

St. John Theatre

PRESENTS



Directed by "Uncle Wayne" Daigrepoint

By Frank L. Baum

Adapted by Frank Gabrielson

With Music and Lyrics of the MGM motion picture score by

Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

July 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1998 - 7:30 P.M.

July 19, 1998 - 2:30 P.M.

115 W. 4th St. & River Rd. • Reserve, Louisiana

Scenes and Musical Numbers

Act I:

Overture	Oz Orchestra and Special Offstage Chorus
"Over the Rainbow"	Dorothy
"Munchkinland"	Munchkins
"Ding Dong! the Witch is Dead"	Munchkins
"Lullaby League"	Lullaby League
"Lollipop Guild"	Lollipop Guild
"Follow the Yellow Brick Road"	Glenda
"You're Off to See the Wizard"	Glenda, Munchkins, Dorothy, Mayor, Coroner, Lullaby League, Lollipop Guild
"If I Only Had a Brain"	Scarecrow
"We're Off to See the Wizard"	Scarecrow and Dorothy
"If I Only Had a Heart"	Tin Man
"We're Off to See the Wizard"	Tin Man, Dorothy, & Scarecrow
"If I Only Had the Nerve"	Lion
"We're Off to See the Wizard"	Lion, Tin Man, Scarecrow, & Dorothy

15 min. Intermission

Act II:

Entracte	Oz Orchestra (and Wicked Witch)
"Merry Old Land of Oz"	Doorman, Oz Chorus, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man & Lion
"The Jitterbug"	Dorothy, Lion, Tin Man, Scarecrow & Puppeteers
"Oh We Owe"	Witch's Guards
"The Chase"	Witch's Guards, Witch, Winged Monkeys, Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, & Lion

Bows

This production is being presented by special arrangement with Tams-Witmark Music Library, Inc.

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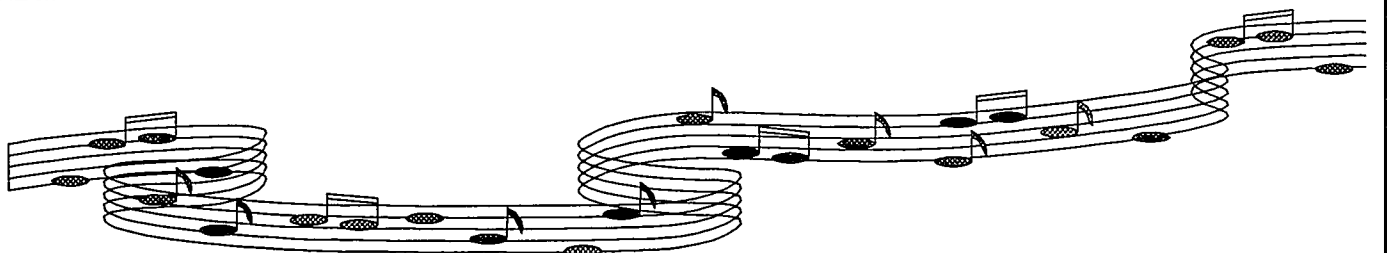
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— Cast of Characters —

(In order of Appearance)

Dorothy Gale	Corie Lynne Smith
Toto	"Pepper" Jolly
Auntie Em	Sing Borne
Uncle Henry	Gerald Roccaforte
Zeke, a Farmhand	Bill Tuson
Hunk, a Farmhand	Clint Scroggs
Hickory, A Farmhand	Vic Bordelon
Miss Gulch	JoAnne Mehrstens
Professor Marvel	Mike Brooks
Cyclone Dorothy/Toto's "Voice"	Dianna Duffy
Glenda, the Good Witch	Kathy Tuson
The Munchkins	Chanen Dunn, Bridget Boe, Brooke Bradley, Lauren Williams, Brandi Bradley, Ashley Bratcher, Kristina Colletta, Kimberly Schexnayder, Mandi Lockwood, Katie Vance, Danielle Zeringue, and little Sara Bordelon
Munchkin Mayor	Chris Hanes
Munchkin Coroner	Lester Millet IV
The Lullaby League	Meghann Mehrstens, Jenna Smith, Amanda Reeve & Magen LeBlanc
The Lollipop Guild	Steven Bordelon, Rustin Steib, Andrew Whitman
Wicked Witch	JoAnne Mehrstens
Scarecrow	Andrew Bond
Talking Tree	Cindy Schneider
Tin Man	Kevin Millet
Cowardly Lion	Jim Lockwood
Poppies	Jennifer Wong, Megan Miranda, Sarah Babin, Kaila Bratcher, Monica Millet, Sarah James, Stephanie Fraise, Cristie Ronan
Emerald City Doorman	Gary "Buddy" Boe
Oz ("Pretty-Girl") Chorus	Jenny Phan, Robin Smith, Melissa Giangrosso, Kathryn Kropog, Brittany Howard, Kourtney Bratcher, Kristi Gullo, Megan Millet, Cindy Schneider, Rachelle Ockman, Megan Hall, Morgan Zeringue, Lenore Tabor, Kathryn Bodin, Cherish Kenner, & Dianna Duffy
Winged Monkeys	Chanen Dunn, Andrew Whitman, Mandi Lockwood, and Bridget Boe
Witch's Guards	Dennis Landry, B.J. Monk, David Conran, Nicholas Smith, Craig Boe, "Sonny" Brenner, Jonathan LaBranche, Curtis Keating, Ryan Monica, Jeremiah Johnson
Wizard of Oz	Mike Brooks



