

THE DOWNS SCHOOL COMPTON

present

# THE WIZARD OF OZ



## CAST ACT I

DOROTHY	-	CHRISTINE CALDER
AUNT EM	-	KAREN SMITH
UNCLE HENRY	-	GRAHAM FORD
JOE	-	ALAN HERMAN

FARM HANDS & GIRLS: J Callum, A Lister, B. Watson, P. Powell  
H. Barnes, S. Povey, P. Snever, G Tasker, A. Clemenger,  
M Bevan, K. Turvey, F. Tutton, G. Maylen, A. Monger,  
A. Dawson, L. Taylor, P. Church, A. Wikely, T. Pinfeld,  
J. Nee, R. Buxey, C. Burdett, L. Ford, S. Maylen,  
L. Tasker, K. Russell, M. Todd

SORCERESS OF THE NORTH	PENNY COLES
WITCH OF THE WEST	HILL TYSON
MUNCHKIN MAYOR	ADRIAN TREACHER
MUNCHKIN FARMER	ANDREW LEECH
MUNCHKIN BARRISTER	DARYL WEST
MUNCHKIN COUNTESS	COLIN PUFFET

MUNCHKIN CHORUS: N. Weight, S. Clemenger, E. Maggs, T. Simmons,  
B. Cramp, H. Batt, P. Trezona, S. Gardiner, A. Moss,  
P. Johnstone, M. Perry, J. Bund, C. Filbee, D. Coles,  
S. Tutton, K. Burrell, K. McMahon, A. Lovelock, E. Pope,  
E. Musitano, J. Powell, T. Ford, K. Pearman, A. Taylor,  
M. Tuckell, E. Bottonley, T. Hockley, A. Butterworth,  
A. Lanning, K. Welbourne.

SCARECROW	MARTIN RUSSELL
TINMAN	LAURENCE CRAMP
LION	SHANE LOVELOCK

JITTERBUGS: S. Young, S. Cadd, S. Lister, J. Procter, K. Brindle,  
A. Lee, A. Hill, D. Marsdon, S. Bishop, J. Wallace, V. Lusty,  
S. Allen, F. Rockall, S. Cook, R. Titchener.

CAST ACT II

FIRST GENERAL                   STEPHEN POVEY  
GENERALS: G. Ford, A. Herman, P. Enever, J. Nee P, Fairbrass

PRIVATE                         ANDREW STUART  
LADY OF OZ                   LORRAINE FLETCHER  
LORD GROWLIE                 MARTIN HAWKINS  
GLORIA (his daughter) RACHEL BUXEY

PEOPLE OF OZ: J. Cullum, T. Pearse, W. Scutter, M. Wilkins,  
T. Pinfold, F. Lofting, T. Trezona, G. Cranshaw,  
J. Jackson, V. Chandler, S. Pocock, J. Newnham,  
A. Farrimond, D. Waddell, L. Giles, T. Wheeler,  
E. Turner, S. Fairbrass, A. Oakton, S. Deacon, J. Head  
C. Cook, N. Shurmer, S. Waddell, C. Booth.

SECOND WITCH                 CATHARINE VINCE  
THIRD WITCH                 JANE RIDGE  
TIBIA                         ANNE DAWSON

SPOOKS: S. Young, A. Hill, D. Marsdon, S. Bishop, V. Lusty,  
S. Allen.

CEMAS                         SIMON BODDY

THE ACTION TAKES PLACE AT BOTH ENDS OF THE RAINBOW.

PRODUCTION & DESIGN         MR E SAXTON  
MUSIC: DIRECTION             MRS M BARRELL  
ORCHESTRA

Violins: Mr T Smith, Mrs V Atchison, Mrs A Bantock  
          Mr G Carter, Miss D Aggar

Viola:    Mrs D Mottley

Cello:    Mr A Dyson

Double Bass: Miss M Young

Flute:    Mrs S Pearce

Clarinets: Mrs M Love, Miss D Fraser

Trumpets: Miss H Pollard, Mr A Townsend

Trombones: Mr J Walsh, Miss E Kershaw

Perussion: Mr N Treter

Piano:    Mr P Bowden

LIGHTING

DR R TREACHER

PROPS

Miss P Hall

MAKE UP: Mrs C Clay, Mrs M Dempsey, Miss J Searis,  
          Mrs E Saxton & Mrs J Booth

STAGE MANAGERS: Mr C Clay, Mr G Evans, Mr N Booth

BOX OFFICE

MR R EDWARDS

The producer wishes to thank the many parents  
(especially Mrs M Beckell and her assistants), members  
of staff and others who have helped make costumes,  
scenery and props. Also The Compton Players for loan  
of lighting and those who supplied materials for making  
& painting scenery.

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A scene from 'Wizard of Oz' performed by pupils of Downs School, Compton.

## Wizard of Oz a magical show

THE MANY young people of The Downs School at Compton, who took part in their school production of "The Wizard of Oz" last week may have felt very tired by the weekend, but they had every right to feel very proud of their efforts. The whole production really had a magical spin, and was as thoroughly enjoyed by its audience as it clearly was by those taking part.

This American tale of a young girl, Dorothy, who longs to fly over the rainbow, and then, thanks to a whirlwind, finds herself over the rainbow, has always had an appeal. No sooner is her wish granted, than Dorothy wants to return home, but, she is warned that she has a long and dangerous journey to make to the Wizard of Oz before she can return.

Christine Calder who last year played Nancy in "Oliver" at the school, this year had the onerous role of Dorothy, and was beautifully self-confident. Her strong, clear singing voice was a great asset to her, especially in the very difficult Jitterbugs song.

Martin Russell was a splendid scarecrow,

looking as if he really hadn't a bone in his body, and he managed to keep up this illusion all the way through the play. The Tinman, Laurence Cramp, creaked his way through, and the lion, Shane Lovelock, was a cowardly as one could wish.

Penny Cotis proved a fragile-looking, but satisfactorily strong Scarecrow of the North, and her arch-enemy, the Witch of the West was played with great relief by Bill Tyson, with Catherine Vince and Jane Ridge to support him as second and third witches, and Anne Dawson, as Tibba, the chief of his skeleton staff!

A strong team of parents and staff had worked tremendously hard to provide the vast numbers of costumes needed for this truly spectacular show...

jeans and checked shirts for the farmhands and girls at Aunt Em's farm; bright, cheerful colours for the delightfully friendly and somnolent Munchkins; splendid emerald dresses for the people of Oz, and lots of imagination used in the Jitterbugs insect-style clothing and the skeletons, as well as the huge card-

board keys attached to the uniforms of the clockwork soldiers on parade outside Emerald City.

Scenery was simple but very effective... especially the house which could be picked up and whirled away (to what splendid sound-effects, too!); the bridge which always returned Dorothy and the Scarecrow to the side on which they had started; the huge television screen which showed the Witch of the West the position of his enemies, and his seething cauldron... a real witches' cavern indeed.

The play was produced and designed by Mr. Eric Sutton and music provided by an invited orchestra of staff and friends under the musical direction of Mrs. Marylin Barrell.

Other pupils taking principal parts in the large cast of this play were Karen Smith as Aunt Em, Graham Ford as Uncle Henry, Alan Harman, Joe, Adrian Treacher, Andrew Leech, Daryl West and Colin Puffet as leading Munchkins; Stephen Powey, First General; Andrew Stuart as a Private; Lorraine Fletcher as Lady of Oz; Martin Hawkins as Lord Growlie; Rachel Bussey as his daughter, and Simon Robby as the Wizard of Oz.