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STAGE AURORA ANNOUNCES AUDITIONS FOR **THE WIZ (TYA)**

JACKSONVILLE, FL.— Stage Aurora Theatrical Company's 100 Youth Voices holds auditions for "The Wiz" (TYA). Come with us as we *Ease on Down the Road* in this Tony-award winning iconic musical. Auditions take place on July 18th, 19th, 25th and 26th. Saturday auditions will be from 1pm to 3pm and Sunday auditions from 3pm to 6pm, all at First United Methodist Church, 225 E. Duval St., Jacksonville, FL 32202.

If you're a great singer, dancer, or beginner, between the ages 8 to 19, we'd love to see you audition for the cast. All roles are available! Winner of 7 Tony awards, The Wiz first appeared on Broadway in 1974 and was written by William F. Brown with Music and Lyrics by Charles Smalls. This beloved Broadway musical sets Dorothy's adventures in the Land of Oz to a dazzling, lively mixture of rock, gospel and soul music.

To audition, please prepare a song of your choice that best shows off your voice. Dancers may prepare a dance routine. Please bring your own music/track. "The Wiz." (TYA) will be presented on Saturday September 26, 2026.

The musical will be directed by **Darryl Reuben Hall**. Stage Aurora's General Company Manager is Dolores Hall, Ed.D.

All Seats are \$18. For more information and tickets, please call Stage Aurora Theatrical Company at (904) 765-7373 or visit us online at <https://www.stageaurora.org/>.

Stage Aurora Theatrical Company, founded in 2001, has produced 200+ productions of award-winning theatre in FL. Our goal is to produce 'Theatre that Enlightens'. We aim to build bridges of understanding between cultures in relation to the human experience.

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Character Breakdown

DOROTHY – Female Lead. Must be able to handle much memorization and difficult singing. She is a young girl living with her Aunt and Uncle on a Farm in Kansas.

AUNT EM – Although not her mom, she has motherly concern. She is the Aunt of Dorothy.

UNCLE HENRY – Uncle of Dorothy.

GLINDA - Glamorous and sophisticated.

ADDAPERLE -Goofy and lovable Witch of the North.

SCARECROW – Ability to adopt the Scarecrow's loose-limbed physicality is a plus.

TIN MAN/GIRL – Should be able to adopt the Tin Man's physicality, from stiff to well-oiled.

LION – Very comedic. Stout. From fierce to foolish in a flash!

THE WIZ – One who inspires to emulate another's success. Proud.

EVILLENE - Must be able to use voice in a big way to play the Wicked Witch of the West's scarily domineering side.

YELLOW BRICK ROAD –A singing and dancing group with solos.

GATEKEEPER & LORD/LADY HIGH UNDERLING –The Wicked Witch of the West's Right hand Woman, and Right Hand Man

THE KALIDAHS – Paper Lanterns That Come To Life (dancers)

THE POPPIES – Mesmerizing & Captivating Modern Jazz dancers

WINKIES – Slaves of the Wicked Witch of the West (Dancer and singers)

WINGED MONKEYS – Evillene's Outlaw Band (must have a pair of inline black skates) Need to be able to skate on stage and control movements.

ENSEMBLES - Most of the cast will be part of some of these groups. They do have lines and solos: Crows, Citizens of Oz.

CITIZEN OF OZ: Gold, Red, Green

CROWS- Dancers, They tease the Scarecrow

MESSENGER – The Bearer of Bad News

THE MICE SQUAD – Emerald City Police

MUNCHKINS – Will be working in harmonies and have very stylized movements. Cart wheelers, Tumblers, Acrobats, Hula hoppers, dancers, and singers. Citizens of Munchkin.

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Track Listing

1. Overture
2. The Feeling We Once Had
3. Tornado
- 3A. Munchkin Entrance (Dorothy Discovers Oz)
5. He's the Wiz
6. Soon as I Get Home
7. Born on the Day Before Yesterday
8. Ease on Down the Road #1
9. Slide Some Oil to Me
10. Ease on Down the Road #2
11. Mean Ole Lion
12. Ease on Down the Road #3
13. Kalidah's
14. Seeing Emerald City
- 14A. Emerald City Dance
- 16A. After Emerald City
17. So You Wanted to Meet the Wizard
18. Be a Lion
19. Act I Curtain

ACT II

20. At the Witch's Castle
21. Don't Nobody Bring Me No Bad News
22. Funkey Monkey
- 22A. Back at the Witch's Castle
24. Everybody Rejoice
- 24A. Everybody Rejoice Exit
28. Y'all Got It
29. A Rested Body
30. Believing
- 30A. Addaperle's Exit
31. Finale – Home
32. Bows

