



Welcome to Oz 2010!

Glinda with a hint of Gaga

A Note from the Director

When it was first written, *The Wizard of Oz* took inspiration from and reflected the present.

After looking at contemporary architecture at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, L. Frank Baum created the Emerald City. The beloved 1939 film also used present day technological advancements, modern music, and fashion to make Dorothy's story come to life.

For this 15th anniversary Emerald City Theatre production, we've also taken inspiration from contemporary sources. We imagined, "If Dorothy were to land in Oz in 2010 what kind of makeover might the characters get?" Similar to others who have interpreted these characters, we didn't change who they are. Instead we bring a little Lady Gaga to Glinda and a little American Idol to these classic tunes.

I hope that you enjoy your holiday with what the Emerald City team has created for you!

Ernie Nolan, Director/Choreographer

Production Ponderings

Now it's your turn to take inspiration from the present and make a classic story or fairytale come to life! Look at the list of famous people below and cast them in your favorite fairy tale. How would you cast.....?

- Taylor Swift
- Barack Obama
- Oprah Winfrey
- Lady Gaga
- Justin Beiber
- Simon Cowell



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Teamwork

Working together can accomplish anything!

Chair Chat-

For discussion before the play

- Have you ever had a task that you thought was impossible to complete?
- Did you ask for help from someone?
- Why did you ask that person or people?
- Were you able to complete the task?



Table Talk-

For discussion after the play

- How did you see Dorothy and her friends work together?
- Do you think that it would have been harder or easier for Dorothy to get to the Emerald City without her friends?
- How does your family work together as a team?

Did you know...?

Just like how Dorothy and her friends work together to get to the Wizard, it took a team to put on this play. Actors, designers, musicians, and technicians all shared their individual talents in order to accomplish and create this production for you.



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Show related activities to inspire your early learner

Theatre Talk

A character's goal or what a character wants is called an **objective** in "theatre talk." For example, in the play the Wicked Witch's objective is to get the ruby slippers. What is the objective for each Oz Team actor?

Dorothy

Tin Man

Lion

Scarecrow

In "theatre talk," something that gets in the way of a character's objective is called an **obstacle**. What are some of the obstacles that the characters have ?



Team Tale

Have your family use teamwork in order to complete this creative activity.

Write a story together as a family answering the questions:

"If Dorothy stayed in OZ, where would she visit? Who would she meet?"

Start by having someone say, "Once upon a time, Dorothy didn't return to Kansas, she..." and then have another person finish the sentence

Next have everyone in the group continue developing the story by taking turns adding one sentence at a time

Everyone should continue sharing a sentence until the story is complete.

Have one family member write down the story so the team effort can always be remembered.

