scene 1 Act II - Scene 2	Throne room in Palace of Emerald City Kitchen in castle of Wicked Witch of the West
	5 Minute Intermission
Act III - Scene 1 Act III - Scene 2	Throne room in Palace of Emerald City Throne room in Glinda the Good's Palace

## PRODUCTION CREW

Director Stage Managers Stage Crew

Properties Costume Designer Costumes

Hair & Make-up

Set Design Set Construction

Set Painting

Scenery Artist Original Music Score Lighting Design Lights Board Sound Board & Effects Playbill Photographers Front Lobby Display House Managers Concessions

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Jason Billingham (Munchkin #1) is making his acting debut at ACT. His hobbies include designing, inventing and unicycling. Jason is enjoying his first time

on stage and has had a great time learning more about theater.



Sarah Billingham (Witch of the West) plays her first evil role as the Wicked Witch. She last appeared at ACT as Bofur in *The Hobbit*. She has performed at the

Des Moines Playhouse in *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.* Hobbies include playing video games, computer and learning Japanese.



Hayley Rae Blok (Floria) has been in ACT's productions of And Then There Were None and Our Town. She loves to draw, play the tenor sax, and dance. She

is a 5th grader at Northeast Elementary. She loves to write plays and hopes to direct one of them someday.



Lauren Ceplecha (Glinda Guard) was seen last season in ACT's *Schoolhouse Rock Live*. She enjoys singing, acting and playing soccer and basketball. Lauren is a

5th grader at Terrace Elementary.



Doug Chew (Tin Woodman) has found a new home at ACT this season. This is his third production! He was Editor Webb in *Our Town* and Mr. Rogers in *And Then* 

There Were None. Doug also sings with Living History Farms, The Des Moines Concert Singers and Thresholds. He is married to Kristi, has two sons and a tiger cat named Iggy.



Monica DeCarlo (Glinda Guard) is making her theatrical debut. She has been in a TV commercial and has appeared in magazines and photo books. Some of her

hobbies include ballet, gymnastics, cheerleading, and talking to friends via the computer. She enjoys watching television with her father (as long as it isn't sports) and shopping with her mother. She is a 7th grader at Summit Middle School in Johnston.



Brad DePrez (Oz Beast) debuted at ACT in 2000 in *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* and returned last year for *It's A Wonderful Life.* He enjoys hanging out with his

friends, acting, and playing basketball and baseball. Brad attends Parkview Middle School.



Troy DeStigter (Wizard of Oz) is a familiar face at ACT. He has performed in numerous plays and his favorite roles include Ernie Cusack in *Rumors*,

and Mr. DePinna in *You Can't Take It With You*. Troy spends his free time collecting rock' n' roll albums and acting. He works at American Republic Insurance Company.



Monte Engh (Scarecrow) is no stranger to ACT. Shows include *Bedfull of Foreigners, Funny Money, It's a Wonderful Life, Lil Abner, Dearly Departed, Harvey* 

and You Can't Take It With You. Monte is an avid bicyclist and can be found riding with the Kum&Go team during RAGBRAI every year. He is serving his second term on the Board of Directors for ACT. He is married to Saint Vicki and has three grown children - Kari, Jeff & Chris.



Nicole Frericks (Dorothy) has appeared on the ACT stage in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *It's a Wonderful Life.* Her favorite role was as Emily in an ISU

extension video that was done last summer. Her favorite hobby is theater. She is an 8th grader at Ankeny Christian Academy.



Molly Hawks (Munchkin #3) is making her acting debut at ACT. She is a 5th grader at Woodlawn Elementary. She loves to run and came in 2nd at the Drake

Relays last year. Other activities include golf, sewing, volleyball, softball and tennis. Molly has one dog and two rats.



Lexi Kennard (Chorus) was seen last season in *It's A Wonderful Life.* She attends Crocker Elementary. Sewing, dog training and crafts are some of her favorite hobbies. She

would like to be an actress when she grows up.



Brandon Kuehl (Oz Head) is a 6th grader at Parkview Middle School. He has had the lead role in two school plays and performed in ACT's production of *Schoolhouse* 

*Rock Live.* He plays the drums and guitar, likes listening to music and participates in basketball and football. He is a huge Iowa State Cyclones fan. He claims he has a wonderful sense of humor which proves to be true since he willing agreed to be stuck inside the huge Oz head!



Kelsey Knake (Green Lady) appeared in ACT's productions of *Schoolhouse Rock Live!, The Hobbit,* and *Our Town.* She also does plays at school and church and attends thea-

ter camps. Kelsey is 13 years old and likes to play volleyball, sing, and read.



