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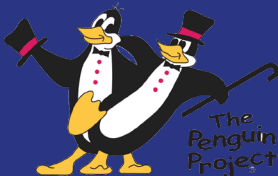
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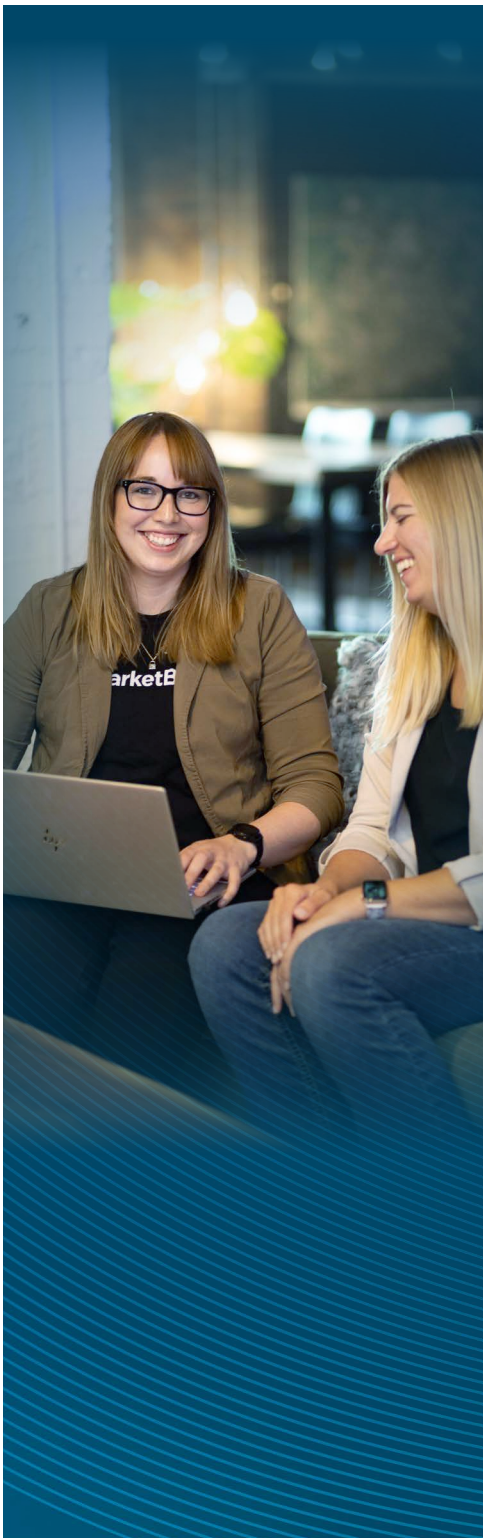
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A Note From The TPP Education Team



Welcome to The Premiere Playhouse's summer 2024 educational performance of *Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition*. It is with immense joy and pride that we present this beloved story, brought to life by the vibrant talents of our local youth.

Arts education is a cornerstone of personal and community growth. It provides a crucial platform for creative expression, enabling young people to explore their imaginations, develop their talents, and build confidence. Through the arts, children learn invaluable lessons about teamwork, empathy, and perseverance. These performances are not just entertainment; they are vital opportunities for our youth to shine, grow, and connect with each other and with you, our audience.

We are deeply grateful to our generous donors whose support makes our programming possible. Your contributions ensure that we can continue to provide high-quality, accessible arts education to all members of our community. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to you, our audience, for your patronage. Your presence here today signifies your commitment to fostering a vibrant cultural landscape where young artists can thrive.

As we share these performances with you, we are reminded of our ultimate objective: to provide an inclusive and accessible theatre experience to all members of our diverse and talented community. Together, we are creating a space where everyone's voice can be heard and celebrated.

Thank you for joining us on this magical journey. Enjoy the show!

