

Wizard of Oz

Character List

Dorothy Gale: sweet, innocent young lady who has a streak of boldness. She lives on a farm with her Aunt Em and Uncle Henry but dreams of escaping to a far-off place where she doesn't get into so much trouble. She & her dog, Toto, are inseparable. Strong vocalist, good dancer

Aunt Em: typical hard-working farmer's wife. Although she is consumed by her responsibilities, underneath it all she cares very much for Dorothy's feelings and well-being. Must show her strong side and her soft side. Sings reprise of "Over the Rainbow".

Uncle Henry: owner of the farm and Aunt Em's husband. He adores Dorothy, but it is clear that Aunt Em is more in charge of her upbringing. Speaking role

Hunk: One of three farmhands who offers Dorothy about how to deal with Miss Gulch. Speaking role

Scarecrow: This actor must seem like Hunk. Scarecrow is quite clumsy. Actor needs good body control, rhythm and be able to sing on pitch.

Zeke: Another farmhand who talks to Dorothy about her problems, advising her to have a little courage. His Oz alter ego is the Lion. Speaking role

Lion: Although he will act tough from time to time, his true fearful self comes out in any scary situation. Actor need good comedic timing and really enjoy being onstage. Can be played by a boy or girl. Needs a strong character voice.

Hickory: The third farmhand and his Oz alter ego is the Tim Man. Speaking role

Tin Man: Kind, sweet and nurturing. Actor needs good control of his body and posses a pleasant singing voice.

Miss Gulch: Well-off neighbor who is cold-hearted and hates Toto for getting into her yard. Her Oz alter ego is the Wicked Witch of the West. Speaking role

Wicked Witch of the West: She wants revenge on Dorothy. Actor must have a flair for the dramatic and a strong stage presence. Witch's laugh is a classic element, must be able to cackle with ease. Speaking role

Toto: Energetic with exuberant body language. Bark with expression and limited singing. When in Kansas the role will be played by a stuffed toy dog or puppet.

Professor Marvel: Traveling salesman whose career of the moment is fortune telling. Audience needs to see him as a bit of a con man, however with a good heart. Speaking role

Wizard of Oz: He is a con man as well. Actor should sound strong and commanding when playing the Wizard's voice. He also has a good heart. Lots of lines to memorize. Speaking role

Doorman of Emerald City: Comical character who tries to be tough but turns into a softy. Will sing with the ensemble.

Guard: Harsh at first but after hearing Dorothy cry he turns sympathetic. Will sing with the ensemble.

Glinda: Good Witch of the North who guides Dorothy in her journey through Oz. Actor should show a delicate, graceful manner and lovely voice.

Munchkins: The little people who live in Munchkinland. They have a child-like innocence and are full of joy and enthusiasm when they celebrate their newfound freedom. **Several different Munchkin roles.

Jitterbugs: Small group of dancers who have been sent by the Wicked Witch to dance Dorothy out of her ruby red shoes. Need some strong dancers.

Winged Monkeys: The Wicked Witch's animal army. Actors need to have a monkey posture and enjoy being in that posture for all the scenes.

Nikko: Leader of the Winged Monkeys and small speaking part. Actor will be bigger than the other monkeys.

Winkie Guards: The Wicked Witch's guards. Actors must sing and move in military formation

Ozians: People who live in Emerald City. Sing as part of the ensemble