

MEDIA RELEASE

Head down the Yellow Brick Road to The Citadel Theatre's production of *The Wizard of Oz*

February 10, 2026

Edmonton, Alberta – This spring, The Citadel invites audiences to follow the Yellow Brick Road as it brings *The Wizard of Oz* to life in a magical new stage production at the Shctor Theatre.

Rehearsals are underway for the highly anticipated, family-friendly adventure to the Emerald City playing this March on the Shctor Theatre stage. Follow Dorothy, a young dreamer swept away by a whirlwind adventure, as she journeys through the Land of Oz to find her way home. Alongside her unforgettable companions—the Scarecrow, Tinman, and Cowardly Lion—she encounters dazzling wonders, wicked witches, and the promise of courage, heart, and wisdom. With iconic songs, vibrant characters, and heartwarming lessons, this production celebrates the enduring power of friendship, bravery, and believing in oneself. A spellbinding adventure for all ages.

Originally written in 1900 by **L. Frank Baum**, *The Wizard of Oz* has enchanted generations of readers and theatre-goers alike. This stage adaptation by **John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company** is features music and lyrics by **Harold Arlen** and **E. Y Harburg**, including the iconic songs audiences know and love. Directed by **Thom Allison** (*The Party* and *The Candidate*) this Citadel production promises a fresh yet faithful take on a beloved classic, inviting families and audiences of all ages to experience the magic and wonder of Oz.

The production features set design by **Brandon Kleiman** and costume design by **Deanna Finnman**, creating a visually rich world filled with colour, imagination, and spectacle. Together, the creative team brings Oz to dazzling life, leaving audiences with a lasting sense of wonder long after the curtain falls.

The Wizard of Oz plays March 7 – April 12, 2026 in the Shctor Theatre. Tickets are available online at citadeltheatre.com or by calling Box Office at 780.425.1820.

The Pay What You Choose in-person night will take place on Sunday, March 8, 2026. Pay What You Choose is presented by Alberta Blue Cross and more information can be found at citadeltheatre.com.

There are two Accessible Performances happening on Saturday, April 4, 2026 (ASL Interpreted) and Saturday, April 11, 2026 (Relaxed Experience and Captioned). Funding for Accessible Performances is provided by the Stollery Charitable Foundation. More information can be found at citadeltheatre.com/accessibility.

Productions photos will be available by Wednesday, March 11, 2026.

CAST

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Commented [BN1]: Arlen

Jill Agopsowicz	Ensemble: Tree
Alexander Ariate	Zeke/Cowardly Lion
Mhairi Berg	Ensemble
Nadien Chu	Aunt Em/Glinda
Braydon Dowler-Coltman	Ensemble: Crow
Jesse Drwiega	Ensemble: Jitterbug/Crow, Dance Captain
Tom Edwards	Uncle Henry/Emerald City Guard
Chariz Faulmino	Dorothy Gale
Kristin Johnston	Ensemble: Tree/Mayor of Munchkinland
Corben Kushneryk	Ensemble
Alison MacDonald	Ensemble
Abby McDougall	Ensemble: Tree/Nikko
Hal Wesley Rogers	Hickory/Tinman
Luc Tellier	Hunk/Scarecrow
John Ulyatt	Professor Chester Marvel/The Wizard of Oz
Nadine Whiteman	Miss Almira Gulch/The Wicked Witch of the West
Paton	Toto
Scooby	Toto

YOUTH ENSEMBLE

Megan Aldana, Breanna Bender, Elena Chrapko, Nora Hill, Makaiah Yzabelle Lagrazon, Aubrey Malacad, Jensen Meighen, Nicolas Melo, Cooper Nash Rajotte, Avery Rogers

UNDERSTUDIES

Jill Agopsowicz	Ensemble: Jitterbug/Crow
Mhairi Berg	Ensemble: Tree/Nikko, Ensemble: Tree
Braydon Dowler-Coltman	Hickory/Tinman
Jesse Drwiega	Hunk/Scarecrow
Tom Edwards	Professor Chester Marvel/The Wizard of Oz
Kristin Johnston	Miss Almira Gulch/The Wicked Witch of the West
Corben Kushneryk	Zeke/Cowardly Lion, Uncle Henry/Emerald City Guard, Ensemble: Crow
Alison MacDonald	Aunt Em/Glinda, Ensemble: Tree/Mayor of Munchkinland
Abby McDougall	Dorothy Gale

CREATIVE TEAM

Thom Allison	Director
Steven Greenfield	Music Director
Julio Fuentes	Choreographer
Brandon Kleiman	Set Designer
Deanna Finnman	Costume Designer
Patrick Beagan	Lighting Designer
Michael Laird	Sound Designer
Laura Warren	Video and Projection Designer
Morgan Yamada	Fight Director
Cynthia Jimenez-Hicks	Assistant Director
Sarah Dowling	Assistant Choreographer
Christina Nguyen	Assistant Music Director
Andrea Handal Rivera	Stage Manager

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Lore Green	Assistant Stage Manager
Nyssa Beairsto	Assistant Stage Manager
Jessica Haight	Apprentice Stage Manager
Adam Blocka	Children's Supervisor
Austin Kennedy	Children's Supervisor

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