Alex, Abby, & Oliver

Education Team

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Alex Meemken / *Uncle Henry/Tough Kid*

Alex is making his Penguin Project debut as Uncle Henry but previously performed in TPP's *James and the Giant Peach Jr.* He has performed in multiple musicals in the area such as *Frozen Jr.* as Oaken, *Moana Jr.*, *The Adventures of a Comic Book Artist*, and more. When not on stage, Alex's heart doesn't stray far from music as he loves to sing with his school choir. He has had a fun time working with everyone in the Penguin Project and hopes you enjoy the show!



Anthony Weiss / *Mayor*

Anthony feels inspired to be returning for his 3rd year with the Penguin Project! He will be in the 9th grade at Roosevelt high school. In his free time, Anthony enjoys participating in Taekwondo, playing video games, raising butterflies, bird watching, and snuggling with his pet rats.



Brennen Schrank / *Tough Kid*

Brennen is in seventh grade. This is his second year in the Penguin Project and his second time playing a monkey (Wickersham brother and flying monkey). His two sisters, Emmalynn and Clarissa, are also Penguins! Brennen enjoys Legos, Boy Scouts and outdoors, playing video games, and watching TV. He hopes you love the *Wizard of Oz!*



Carson Meile / *Winkie Leader*

Carson loves being a part of the Penguin Project and this is his third year of acting. He is a senior at Brandon Valley High School. He loves cars, playing video games, music, playing his drums and riding his bike. He would love it if you will follow him on Instagram at @meilecarson33



Chrissy Mailloux / *Coroner*

Chrissy is excited to join the Penguins for a second summer. She has participated in many shows over the past 7 years. In the fall, she will attend Augustana's Augie Access program where she plans to continue in theater, and perfect becoming a "cat lady" with her cat "Houdini".

Meet The Artists



Colton Byrnes / *Oz Toto*

Colton is very excited to be making his theatrical debut as Toto with The Penguin Project! Colton loves all things theater, his favorite being *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Hamilton*! He loves being a part of TPP and Special Olympics! He will be in 5th grade at Pettigrew's Elementary! Colton enjoys Minecraft, playing drums with Groove Inc, and snuggling with his animals! He is extremely thankful for the support from all of his family! Enjoy the show!



Emily Groeneveld / *Munchkin 2*

Emily is in 3rd year of the Penguin Project. She loves her peers and all the staff as well.. Loves to give hugs. Will be a Senior this year. She enjoys swimming, bowling and track in Special Olympics. Loves to sing and dance. Enjoys being a big sister.



Emmalynn Schrank / *Lion/Zeke*

Emmalynn (goes by Emma) is 16 years old and could not be more excited to perform this classic musical. She has been with the Penguin Project for three years and loves this amazing group! Emma loves cats, puzzles, and diamond art. She has two cats at home, Oscar and Tabby, and two siblings, Brennen and Clarissa. She loves playing the lion, such a cool cat, and can't wait to see what next year brings!



Grace Kreun / *Tots*

Grace is excited to be back for her 2nd year of Penguins after having played an orphan in *Annie Jr.* in 2022. Grace enjoys participating in South Dakota Miss Amazing and Special Olympics, Go Lancers! Grace's favorite color is red and she loves all things Descendants!



Halle Bauman / *Nikko*

Halle is grateful to be back on stage with her talented friends for her third show with the Penguin Project. You may remember her as "Annie" from *Annie JR.*, or "Jojo" in *Suessical JR.* Halle will be in 7th grade this year. She enjoys singing, swimming, riding horses and having fun with her friends. She has two cats, Clementine & Lily. But her life would be complete if her parents would PLEASE GET HER A PUPPY!



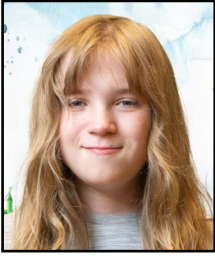


Meet The Artists



Hunter Ross / *Professor/OZ*

Hunter is in his 3rd year of participating in the Penguin Project having been in *Annie Jr.* and *Seussical Jr.* Hunter will be a Senior at Washington this fall. Interests are sports, church related activities, music and being amongst friends.



