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This December, Follow the Yellow Brick Road to City Springs Theatre Company's *The Wizard of Oz*, Live On Stage, Dec. 12 - 28

This magical stage production is based on the beloved 1939 film and will be directed/choreographed by Tony Award®-recipient and Broadway legend Baayork Lee

City Springs Theatre Company (CSTC) invites Atlanta-area audiences to journey “over the rainbow” with the exciting stage adaptation of *The Wizard of Oz*, December 12 through 28 at the Byers Theatre in Sandy Springs. The production is the second production in the company’s 2025-2026 PNC Bank Season and is presented by Atlanta Orthodontic Specialists and Resurgens Spine Center.

Based on the book by L. Frank Baum, and based on the classic 1939 MGM film adaptation, *The Wizard of Oz* is the timeless tale of Kansas teenager Dorothy Gale, who finds herself transported to the magical Land of Oz, where she meets colorful characters along the way, and makes an enemy of a truly wicked witch. The production features all the legendary songs featured in the 1939 film including “Over The Rainbow” and “Ding Dong! The Witch is Dead.”

“With a cast of 50 performers, *The Wizard of Oz* is certainly one of our most-ambitious productions to date,” said CSTC’s Executive Director **Natalie DeLancey**. “As this is our December production, we’re adding a heavy dose of holiday magic to accompany the Broadway-sized dazzle that audiences have come to expect, especially from our previous Baayork Lee-helmed productions.”

Oz marks the company’s sixth collaboration with the esteemed director-choreographer **Baayork Lee**, who is a veteran of 14 Broadway shows as either a performer or choreographer. She has previously staged CSTC’s wildly successful productions of *Disney’s Beauty and the Beast*, *Cats*, *A Chorus Line*, and more. As with those previous productions staged by Ms. Lee, *The Wizard of Oz* will include many young performers from the City Springs Theatre Conservatory and other area schools. With music and lyrics by Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg, this adaptation (by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company) has thrilled audiences worldwide since its 1987 debut, and includes the additional classic songs “We’re Off to See the Wizard,” “If I Were King of the Forest,”

and “The Merry Old Land of Oz,” plus one song famously cut from the original 1939 film, “The Jitterbug.”

The Wizard of Oz will star **Elizabeth Hall** as Dorothy Gale. Hall is an alumna of City Springs Theatre Conservatory’s pre-professional program and now a student at the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music. She leads a cast that includes Broadway and CSTC veterans **Courtenay Collins** (Broadway’s *The Prom*, CSTC’s *Beautiful*, *The Music Man*, *Fiddler on the Roof*) as The Wicked Witch, and **Kristine Reese** (Broadway’s *Les Misérables*, CSTC’s *Ragtime*, *Spamalot*, *Mamma Mia!*). Broadway’s **Stanley Martin** (*Disney’s Aladdin*) makes his CSTC debut as The Scarecrow. Also returning to the CSTC stage are **Tyler Pirrung** (CSTC’s *The Producers*, *Jersey Boys*, *Spamalot*) as The Tin Man; **Nick Morrett** (CSTC’s *The Music Man*) is The Cowardly Lion, **Jeff McKerley** (CSTC’s *The Producers*, *Into The Woods*) will play The Wizard, and **Chris Damiano** (CSTC’s *Ragtime*, *Jersey Boys*) is Uncle Henry.

Returning CSTC performers also include ensemble members **Ruby Calamia**, **David Grindrod**, **Trevor “TJay” Groce**, **Evan Hamilton**, **Grace Arnold Hogan**, **Imani Joseph**, **Zac Pritts**, **Zach Shanks**, **Lauren Brooke Tatum**, **Olivia Windley**, and **Alexis Yard**. Making their CSTC debuts are ensemble members **Amber Lux Archer**, **Thomas Hamilton** and **Sebastian Serra**.

The Wizard of Oz’s ensemble will also feature ten (10) students from the City Springs Theatre Conservatory Pre-Professional Program **Bella Dole**, **Bram Fages**, **Yennelle Gordon**, **Gabe Hardin**, **Justin Kimbro**, **Jayla Lopez**, **Adrienne Ocfemia**, **Adrian Perez-Arciniegas**, **Ivy Stull** and **Elizabeth Windley**. Appearing as Munchkins are Pre-Professional students **Jackson Arthur**, **Katie Kraushaar**, **Genevieve Noel**, **Rene Takahashi** and **Mary Taylor**, as well as young performers **Margo Aust**, **Haley Byrd**, **Jack Chipchase**, **Harrison Choice**, **Cece Fields**, and **Lyric Khamauri Monroy**. Alternating as additional Munchkins are **Madeline Beamer**, **Avery Belote**, **Felicity Cranmer**, **Ruby Jolly**, **Margot Kirchoff**, **Alexandra Noel**, **Crosby Radding**, **Bess Shepherd**, **Emma Smith** and **Scarlett Wamsley**. (For a list of when the alternating youth performers are appearing, visit CitySpringsTheatre.com/oz).

