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SPA COMPANY  
2001

THE 2001 SUMMER PERFORMING

ARTS COMPANY

PROUDLY PRESENTS



THE WIZ

# The Cast

(name along with 2001-2002 grade)

Aunt Em.....Elaine Kuntz (11)  
 Dorothy.....Maura Williams (11)  
 Uncle Henry.....Jeff Niceswanger (12)  
 Tornado..... Desiree Radi (11), Danielle Hagan (11), Katie Knoblich (11),  
 Mary Kingsbury (12)  
 Munchkins ..... Joel Abrahamson (12), Josh Fischer (12),  
 Matt Brown (11), Jodie Houle (12), Laura Kolstoe (11),  
 Sarah Howard (11)  
 Addaperle.....RaeAnn Levang (11)  
 Yellow Brick Road ..... Erin Brown (12), Brian O'Shea(11),  
 Billy Poehls(12), Mary Kingsbury(12), Roxie Moen(11),  
 Danielle Hagan(11)  
 Scarecrow..... Jeff Holth (12)  
 Tinman.....Chase Burkhardt (11)  
 Lion..... Scott Cheney-Peters (12)  
 Crows.....Rachel Tunseth (12), Desiree Radi (11), Laura Kolstoe (11)  
 Kalidahs ..... Matt Brown (11), Josh Fischer (12), Jeff Niceswanger (12),  
 Eric Voigt (11), Brian Cheney-Peters (10), Matt Kram (11),  
 Marc Arnason (11), Chris Berg (11), Adam Whetham (11),  
 Robin Everson (12), Chris Underwood(11), Bobby Freestone (11),  
 Nik Groenewold (11), David Konerza (11), Ben Whetham (12),  
 Poppies.....Katie Knoblich (11), Danielle Hagan (11), Jodie Houle (12),  
 Desiree Radi (11), Laura Kolstoe (11)  
 Field Mice. Jason Melin (12), Joel Abrahamson (12), Alyssa Zimmer (11)  
 Gate Keeper ..... Tad Ericson (12)  
 The Wiz .....Robin Everson (12)  
 Evillene.....Erin Brown (12)  
 Lord High Underling..... Jason Melin (12)  
 Soldier Messenger.....Josh Fischer (12)  
 Flying Monkeys ..... Tad Ericson (12), Tony Iwan (12), Matt Kram (11)  
 Glinda .....Danielle Hagan(11)  
 Quadlings ..... Tony Iwan (12), Josh Fischer (12),  
 Brian O'Shea (11), Billy Poehls (12)

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SPA is an example of what makes Grand Forks a great place to grow and learn. It features opportunities for a variety of students, it is staffed by outstanding professionals, high expectations are present for each participant and the community support is exceptional. This is a formula for success...and that is what the students experience.

Over the years, the students and staff have developed "SPA traditions." All of us appreciate these defining activities. At the same time, SPA also captures our attention with fresh ideas and updates. This wonderful combination of tradition mixed with cutting edge programming provides the ingredients that make SPA the place to be... whether you are a student, staff, or community audience member.

*Dr. Mark Sanford, Superintendent of Schools*

## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

The Wiz is an adaptation of L. Frank Baum's The Wizard of Oz. It was written by William F. Brown and composed by Charlie Smalls. It opened on Broadway at the Majestic Theatre on January 5, 1975.

The Wiz was an all-black version of an all-white story. The setting for the story is the same. It starts and ends in Kansas, but most of the plot evolves in the land of Oz. The script is 70s black urban slang—at least that is what it sounded like to our predominantly white North Dakotan ears. Somehow to leave the script as it was seemed like the wrong thing to do. We have taken the liberty of dropping the dialect and adapting the story again. Now we have a white version of a black version of a white story! Of course it works, because the Wizard of Oz is not only timeless, but it is not bound by culture or race.

If you love the Wizard of Oz, you will notice there are some slight differences. The character of the Wizard is perhaps the biggest difference. He is not so much an illusion as a person who has lost himself to the desire for the simple things in life...power, prestige, and money.

The music is also quite different. We have found it to be refreshingly so. It has been fun to work with a script and with music that we haven't seen very often and have never done before. We hope that it is refreshing to our audiences as well. You know the story, you don't know the music, and you don't know the style. We hope that you will find it to be delightful!