— Who's Who in the Cast —

Corie Smith (Dorothy) began her musical theatre career on the SJT stage seven years ago. Her favorite roles include an orphan in **ANNIE**, a lost boy in **PETER PAN**, and a harem girl in **JOSEPH AND THE...DREAMCOAT**. After Corie concludes her journey down the yellow brick road, she will attend Southeastern Louisiana University in the fall.

Andrew Bond (Scarecrow) will be a senior this school year at Destrehan High School. Seventeen-year-old Andrew was last seen on stage as 'Roger' in the DHS production of **GREASE**. In his spare time, he enjoys listening to music, playing the guitar, and watching films. Andrew plans to major in musical theatre and pursue a career in the field.

Kevin Millet (Tin Man) is the nurse manager at St. James Hospital in Litcher. He resides in LaPlace with his wife, Greer, his daughter, Gracie, and eight-year-old Daisy Mae. Kevin has been on the SJT Board of Directors for several years and has just ended an extensive term as treasurer. He was most recently on the SJT stage as Joseph in **JOSEPH AND THE....DREAMCOAT** and Rolfe in **THE SOUND OF MUSIC**.

Jim Lockwood (Cowardly Lion) began his musical career as a singer/song writer for many local bands. After his first theatre production of **GLAD ALL OVER** at Tulane Center Stage in 1992, he joined the SJT family in 1995 as Rooster in **ANNIE** and as the dentist in **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**. 'I really enjoy doing shows at SJT,' says Jim, 'because my wife and daughter get involved so it becomes a family affair.'

Joanne Mehrtens (Miss Gulch/Wicked Witch) is very happy to be on the stage at SJT for the first time. Relatively new to the theatre scene, Joanne has preformed at Rivertown Rep. Theatre this past season in **MY FAIR LADY** and **BABY**. When not performing on stage, Joanne's other gig is mainliner as mom to Meghann (a munchkin), Kayleigh, and wife to Bruce. Joanne would like to thank Uncle Wayne for giving her this most enjoyable opportunity.

Kathy Tuson (Glenda, the Good Witch) spends her days as an accountant for Metairie Country Club. Kathy has been part of the SJT family for the past 15 years and may be best remembered as Bloody Mary in **SOUTH PACIFIC**, Sr. Mary Amnesia in **NUNSENSE**, and most notably Peter in **PETER PAN**. Kathy has also served on the SJT Board of Directors for several years and currently holds the office of treasurer. In her spare time, Kathy enjoys needlework and writing children's stories.

Mike Brooks (Professor Marvel/Wizard of Oz) spends his days as a purchasing director for the Medical Center of Louisiana. The theatre bug keeps Mike busy, as he was last seen on the SJT stage as Luther Billis in **SOUTH PACIFIC**, Mr. Mushnik in **LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS**, and Teddy Brewster in **ARSENIC AND OLD LACE**. Mike also studies drama at the University of New Orleans, and this past year, he became President of the SJT Board of Directors and made his directorial debut with SJT's production of the **ODD COUPLE**. Mike lives in Laplace with his wife, Anne, and enjoys spending time with their children, Shane and Ingrid.