D o m i n i q u e L'Heureux (Green Lady) has appeared in Winnie the Pooh at the Des Moines Playhouse, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at

the Civic Center, *Return of the Glass Slipper* at the Ankeny Music Academy and *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* at ACT. She loves to hang out with friends and scrapbook. She is a senior at Ankeny High School and plans to attend Kirkwood Community College to study theater and creative writing.



**Espri L'Heureux** (Chorus) first appeared in *The Wizard of Oz* at the Des Moines Playhouse in the Lullaby League. She has performed in *Schoolhouse* 

*Rock Live* at Ankeny Music Academy and at ACT. She loves singing Broadway songs and hopes to sing on Broadway someday. Other hobbies include ballroom dancing, playing the keyboard and fishing. Espri attends Northeast Elementary and is in the 4th grade.



Brooke Lilienthal (Chorus) saw *Wicked* last spring and fell in love with the story of the Wicked Witch. She participates in dance, softball and basketball and

enjoys her dog, Allie. Brooke recently learned how to knit from her 3rd grade teacher at Crocker Elementary. She would love to be a singer and actress.



Richard Lough (Lion) is a people person who loves life and being with others. Originally from Esterville, Richard now resides in central Iowa doing a multitude of jobs

-massage therapist, school bus driver for Grimes-Dallas Center, and tour bus driver. In his free time, he enjoys dancing, reading, bike riding and walking. This is Richard's first time acting.



Shawna McCarl (Glinda Guard) is also making her acting debut in *The Wizard of Oz.* She is a 9th grader at Northview Middle School. Shawna likes to watch

movies and Grey's Anatomy and hang out with her friends.



Madison McClure (Dorothy) first appeared at ACT this fall in *Our Town.* She has competed in Competition Dance and has won National Dance Competition for

Duets. She loves to act, travel, read, and play with her three dogs. Madison is a 7th grader at Parkview Middle School.



Grayson McCoid (Chorus) is a 1st grader at Crocker Elementary. She likes to draw, read, camp and attend plays. This is her very first time to be in a play. She is

very excited about it.



Jonathan McGill (Toto) is also appearing in his very first play. He enjoys Church Logos, Tae-Kwon-Do, baseball and football. He loves the Huskers and the

Colts. Jonathan is a 2nd grader at Northeast Elementary.



Matthew McGill (Ball of Fire) appeared on our stage last season in *It's A Wonderful Life*. He has also been Goliath in a play at church. He loves to perform in

plays. Matthew's hobbies include Tae-Kwon-Do, piano, soccer, church youth group and reading. He is a 5th grader at Northeast Elementary.



Allison Smith (Glinda Guard) keeps herself busy by playing the piano and French horn, reading, participating in chorus and playing LOTS of soccer. She volunteers at

the Jester Park Equestrian Center and has helped at the Ankeny Art Center. This is her first appearance on stage. Allison is in 7th grade at Parkview.



Emma Sorensen (Munchkin #2) enjoys soccer, basketball and reading. She LOVES horses! This is Emma's first time to have a role in a play. She is a 3rd

grader at Northeast Elementary.



Emma Peterson (Glinda) performed in *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten* at the Iowa Fringe Festival and at the American High School Thea-

tre Festival in Edinburgh, Scotland. Other drama experiences include *Up the Down Staircase*, *Blues* and *Impassioned Embraces*. Emma teaches swim lessons, lifeguards and coaches the Aquahawk swim team. She is senior at Ankeny High School.



Eric Sandoval (Guardian of the Gates)is an 8th grader at Northveiw. He works at Burger King and has a Doberman named Luther. Eric performed

in *Rumplestiltskin* at the Des Moines Playhouse and in *Charlotte's Web* and *Our Town* at ACT.



Lauren Stratton (Witch of the North) has participated in plays during 6th and 7th grade at Parkview Middle School. She attends Northview as a 9th grader. Lauren

likes to read and hang out with her friends. She has had a lot of fun being in this play.



Karen Pederson (Director) is a familiar face to ACT audiences. She has participated in 25+ shows in the Ankeny/Des Moines area in the last six years - acting.

volunteering backstage, assistant directing, or directing. She has served on the ACT Board of Directors. Karen is the Library Director for the Bondurant Community Library. "I want to thank my husband, Keith Pederson. I appreciate all you have done for this show and me! You are the greatest!"

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- Costuming
- Set building
- Make-up
- Concessions
- Committee work

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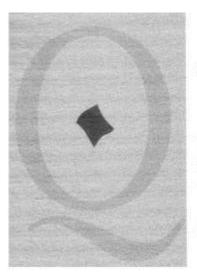
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