

***Wizard of Oz* - PRINCIPAL ROLES**

Dorothy: An earnest, loving girl who can be outspoken and at times headstrong. Lives on a farm in Kansas but dreams of escaping to a far-off trouble-free place.

Aunt Em: A hard-working farmer who is firm and no-nonsense but also warm and caring. Non-singing role

Uncle Henry: A hard-working farmer and adoring uncle to Dorothy. Possesses a droll, sharp wit. Non-singing role

Scarecrow (Hunk): Clumsy farmhand in Kansas and a lovable, loose-limbed scarecrow in Oz. Worries about being smart and having a brain.

Tin Man (Hickory): Kind and nurturing farmhand in Kansas and a compassionate Tin Man in Oz who worries he has no heart.

Lion (Zeke): Farmhand who lacks courage in Kansas and a Lion in Oz who acts tough but falls apart in scary situations. Vaudevillian comic sensibility.

Miss Gulch / Wicked Witch of the West: Cold-hearted neighbor who despises Dorothy and her dog. Over the-top green villain in Oz—with a killer cackle. Comic sensibility. Non-singing role

Professor Marvel: Traveling salesman who lives by telling fortunes—something of a father figure with an eccentric flair. Non-singing role.

Wizard: A blustery con-man—but with a good heart. Non-singing role

Glinda: Good Witch of the North who is a mother figure for Munchkins and Dorothy, whom she guides through Oz.

City Guard: Eccentric larger than life type. Big comic presence.

ENSEMBLE

Munchkins (including Mayor, Barrister, Coroner, Guilds, etc), Winkies, Monkeys, Ozians, Poppies, Tornado, Jitterbugs.

Note that the Ensemble will be integrated throughout and are critically important to the success of *The Wizard of Oz*.