The Wizard of Oz’s creative team is **Baayork Lee** (Director and Choreographer); **Holt McCarley** (Music Director), **David Grindrod** (Associate Choreographer), **Kaitlyn Peterson** (Scenic Designer), **Thomas Hase** (Lighting Designer), **Ryan Moller** (Costume Designer), **Alicia Berry** (Hair and Makeup Design), **Anthony Narciso** (Sound Designer), and **Nicholas Chimienti** (Projections Designer).

Performances of *The Wizard of Oz* take place December 12th through December 28th at the Byers Theatre in the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs, GA 30328. A special 1pm performance is scheduled for Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24. Tickets are now on sale at www.CitySpringsTheatre.com. For more information contact City Springs Theatre Company at 404-477-4365 during regular business hours.

Performance Schedule:

Friday, December 12 @ 8:00pm
Saturday, December 13 @ 2:00pm
Saturday, December 13 @ 8:00pm
Sunday, December 14 @ 2:00pm

Tuesday, December 16 @ 7:30pm (added performance)
Wednesday, December 17 @ 7:30pm
Thursday, December 18 @ 7:30pm
Friday, December 19 @ 2:00pm (added performance)
Friday, December 19 @ 8:00pm
Saturday, December 20 @ 2:00pm
Saturday, December 20 @ 8:00pm
Sunday, December 21 @ 2:00pm
Tuesday, December 23 @ 2:00pm (added performance)
Tuesday, December 23 @ 7:30pm
Wednesday, December 24 @ 1:00pm
Friday, December 26 @ 2:00pm (added performance)
Friday, December 26 @ 8:00pm
Saturday, December 27 @ 2:00pm
Saturday, December 27 @ 8:00pm
Sunday, December 28 @ 2:00pm

Individual tickets to *The Wizard of Oz* begin at \$70. Tickets include all fees, with discounts for seniors, groups, and active and retired military personnel. \$25 rush tickets (available 2 hours prior to showtime) are available for students, educators, first responders and entertainment industry professionals. Call 404-477-4365 or visit CitySpringsTheatre.com for more information. Discounts for groups of 10 or more are available by calling the Box Office at 404-477-4365. CSTC's Box Office is open Monday through Friday from 10:00am - 5:00pm. City Springs Theatre Company productions take place at the Byers Theatre in the Sandy Springs Performing Arts Center, 1 Galambos Way, Sandy Springs. There is covered parking onsite.

City Springs Theatre Company (CSTC) is dedicated to entertaining, educating, and enriching lives by creating world-class entertainment experiences and innovative arts education programs that drive cultural and economic vitality. Through musical theatre productions that utilize the talents of local and national artists, CSTC provides Broadway-quality entertainment to the diverse Atlanta populace, helping to establish Sandy Springs, Georgia, as a growing cultural center. City Springs Theatre Company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, led by Natalie DeLancey as executive director, and Tony Award®-winner and Atlanta native Shuler Hensley as artistic director. To date, CSTC has served over 320,000 patrons and 150,000 students through its mainstage musicals and educational programs. For tickets and more information call 404-477-4365.

www.CitySpringsTheatre.com.

PHOTO CAPTIONS:

Adult Leads:

The cast of the City Springs Theatre Company production of *The Wizard of Oz* includes (clockwise from top left) Elizabeth Hall as Dorothy; Courtenay Collins as The Wicked Witch; Kristine Reese as Glinda; Jeff McKerley as The Wizard; Chris Damiano as Uncle Henry; Nick Morrett as The Cowardly Lion; Tyler Pirrung as The Tin Man; Stanley Martin as The Scarecrow.

Students:

The youth cast of the City Springs Theatre Company production of The Wizard of Oz includes fifteen students from the Pre-Professional program at City Springs Theatre Conservatory. They are (top row, L-R) Jackson Arthur, Bella Dole, Bram Fages, Yennelle Gordon, Gabe Hardin; (middle row, L-R) Justin Kimbro, Katie Kraushaar, Jayla Lopez, Genevieve Noel, Adrienne Ocfemia; (bottom row, L-R) Adrian Perez-Arciniegas, Ivy Stull, Rene Takahashi, Mary Taylor, Elizabeth Windley.