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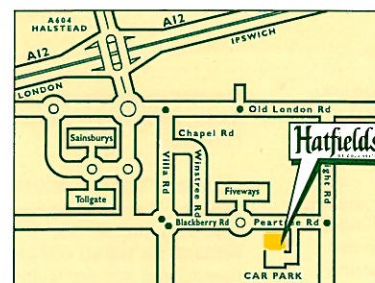
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WIZ

Lakeside Theatre
University of Essex
Colchester

9th-13th September 1997



Cast

Dorothy
Scarecrow
Tin Man
Lion
The Wiz
Addaperle
Evillene
Glinda
Aunt Em
Uncle Henry
Lord High Underling
Gatekeeper
Crows

Messenger
Winged Monkey

Emma Hyams
Jon Gallop
Ian Blanchette
Paul Russel
David Sparks
Leanne Knott
Rachel Johnson
Graine Ivell
Charlotte McKenzie
Jason Parker
Michael Russel
Beth Keeble
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Kerry King
Gemma Peacock
John Dalgleish
Jason Parker

Production Team

Director &
Choreographer
Musical Director
Director's Assistant
Dialogue Coach

Dani Fincham
Peter Humphrey
Leanne Knott
Phyl Deeble

The Crew

Make-Up
Costumes

Ken Smith & Team
Gill Edwards

Props

Maggie Walton
Maggie Walton

Stage Director
Stage Crew

Vic Edwards
Debbie Andrews
Mike Spurgeon
Dave Clarke
Sally Hammond
Andrew Jeffers
Terry Lyon,
Lauren Price
Jenny Spurgeon
Bob Wilkinson
Matthew Woodhouse
Alan Lerner
Jim Bagley
Kate Bagley
Paul Shaw

Lighting

Sound Design &
Operation
Sound Assistant
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Marion Spurgeon

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The Band

Keyboards Peter Humphrey
Tony Rickard
Reeds Claire Temple
David Temple
Drums Malcolm Ball
Bass Sarah Freeston

Chairman's message

Welcome to CO2's fourteenth production and many thanks for your much needed continued support.

'The Wiz' was last produced by CO2 in 1985, our second production. As you would expect, it is based on the much loved 'Wonderful Wizard Of Oz' made famous by Judy Garland. The characters and the story are much the same but that is where the similarities cease. Musically the show has been given a 'Motown' flavour and was originally performed by an all black cast in the true tradition of American soul music. Our cast have worked very hard to achieve the standard that you see today. I still find it hard to accept that, with an average age of 15, they have managed to create a production as good as any of the previous CO2 shows. Whilst most of us have been languishing in the sun, they have been spending many evenings and Sundays in a stuffy rehearsal

Scenes and musical numbers

ACT ONE

OVERTURE

PROLOGUE KANSAS	'The Feeling We Once Had' 'Tornado Ballet'	Aunt Em Dancers
MUNCHKIN LAND	'He's The Wiz'	Adderperle, Munchkins
CORNFIELD	'Soon As I Get Home' 'I Was Born' 'Ease On Down The Road'	Dorothy Scarecrow, Crows Dorothy, Scarecrow, Yellow Brick Road
YELLOW BRICK ROAD	'Slide Some Oil To Me' 'Ease On Down The Road' (2)	Tin Man Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man
THE STADIUM	'Mean Ole Lion' 'Ease On Down The Road' (3)	Lion, Friends Lion, Friends, Yellow Brick Road
KALIDAH BATTLE	'Kalidah Battle'	Friends, Kalidah
POPPY FIELD	'Be a Lion' 'Lion's Dream'	Dorothy, Lion Lion, Poppies
EMERALD CITY	'Emerald City Ballet'	Friends, Company
OUTSIDE THE EMERALD CITY	'So You wanted to Meet The Wizard' 'What Would I Do If I Could Feel'	The Wiz Tin Man

ACT TWO

EVILLENES PALACE	'No Bad News'	
FUNKY MONKEYS	Evillene, Company, 'Funky Monkeys'	
EVILLENES PALACE (LATER)	Monkeys 'Everybody Rejoice'	Friends, Winkies
EMERALD CITY GATE		
THE WIZ'S BEDROOM	'Who Do You Think You Are' 'Believe in Yourself'	Friends The Wiz
EMERALD CITY	'Y'all Got It'	The Wiz, Company
OUTSKIRTS KANSAS	'A Rested Body is a Rested Mind' 'Believe in Yourself' (reprise) 'Home'	Glinda Glinda Dorothy
FINALE		The Company

room to produce what you see today. I hope you agree that their efforts have been worthwhile. Theatre has had a rough time in Colchester over recent years and I urge you, the audience, to support all aspects of the performing arts, especially in your local area. Without an audience, groups like Colchester Operatic Society will have no future. Working towards a performance like the one you are seeing today, gives both young and old a chance to work as a team and helps us all realise in an ever more selfish world, that our co-operation and integration with other people can be both rewarding and worthwhile. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all involved with making this production a success. Without your hard work and unselfish dedication, this would not have been possible.

If you would like tickets for Colchester Operatic Society's future productions, then why not join our supporters' club by contacting: Mrs. M. Spurgeon, 16, Sioux Close, Highwoods, Colchester CO4 4RP. Your regular support is our life blood and if you

are able to sponsor any aspect of our productions, please write to me at: 10, Tabor Road, Colchester CO1 2XA.

Colchester Operatic Society will be back in the Mercury Theatre from May 13 - 23 1998 with the smash hit musical 'Me And My Girl'. I'm sure the demand for tickets will be huge, so beat the queues and join our supporters' club to get your tickets prior to them going on sale to the general public. CO2's venue and production for 1998 are yet to be decided, so keep an eye on the local press or, better still, keep right up to date by joining our supporters' club!

Thank you for your support,

Mark D. Fincham
CHAIRMAN

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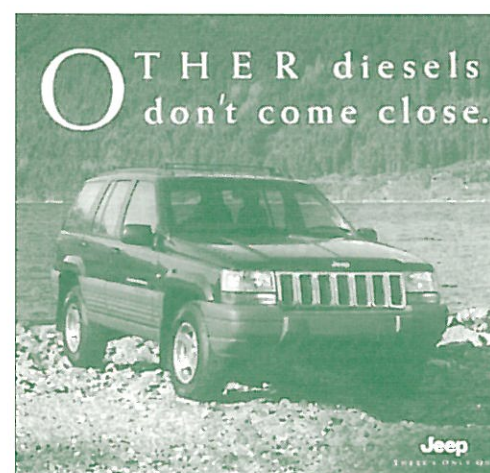
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