Jaxon Duke / *Oz Guard/City Father*

Jaxon will be a sixth grader at Whittier this year. He loves dancing, singing, and being with friends. *Wizard of Oz* will be his 4th musical and 2nd with the Penguin Project. Jaxon plays two instruments, the cello and trombone. He loves spending time with his mom, dad, and his dog Xena. His other interests are muscle cars, old trucks, video games, and remote control cars.



Kainan Sheppard / *Barrister*

Kainan is making his theatrical debut this weekend as the Barrister and a forest tree. He's very happy to be joining his older sister, Laura, and his youngest brother Nate. Kainan is a senior this year at Teachwell Prosper and loves creating his own audio descriptions and video collages on his laptop in his spare time. He also loves singing and bowling.



Laura Sheppard / *Dorothy*

Laura is endlessly excited to perform her second year of Penguin Project in her first lead role as Dorothy! It is a role she had always hoped to play, especially since the song *Somewhere Over the Rainbow* had been one of her Grandpa's favorite songs, and it was the very first song she had ever performed solo on a real stage as a kid. She is overjoyed for you all to be here to witness the wonderful production everyone at Penguin Project has worked so hard to create, and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Megan Lauritzen / *Munchkin 1*

Megan is 22 years old. This is her first time participating in the Penguin Project. She is loving being Munchkin #1! Megan is very social and enjoys time with friends and pretty much anything that gets her out and about to be able to visit with others. Megan attends Lifescape day services and participates in many Special Olympic sports.

Meet The Artists



Nate Sheppard / *Scarecrow/Hunk*

Nate was here last year; you might remember him as a Whickersham! This time you will see him as the loveable Scarecrow. Nate has also been in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolored Dreamcoat* at the age of 5 and just recently in the youth ensemble for *Oklahoma!* Nate is very proud of all he and his friends have accomplished and he can't wait for you all to see it!



Nathan Mallard / *Tin Man/Hickory*

Nathan has been in 6 shows at this time and this is his 7th. He's excited to play the Tin Man because he has heart. He is an enthusiastic actor who loves to sing, dance, and make people happy. He knows he is not perfect but he's special just the way he is. He's hoping for a part in the regular season play *A Christmas Carol*.



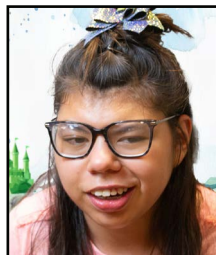
Nev Wilson / *Door Man*

Nev is excited to be in her 3rd Penguin Project production! She will be a freshman at Lincoln High School this fall. Nev also enjoys riding her bike, playing with Legos, and babysitting. She has enjoyed working with her mentor, Serie, this summer and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Phoenix Bartscher / *Oz Woman/Lady in the Rocking Chair*

Phoenix, a thirteen-year-old in her first year with the Penguin Project, loves to sing and dance. When not rehearsing, she relaxes in her recliner, watching her favorite TV shows. Phoenix has an endless supply of hugs and finds joy in simple things. Having her best friend Josey by her side in this theater experience has been a cherished aspect. She's made many new friends and stepped out of her comfort zone through the numerous practices. A performer at heart, Phoenix has found a place to shine in the Penguin Project.



Peter Newitt / *Tough Kid*

Peter is excited to be participating in the Penguin Project for the 1st time this year as a member of the Lollipop Guild! Peter will be in 7th grade at Memorial Middle School. He also likes Legos, Battlebots, and just started Taekwondo.



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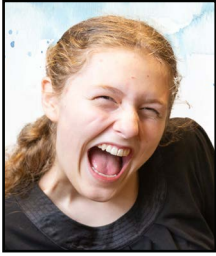


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Rachel Reese / *Tots*

Rachel is very excited to perform with the other Penguins in her very first play this summer. She will be a 9th grade homeschooler this fall and her hobbies include walking her dog, tending to her flowers and plants and enjoying time with her family.



Sara Newitt / *Miss Gultch/Witch*

Sara, a charismatic 15-year-old girl, has always enjoyed being dramatic. However, acting is an experience relatively new to her, although she sang and danced her heart out in last year's Penguin production *Seussical JR*. Sara will be a sophomore at Roosevelt next year where she enjoys a fun yet rigorous academic schedule. Sara's loves include show choir, books, her Christian faith, and cats! She is so proud of all her fellow penguins and thanks everyone here for their support. Good job, good job, GO PENGUINS!



