

DOROTHY in Wonderland

by Brian D Taylor
directed by Rhiannon McDonald



P R O G R A M

4-22 October, 2023

Director's Note

Theatre has always been a strong passion of mine and although I have performed on countless stages over the years, this is my debut as a director. I feel grateful and honoured that MRT gave me the opportunity to direct this year's Junior Production.

My two favourite works are *The Wizard of Oz* and *Alice in Wonderland* and I find both L. Frank Baum and Lewis Carroll to be creative geniuses. They both perfectly reflect my very own wild imagination and crazy personality, so when I stumbled across *Dorothy in Wonderland* I was inspired and excited to bring it to life.

I would like to thank everyone who has supported me on this journey. It has been an insanely wonderful adventure where the cast, crew and parent volunteers involved have made my own childhood dreams a reality.

I am beyond proud of each and every one of these talented young performers and I hope they have enjoyed this experience as much as I have.

Rhiannon McDonald

Run Time

About 1 hour and 45 minutes including an interval of 20 minutes.

Setting

The Time: Once upon a time, of course!

The Place: Briefly in the Emerald City of Oz, then on to Wonderland!

About Dorothy in Wonderland

Dorothy Gale has made her way to the end of the Yellow Brick Road, and the wonderful Wizard of Oz is just about to help her get back home to Kansas. But before she can hop into the Wizard's balloon, another whirlwind appears over the Emerald City, sweeping Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion away to Wonderland.

Equipped with their new assets — brains, heart and courage — Dorothy's friends try to help her find her way home, meeting many other interesting characters along the way.

But they also must face a dangerous new foe — the Queen of Hearts!

Wonderland Cast



OZ Cast



Wonderland Cast

Dorothy	Torah Hulbert
Alice	Lilah McAlpine
Queen of Hearts	Hayley Bolam
Mad Hatter	Lachlan Drewe
March Hare	Erica Colquhoun
Wizard	Keely Davidson
Glinda	Isabella Furner
Scarecrow	Gillis Kelly
Tin Man	Piper McColl
Lion	Ava Geering
Toto	Octavia Smith
King of Hearts	Sophie Gore
White Rabbit	Harvey Bice
Dormouse	Arianna Wakefield
Humpty	Jordan Davey
Frog Footman	Vincent Murrell
Fish Footman	Heath Trainor
Knave of Hearts	Molly South
Rook	Sophie Wightman
Knight/Rose	Jacob Chan
Pawn	Charlotte Squires
Tweedle Dee	Millie McDonald
Tweedle Dum/Seven	Liam Chan
Five	Tavish Kelly
Caterpillar/Cheshire Cat 1	Madisyn Stevens
Tulip/Cheshire Cat 2	Estella Gilbert
Tigerlily/Cheshire Cat 3	Matilda Simkin

OZ Cast

Dorothy	Chloe McGovern
Alice	Isabella Orłowski
Queen of Hearts	Ashleigh Rutter
Mad Hatter	Annabelle McDonald
March Hare	Charlotte Squires
Wizard	Jacob Chan
Glinda	Jasmine Squires
Scarecrow	Lewis Ord
Tin Man	Izzy James
Lion	Mikayla McGovern
Toto	Octavia Smith
King of Hearts	Tavish Kelly
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Production Credits

Director	Rhiannon McDonald
Production Manager	Alexandra Comber
Production Team	Isabelle Moy, Tessa Bellamy and Kaysia Dowie
Stage Manager	Alexandra Comber
Assistant Stage Manager	Tessa Bellamy
Set Designer	Rhiannon McDonald
Set Construction /Realisation	Daniel Shaunessy, Phil Weston, Brett Harston, Dimity Eveleens, Sian Ord, Ian Robinson, Anne Robinson and the Saturday morning crew
Costumes	Anne Robinson, Kaysia Dowie and Kadisha Patterson
Makeup	Kaysia Dowie and Elise Squires
Properties	Dimity Eveleens
Lighting/Projection Design	Brett Harston
Lighting Operator	Brett Harston
Sound Design	Scott Rankin
Sound Operator	Scott Rankin
Poster Realisation	Anne Robinson
Photography	Anne Robinson
Program	Ian Robinson and Alexandra Comber
Publicity	Ian Robinson and Alexandra Comber
Catering Officer	Terry Allen
Special Thanks to	Phil Weston, Tony Stevens and Griffin Ord

Thank You

To our volunteer members who make this show possible.

To The CONDA Judges

Vanessa Bates, Karen Birrell, Christine Fletcher,
Wendy Leis, Sascha Okenhall and Jo Roberts.

To Our Patrons - Meryl Swanson MP,

Mayor Philip Penfold, Councillor Loretta Baker, Keith Cockburn.

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A psychological thriller



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Directed by Brett Harston/Anne Robinson

A comedy about marriage and family



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Directed by Danny Shaunessy

A drama for the ages



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Reamus Theatre Production

Director TBA

Watch this space



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Director TBA

Our Junior production



November

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Directed by Sonya Solomou

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By Tim Firth



*Directed by
Aimee Cavanagh*

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