Ethel "Sing" Borne (Auntie Em) has been seen on the SJT stage most recently as Martha Brewster in **ARSENIC AND OLD LACE**, Mrs. Banks in **BAREFOOT IN THE PARK** and as Grandma in **LOST IN YONKERS**. When not lending her talents to the stage, Sing spends her time with her husband Eugene, their four children, and five grandchildren. She also enjoys gardening, arts & crafts, and volunteering at the St. John Ministry of Care and St. Joan of Arc Church in LaPlace.

Gerald "Rocky" Roccaforte (Uncle Henry) is thrilled to be making his acting debut at SJT. Rocky is a project analyst at Crescent Technology, Inc. and lives in Metairie with his wife Sally and their children Joey and Annie. Rocky also enjoys bowling, fishing, and woodworking.

"Uncle Wayne" Daigrepoint has been doing theatre for almost 3 decades, having graduated from NSU (Natchitoches). His theatrics have been seen in virtually every theatre in the New Orleans area, and is very proud to say he actually 'makes a living' doing theatre in the daytime with his own company, 'Porta-Puppet Players.' The puppet productions are scripted, produced, and built by Daigrepoint, with original music, lyrics, and tailor-made puppets. He has been doing children's theatre professionally for 20 years, and is thrilled to be with old River Region friends as the Snowdys and Mike Brooks!

St John Theatre — How It Came About —

In 1974 a group of interested citizens proposed to the Police Jury (later to be known as the Parish Council) that St. John the Baptist Parish needed a cultural center.

By 1975 the group had joined the 1976 Bicentennial Committee and had begun a publicity campaign seeking endorsements to convince the public of the need. By 1976 an official feasibility study had concluded that the parish did indeed need a cultural center. A referendum was put on the ballot for September 1978, but the center lost by 21 votes. The group members felt that with harder campaigning, the January 19, 1980, bond election could be won, but in the end, the proposal was soundly defeated.

Disappointed but not discouraged, the Cultural Center Committee went before the Parish Council to seek help in obtaining the Maurin Theatre (built in 1931), which the Louis J. Maurin family closed and offered for sale. By a unanimous vote, the Council voted to provide funds for the purchase of the building, the land, and initial renovation costs. The facility was leased to the Cultural Center Committee on May 22, 1980.

Renovations began immediately, and St. John Theatre opened in July 1981 with the staging of the musical "South Pacific." On July 7, 1982, the council designated the live-theater facility as "the Cultural and Civic Center of St. John the Baptist Parish."

When funds ran out, the board members, many of them Reserve Lions Club members, signed bank loan papers, and the renovations were completed. Today the parish-owned facility is debt-free, generating its own revenues.

Dr. Jack Harvey was the first board president, and Jack S. Snowdy was named Managing Director in 1981. Other presidents over the years have included Malcolm Donaldson, Lucien Cambre, and Greer Millet. The current president is Mike Brooks. Other officers include Sterling Snowdy, Vice-President; Robert Beadle, Secretary; and Kathy Tuson, Treasurer. Other board members include Kevin Babin, Fege Boe, Elsie Cambre, Lucien Cambre, Karen Duffy, Ross Miano, Greer Millet, Kevin Millet, Ronnie White and Richard Oubre. Jack Snowdy continues as Managing Director.

In 1994 the Board of Directors, with the help of the Parish Council, purchased a 300-foot parking lot adjacent to the theater property.

Since its inception, the MISSION of the theater has been to offer each child and adult of the community the opportunity to participate in, or be a spectator of, a series of fine arts activities offered during the year. It is a "Family Safe" center; it does not schedule performances which do not respect the dignity of others.

Anyone wishing to rent the theater or to learn more about its programs should call Jack S. Snowdy, Managing Director, at (504) 536-2410 or write him at P.O. Drawer BA, Reserve, LA 70084.