Shianna Tiemann / *Glenda*

My name is Shianna Tiemann. I am 22 years old. I have 2 dogs their names are Duke and Pepper. I love to act and I type my own plays too. I have been in a middle school play called *The Scheme of The Driftless Shifter*. a high school play called *Cinderella*. I was in *Annie Jr.* and *Seussical Jr.* for the Penguin project. I like to act with tv shows. I love to sing too. I live with my mom, my grandpa and my dogs. my favorite food is cheese. my favorite singer is Taylor Swift and my favorite tv shows are Steven Universe, the Owl house, Amphibia, Once upon a time and Gravity Falls.



Taylor Putnam / *Aunt Em*

Taylor has been involved in the Penguin Project for 3 years now. She loves being on stage and shining that confidence. Singing and dancing are a big part of Taylor's everyday life. Taylor enjoys all kinds of music, with Elvis being a top favorite. She works at Lavas Coffee and has her own keychain business. She also participates in SD Miss Amazing where she gets to shine on stage also!



Aislynn Arens / *Mentor*

Aislynn Arens is in 9th grade. This is her 3rd year in the Penguin Project. She is very active in musical theater and highschool extra curriculurs. She has two siblings Aiden and Jenika. Aislynn enjoys singing and theater. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Meet The Mentors



Beckett Kustak / *Mentor*

Beckett (they/them) has been in the Penguin Project for three years now, and is excited to do it again. Beckett like to act and sing their heart out. They had fun being with some new partners this year. They hope to do the Penguin Project with their friends again!



Casey Kustak / *Mentor*

I'm a tree.



Charlie Wheeler / *Mentor*

Charlie is here for their second year of the Penguin Project. They love helping out as a mentor and seeing the artists shine on stage!! Charlie works providing respite care for individuals with special needs year round, and during the school year they also work in the RISE department at Jefferson High School.



Clarissa Schrank / *Mentor*

Clarissa loves being a part of the Penguin Project. She has two siblings Emmalynn and Brennen, who are also in the production. Besides being in musicals, Clarissa also loves being outside with friends, playing instruments (clarinet, saxophone, and cello), and helping at home with cooking. She enjoys playing with her pets (1 dog, 2 cats, a rabbit, and a guinea pig). She hopes you enjoy the show!



Gabriel Valdez / *Mentor*

This is Gabriel's first ever play that he's been in, he's very excited to go on stage for the very first time. Gabriel is going to into the 8th grade and is a band and choir student, he plays the trombone in band and is a bass/tenor2 in choir, he loves to play games and make new friends





Meet The Mentors



Josephine Vansco / *Mentor*

Josephine is excited to take part in the Penguin Project.



Josey Lawrence / *Mentor*

Josey is an incredible 12-year-old girl with a big heart. As she prepares to enter the 7th grade, she discovers the Penguin Project with the help of her best friend, Phoenix. This discovery has transformed her summer and changed her perspective on school. It's her first year participating in the Penguin Project, offering her a new experience. The project has pushed her out of her comfort zone, helping her feel at ease with people she hasn't met before.



Katherine Jones / *Mentor*

Katherine is excited to be involved in her first Penguin Project production! She has been involved in theater since middle school and has never looked back. She plans on attending the Conservatory at Stephen's College this fall, majoring in Musical Theater. She is 19 years old and enjoys thrifting, antiquing, cooking, hiking, and just being outside!



Lily Smith / *Mentor*

Lily is entering 6th grade at Christ the King. This is her first Penguin Project production, and she has had so much fun! She has been dancing since she was three, and also loves to sing. Lily enjoys any type of performing, but especially loves musicals. Her hobbies include reading and painting, and she loves animals. Lily has had so much fun making new friends, who have helped her come out of her shell. She hopes you have a blast watching *The Wizard of Oz*!!



