



## **JUMP THEATRE COMPANY PRESENTS**

### **THE WIZ September 2014**

### **AUDITION INFORMATION PACK**

The Soul Musical Version of "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum Book by William F. Brown  
Music and Lyrics by Charlie Smalls

**Synopsis** Winner! 7 Tony Awards, including Best Musical!

Everyone knows the story of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, but in this soul musical version it's a fantasy for today — mysterious, opulent and fanciful — a dream conjured up by a child with Dorothy's adventures in the Land of Oz set to music in a dazzling, lively mixture of rock, gospel and soul. Adapted into a film version featuring Michael Jackson and Diana Ross.

DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER Lisa Russell

MUSICAL DIRECTOR Steven Kreamer

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Jane Ford

ASSISTANT MUSICAL DIRECTOR Dani El-Rassi

PRODUCTION MANAGER Amelia McCann

### **AUDITION DATES**

Sun 13th April 9am-5pm

Wed 16th April 7:30pm-10:30pm

JumpPA Studio

Lv 3, C3 Conference Centre, Cnr Egerton & Silverwater Rd, Silverwater 2128

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## REHEARSALS

**Wednesdays 4:30pm-7:30pm (Children 14/u) 7:30-10:30 (Adults) Beginning Wed 30th April**

Please Note: Some children & adult rehearsals may overlap closer to performances. We may call a couple of weekend rehearsals for adult cast but this will be discussed along with availabilities after casting.

## PRODUCTION DATES

Band Rehearsal & Sitzprobe - 14th Sept

Bump In & Tech Rehearsal - 19th Sept

Dress Rehearsal - 22nd Sept

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## PERFORMANCE DATES

7:30pm 24th Sept

7:30pm 25th Sept

7:30pm 26th Sept

2pm & 7:30pm 27th Sept

## SHOW FEES

\$130 includes show shirt

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To book an audition send an email to [info@jumptc.com.au](mailto:info@jumptc.com.au)  
Bookings will be taken by email only

## **What To Prepare:**

### Singing

#### Children:

Those auditioning for the children's cast are required to sing a verse and a chorus of a music theatre song (if one is known). Please provide a backing track or sheet music in the right key.

#### Adults:

Those auditioning for the ensemble are required to prepare an excerpt from an appropriate music theatre or soul song in the style of the show. Please pick a section of the song that shows you off vocally. Please bring sheet music in the correct key.

Those auditioning for a lead role are ALSO required to prepare an excerpt from

[https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zcbyz9hhu3tzjgz/vx\\_G4i5Dz2](https://www.dropbox.com/sh/zcbyz9hhu3tzjgz/vx_G4i5Dz2)

If you think you are appropriate for more than one role please prepare all appropriate excerpts.

NO ACCAPELLA Please provide sheet music or a backing track on cd or ipod

### Dancing

You will be expected to learn a dance routine, which will be taught at the audition and performed in a group environment.

### Acting

Some auditionees may be asked to do a cold reading. If you are auditioning for a lead it will help to be familiar with the characters. The show will be performed with American accents.

## ROLE INFORMATION

DOROTHY - mezzo-soprano Singer/Dancer. A young teen that is blown away from her home in Kansas and ends up in the Land of OZ. While trying to find her way home, she meets some new and interesting friends. Solo songs include "As Soon As I Get Home", "Home" and the duet "Be A Lion"

SCARECROW - tenor Character actor, singer - The first of the 3 to meet Dorothy and joins her on the journey to meet the wizard in the hope of getting some brains. Solo songs include "I Was Born On The Day Before Yesterday"

TIN MAN - baritone Character actor, tap dancer a bonus. Once a woodchopper, the Tinman became tin after the witch put a spell on his axe, causing him to chop off his body parts which were then replaced by tin. He joins Dorothy and the Scarecrow in the hope of getting a heart from the wizard. Solo songs include "Slide Some Oil To Me" & "What Would I Do If I Could Feel"

LION - baritone Character actor/ singer. The last to join the journey to the Emerald City, the Lion longs for courage. Solo song includes "I'm A mean Ole Lion" and the duet "Be A Lion"

THE WIZ - tenor Actor/singer. The Wiz is really just a 'former nobody from Omaha, Nebraska', who was transported to Oz in his hot air balloon by a violent wind storm. He was thought to be a miracle and named a wizard by the Oz people. Dorothy and Friends reveal him for a fake. Solo songs include "So You Wanted To Meet The Wizard", "Believe In Yourself" & "Y'all Got It"

ADDAPERLE - mezzo-soprano Character actor. The good witch of the North. She is not very good at magic even though she tries really hard. Sings "He's The Wiz"

EVILLENNE - alto Singer/Actor The Wicked Witch of the West. She enslaved all the Winkies and the Winged Monkeys to do her bidding, she captures Dorothy and her friends and tries to force Dorothy to give her the Silver Slippers. Sings "Don't Nobody Bring Me No Bad News"

GLINDA - alto Singer/actor. The Good Witch of The North Glinda is the one who finally reveals the secret of the Silver Slippers to Dorothy. Sings "If You Believe" (May double as Auntie Em)

AUNT EM - mezzo-soprano. Dorothy's Aunt. Sings "The Feeling We Once Had" (May double as Glinda)

UNCLE HENRY - Small actor role. Dorothy's uncle

The Ensemble has many roles for both children & adults such as:

TORNADO  
MUNCHKINS  
YELLOW BRICK ROAD  
CROWS  
KALIDAHS  
POPPIES  
GATEKEEPER  
FIELD MICE  
EMERAL CITY CITIZENS  
LORD HIGH UNDERLING  
SOLDIER  
MESSENGER  
WINGED MONKEY

There will also be a dance ensemble for strong dancers