May 1998

— PRODUCTION STAFF —

Director "Uncle Wayne" Daigrepont
 Vocal Director/Rehearsal Pianist Barbara Moras
 Asst. Director/Stage Manager Ian Kennedy
 Asst. Director #2 Ruth Kennedy
 Asst. Stage Manager J.D. Labat
 Set Construction/Scene Painting Harold Madere/Eddie Pastureau
 (Emerald City) Curtain Construction Anne Brooks
 Light Operator Tabby Armstrong
 Sound Operator Phil Besch
 Spotlight Operators Phil Wagar/Jaimie Wagar
 Make-Up/Hair Laura Zaidain
 "Drill Sergeant" to the Witch's Guards Sybil Brenner
 Puppeteers Ian Kennedy, Kelly Keating,
 Margie LaBranche, Clint Scroggs, Kay Reeve, & J.D. Labat
 Original Puppets Porta-Puppet Players
 Props JoAnne Mehtens, Ian Kennedy, Cindy
 Schneider, Andrew Bond, Kevin Babin,
 Beverly Traub, & "Uncle Wayne"
 Program Greer Millet
 Publicity Karen Duffy
 Costume Construction Frieda Mathews, Margo Bordelon,
 and all the parents/grandparents & Special Seamstresses
 Backstage Crew Vic Bordelon, Clint Scroggs, Bill Tuson,
 Gerald Roccaforte, Kelly Keating, Margie LaBranche, Kay Reeve, Ashley Simon,
 Adam Tamplain, Bruce Mehtens, Ramona Lockwood, Rolanda Keller
 Musical Director Sterling Snowdy

Oz Orchestra

Piano Barbara Moras
 Percussion Brenda Castillo
 Synthesizer Jim Duvall
 Bass Sterling Snowdy

<p align="center">— SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS —</p>	<p align="center">— 1998 Board Members of St. John Theatre —</p>
<p>Jack Snowdy, Sterling Snowdy, Robert Self, Dan Zimmer, Rivertown Rep Theatre, Trish McLain, Beverly Traub, Fege Boe, Derek of Costume Headquarters, Ross Miano, Becky Brenner Daigrepont, Anne Brooks, Chris Frederic, Jane Vicknair, Cucos Mexican Cafe, Riverside Academy, Dominican High School and a Giant Thanks to Kevin Babin and especially Mike Brooks!</p> <p>"THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME!"</p> <p>To book your production at St. John Theatre, Call 536-2410 today! The Cultural Center of the River Parishes http://www.stjohntheatre.org</p>	<p>President - Mike Brooks Vice-President - Sterling Snowdy Secretary - Robert Beadle Treasurer - Kathy Tuson Managing Director - Jack S. Snowdy</p> <p>Kevin Babin, Fege Boe, Elsie Cambre, Lucien Cambre, Karen Duffy, Ross Miano, Greer Millet, Kevin Millet, Richard Oubre, Ronnie White</p> <p align="center">— Friends of the Theatre —</p> <p>We currently have 151 members and we are looking for more. Benefits include presale opportunities for St. John Theatre events, discounted ticket sales and an invitation to the Wine and Cheese Party. If interested, please call 652-3343 and leave a message. You will be put on our mailing list for the next edition of our newsletter "THE SCRIPT" and information for joining will be forwarded.</p> <p align="center">Enjoy the show!</p>

ANGELS

**Best of Luck--"Tornado" Dorothy
Break a Leg Rustin--ITS Caleb Brett
We delivered a Monkey, a Lion, & a Munchkin!
Have Fun, Mandi & Jim!**

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Break a leg!--JD, Hilda and Debbie Labat

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Break a leg! Monkey!

Have fun our little grand Munchkin!

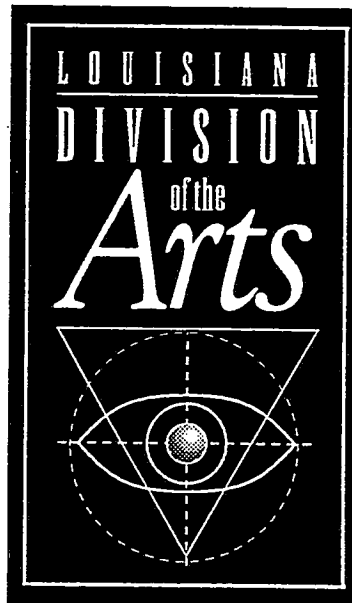
Tin Man, You're all heart! Greer, Gracie, & Daisy Mae

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Greetings from Oz.....