Penelope Kustak / *Mentor*

Penelope can't wait to be on stage again after her last performance in this year's *James and the Giant Peach JR.* She had a wonderful time on stage and still does. Penelope loves to draw and hang out with friends, Penelope even got one of her best friends into the Penguin Project. She hopes you have a wonderful time watching *Wizard of Oz*! And she hopes to see you in this year's *Freaky Friday*!

Meet The Mentors



Serie Hall / *Mentor*

Serie is a first-time Penguin, but has been acting since she was five years old. She is currently studying at Bennington College with the hope of one day directing children's theater. She has loved the opportunity to work hands-on with this amazing group of people.



Sonja Seivert / *Mentor*

Sonja is a junior at Washington High School and is happy for a second year as a mentor in the Penguin Project for the *Wizard of Oz*.



Sophia Crevinston / *Mentor*

Sophia is very excited & lucky to be apart of this years show, *Wizard of Oz*! This will be her third year back with the Penguin Project. She will be in 11th grade at Harrisburg High School this fall. Let's go Penguins!!!!!!



Taetyn Eslinger / *Mentor*

This is Taetym's 2nd year with the Penguin Project! She is 13 and going into 8th grade. Taetym love performing! This is her 4th production and 1st year anniversary of doing theater! She really loves working with this cast of people to the point they feel like family! Tae is really honored to be able to have such a big mentoring role with Emmalynn as the cowardly lion and love's being a Penguin! Enjoy the show!

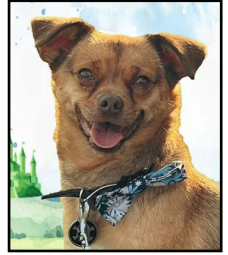


Meet The Good Boy



Sully Bear Mayes / *Kansas Toto*

Sully is thrilled to make his full-time stage debut in this spectacular Penguin production on his favorite historic stage after making a cameo appearance with the Pink Ladies in TPP's Season 20 finale *Grease*! Although new to onstage roles, Sully is no stranger to the theatre, having spent Seasons 20, 21 (and now 22!) serving as TPP's Manager of Morale. Outside of the theatre, Sully enjoys walks around downtown, pup cups from coffee shops, traveling with his papa & dad, and weekends with his Aunties Britt & Alex. He hopes you enjoy the show and fall in love with our Penguins as much as he has!



SENSORY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

BEFORE THE PERFORMANCE

- Doors open 35 minutes prior to curtain, to help familiarize patrons with the spaces and experiences they will encounter while attending this show.
- Meet the staff, ushers, and volunteers that are trained to be inviting and accommodating to families' needs
- Visit our photo wall to see the performers faces prior to the show to see who will be performing
- Sensory regulating toys will be available in the lobby for patrons to borrow during the performance
- Our Education Team will speak before the show about accommodations available & how to find if you need assistance

DURING THE PERFORMANCE

- House lights remain on at a low level in the theater during the performance
- Sound levels are lowered, especially startling or loud sounds, while preserving the original sound quality
- A reduction of strobe lighting and lighting focused on the audience
- Patrons have the freedom to leave their seats during the performance
- Entering and exiting the auditorium will be allowed throughout the performance, we strongly encourage you to use the side doors versus the center door.
- There will be a live stream of the performance in the lobby that will allow patrons to continue watching the performance if there is a need to leave the seating area at any point during the performance
- Electronics are allowed for therapeutic use but we wish for the screen light to be turned down and sound off to not alarm the artists on stage
- Closed captioning monitor will be placed onstage for audience members to view during the performance
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Asst. Choreographer	Grace Kjelden
Sound Designer/Engineer	Gunner Gould
Stage Manager	Hope Dunkle
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Scenic Designer	Jill Clark
Co-Mentor Coordinator	Lily Satterlee
Choreographer	Magen Richeal
Lighting Designer	Matt Cook
Vocal/Acting Coach	Matt Nesmith
Producer	Oliver Mayes
Head Carpenter	Pierce Humke
Co-Mentor Coordinator	Shea O'Brien
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