*Connie Sherwood*

## The Cast -- Continued

### Emerald City Citizens/Winkies

Matt Kram (11)	Eric Voigt (11)	Laura Kolstoe (11)
Jason Melin (12)	Mary Kingsbury (12)	Roxie Moen (11)
Adam Whetham (11)	Ben Whetham (12)	Sarah Olson (11)
Joel Abrahamson (12)	Jeff Niceswanger (12)	Sarah Howard (11)
Chris Underwood (11)	Brian O'Shea (11)	Jenny Capes (12)
David Konerza (11)	Matt Brown (11)	Rachel Tunseth (12)
Marc Arnason (11)	Josh Fischer (12)	Katie Knoblich (11)
Billy Poehls (12)	Bobby Freestone (11)	Desiree Radi (11)
Nik Groenewold (11)	Jodie Houle (12)	Laura Brower (12)
Christopher Berg(11)	Shelly Carlson(12)	Tony Iwan (12)
Brian Cheney-Peters (10)		

SPECIAL GUEST: Toto played by Cosmo "The Wonder Dog" Sherwood

### PRODUCTION DIRECTORS AND CREWS

Director .....	Connie Sherwood
Music Director .....	Mike Weber
Choreography .....	Angie Black
Tech Director .....	Leif Olson
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Fly .....	Jason Lillibridge (11), Brandon Uhrich (9)
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 HORN..... Bruce Morlock  
 FLUTE..... Heather Abbott  
 GUITAR..... Brian Palay  
 BASS..... Jeff Seabloom  
 DRUMS..... John Nelson  
 PERCUSSION..... Matt Luney

**SCENES AND MUSICAL NUMBERS**

**ACT ONE**

**PROLOGUE—KANSAS**

“The Feeling We Once Had”..... Aunt Em  
 “Tornado Ballet”..... Company

**SCENE 1—MUNCHKIN LAND**

“He’s The Wiz”..... Addaperle, Munchkins

**SCENE 2—OZ COUNTRYSIDE**

“Soon As I Get Home”..... Dorothy  
 “I Was Born on the Day Before Yesterday”..... Scarecrow, Crows  
 “Ease On Down the Road”..... Dorothy, Scarecrow, Yellow Brick Road

**SCENE 3—WOODS**

“Slide Some Oil To Me”..... Tinman, Dorothy, Scarecrow  
 “Ease On Down the Road” (reprise)..... Dorothy, Scarecrow  
 Tinman, Lion, Yellow Brick Road

**SCENE 4—JUNGLE**

“Mean Ole Lion”..... Lion  
 “Ease On Down the Road” (reprise)..... Dorothy, Scarecrow  
 Tinman, Lion, Yellow Brick Road

**SCENE 5—KALIDAH COUNTRY**

“Kalidah Battle”..... Friends, Kalidahs, Yellow Brick Road

**SCENE 6—POPPY FIELD**

“Be A Lion”..... Dorothy, Lion  
 “Lion’s Dream”..... Lion, Poppies

**SCENE 7—EMERALD CITY**

**SCENE 8—THRONE ROOM**

“So You Wanted To Meet The Wizard”..... The Wiz  
 “If I Could Feel”..... Tinman

*There will be a 15 minute intermission.*

**Please...No Flash Pictures During  
the Performance!**

**ACT TWO**

**SCENE 1—WEST WITCH CASTLE**  
 “No Bad News”..... Evillene  
**SCENE 2—FOREST**  
 “Winkie Stomp”..... Winkies  
**SCENE 3—COURTYARD**  
 “Everybody Rejoice”..... Friends, Winkies  
 Music and Lyrics by Luther Vandross

**SCENE 4—EMERALD CITY GATE**

**SCENE 5—THRONE ROOM**

“Believe In Yourself”..... The Wiz

**SCENE 6—FAIRGROUNDS**

“Ya’ll Got It!”..... The Wiz

**SCENE 7—OUTSKIRTS**

**SCENE 8—QUADLING COUNTRY**

“A Rested Body is a Rested Mind”..... Glinda  
 “Believe In Yourself” (reprise)..... Glinda  
 “Home”..... Dorothy

**A SPA Tradition**

Following tonight’s curtain call, there will be a final musical number. The rest of the students in the Summer Performing Arts Company will join the cast to perform “I Sing the Body Electric.” This symbolic song ties the entire program together. It has different meanings to different students, but a common theme can be found in the literal text. The students are celebrating not only the arts, but their growth in the arts yet to come. They will go on to create their own tomorrows as they continue in music and theatre. The song also symbolizes the passing of a class. This is the last summer program in which the class of 2002 will be able to participate. This “passing of the tradition” is represented by the two soloists selected to sing. Jason Melin, a senior, will sing the first verse then turn the spotlight over to Molly Kinney, a student new to the SPA company.

*“And in time we will all be stars.”*

## How do Your Donations Help?

The Summer Performing Arts Company is a program designed to have something for everyone. Every year the number of students enrolled in SPA has increased, and the size of the program grows to fit these numbers. Continual growth has many benefits, but it also brings many more expenses. That's why donations are such a key element of the SPA program.

Donations are used for many aspects of SPA. A scholarship fund has been established in order to help families with financial needs. We want to make sure that no student is ever turned away due to financial concerns. Donations also provide opportunities for students to work with guest performers.

SPA is an educational program that channels the energy of students into positive creativity and teamwork. These aspects, with a greater appreciation for the arts, help shape students into more active members of the Grand Forks community. At the same time, SPA provides entertainment to the area every summer.

*Remember, any donation will help!  
Be a part of the SPA Magic!*

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