Keep on Truckin, Nicky-Mom, Dad, Matt, Wally, Marci
I can't hear you Cyclone Dorothy! Love, Mom
Scream your lungs out! Love, Dad and Donovan
Break a Leg, Dianna--Love, Granny and Pappy
Dianna, you are our Shining Star--Love, Maw and Paw
Good luck our little poppy-Love, Mom and Dad
Break a Leg Megan and Monica-Love Gracie!
Break a leg, Megan-Love, PawPaw Gag
My little Star!!!--Love Aunt Blacky
Congrats Cherish on your acting debut--Love, Mom, Dad, Kiara
We love you Kimberly! Love, Maw-Maw & Paw-Paw Louque
Kimberly, Thank God for little girls--Have fun, Mom & Dad
Break a Leg, Kimberly from Uncle Ace
Have fun onstage, Love, Mom, Dad, Gabriel
Knock'em dead Munchkin Coroner-Your brother, Chris
Good Luck Lester IV--Grandma & Grandpa Poche & Brad
You're our star Lester! We love you-Mom & Dad
Lester--Enjoy yourself-Troas, Mandy, & Breanna
To our talented actor, Lester--Love PawPaw & Maw Maw Belle
Break a leg, Lester--from all your cousins
Good luck Cindy & Ian! Love, Grannie
Good Luck Cindy! Love, the Clarks
Break a leg, Cindy!!Love, your family
Good luck to my granddaughter Melissa-Love MawMaw
Break a leg Melissa!!!!-Love Uncle Max
To our Best Singer, Melissa! Love, Mom, Dad, and Gerard
Good Luck on you 3rd play, Melissa- Grandma/Grandpa
Good Luck BJ-Love, Aunt Elsa, Uncle Steve, and Family
Good Luck BJ, Love Aunt Olga, Uncle Louis, Tina & Lou
Dennis, Good job!! Love, Mom & Timmy
Give it all you got, Sara and Stephanie-CSS
Pretty-Pretty Poppies, Stephanie and Sarah-CSS
Flower Power Sarah J. & Stephanie F. --Mom & CSS
Peace, Love, and Happiness to all--CSS
Coastal Signal Systems sends best wishes to all cast members
Good luck and have fun Megan and Monica-from Mom and Dad
Monkey Chanen, you're wonderful--Love, Mom
Break a leg, Chanen--Love, Dylan

Good Luck, Chanen, My Little Munchkin, Love, Dad
Good Luck! I'll be waching! Love, Marco!
I am proud of you, Rachelle, dear! Lillie Penilla
Good Luck! Have fun! Googy and Victoria
Show your stuff, Bill and Kathy! Love, Mom & Dad
Oz! As a change of pace! H. Herbology
Break a Leg, Tato Lore, Mom & Dad
Break a leg, Kina! Love, Mama, Daddy & Anna
Best of Luck to our Pride & Joy-Love, Mom, Troy, Brooke, & Lauren
We Love You! Dad, Stacy, Madison, Morgan, Michelle, Granny
You are the Greatest! Love, MeMe and PaPa
Good Luck Megan Hall! Love, Ms Sissy, Mr. Bob, Sunni, Josh
Break a Leg my Little Sweetheart-Karen, Paul, Jackie, Keith
Good Luck Kathryn K. & Break a Leg! Love, Mom & Dad
Good Luck Brandi & Brooke! Love, Mom, Sarah, & Roger
Good Luck Brandi & Brooke! Love, Dad, BB, Linsy, & Rachel
Knock their socks off, Chris! Love U-DoDo & PawPaw
We know you're Broadway Bound-Aunt Karen & Gang
To the Mayor of Munchkinland, Good Luck-Nan & Steve
To my handsome Mayor of Munchkinland, Love, Maw-Maw
We're proud of our Mayor! Love Grammy & PawPaw Ben
Break a leg, Chris! Love, Uncle Aaron, Aunt Vicki, Aaron & Austin
To Our Son, We're Proud of You! Love, Mom, Dad, & Christina
VOTES ARE IN! Chris elected Mayor! Good Luck-Love, TCEK
Jenna & Corie & Robin-Oh My! Love, Mom & Dad
Good Luck to the Smith Girls! Luv, Maw-Maw & Pa-pa
Break a Leg Smith Girls! Nanny & Uncle George
Good Luck Smith Girls! Love, Kim, Madison, Kristian
To our Lullaby Girl-Break a Leg-We Love You Munchkin!
My Wife is a WITCH! Great Job Jo! Break Your Leg!
Good Job-Uncle David, Dionna, & Jonathan
Dianna, You can talk like the Annimals, Love, Gidget
"Toto" Hope you & Dorothy get back to Kansas Love, Jolly 5
Keep on running "Peppies"-Don't let that wicked witch catch
you-Aimee, Vic, & "Sugar Dog"
"Peppa"-Follow the yellow brick road home to us!
Love, Ashley & Mike
Go Mandi Go Mandi - Love Ms. Robin and Mr. Steve



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