

## What to prepare for Wizard of Oz Auditions

*Please Prepare one of the following songs. An accompanist will be provided. If you prefer to sing your own song that is fine.*

### **Somewhere Over the Rainbow**

Somewhere over the rainbow blue birds fly  
And the dreams that you dare to  
Dream really do come true  
Someday I'll wish upon a star and  
Wake up where the clouds are far behind me  
Where trouble melts like lemon drops  
away above the chimney tops  
That's where you'll find me

### **Were off to see the Wizard**

We're off to see the wizard, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz  
We hear he is a whiz of a wiz, if ever a wiz there was  
If ever, oh ever a wiz there was, The Wizard of Oz is one because  
Because, because, because, because, because  
Because of the wonderful things he does  
We're off to see the wizard, The Wonderful Wizard of Oz

### **If I only had a Brain/Heart/Nerve**

Oh, I could tell you why The ocean's near the shore.  
I could think of things I never think before.  
And then I'd sit, and think some more.  
I would not be just a nuffin' my head all full of stuffin'  
My heart all full of pain.  
I would dance and be merry, life would be a ding-a-derry,  
If I only had a brain.

### **Ding Dong! The Witch is dead.**

Ding Dong! The Wicked Witch is dead.  
Wake up - sleepy head, rub your eyes, get out of bed.  
Wake up, the Wicked Witch is dead. She's gone where the goblins go,  
Below - below - below. Yo-ho, let's open up and sing and ring the bells out.  
Ding Dong' the merry-oh, sing it high, sing it low.  
Let them know The Wicked Witch is dead!

## Wizard of Oz

### Cast of Characters

**Dorothy Gale:** The heroine of our American Fairytale, Dorothy goes searching for something she thinks she's missing, but is right inside of her the whole time. Young, but full of energy, strength, and kindness, Dorothy navigates the roads of Oz all to find that there is no place like home. Dorothy must be a strong dancer, singer and actress who can portray a childlike innocence and determined spirit.

**Aunt Em/ Emily Gale:** Emily Gale is the Aunt of Dorothy. Aunt Em leads a busy and tiring life on her Kansas farm. Although she becomes preoccupied and harsh at times, she loves and cares for Dorothy very much. Aunt Em should be a strong actress who is capable of portraying a strong motherly character.

**Uncle Henry/ Henry Gale:** Uncle Henry is a busy man trying to keep his farm afloat which makes him stern and one track minded. However, you can tell that Uncle Henry is a goodhearted and good natured individual deep down.

**Miss Almira Gultch:** Miss Gultch is the uptight neighbor of the Gales' who attempts to take Dorothy's beloved dog, Toto, away from her. She is harsh, but does exchange a few comical exchanges with Uncle Henry. The actress who plays Miss Gulch must capture her mean and strict spirit, but also have a good delivery of sarcastic banter.

**Professor Chester Marvel:** Professor Marvel portrays himself as one who knows many things and has great wisdom in all matters with the help of his crystal ball. The person who plays the professor must be a strong actor.

#### **Citizens of Munchkinland**

**Mayor:** The Mayor of Munchkinland leads the welcoming committee for Dorothy. He

holds great authority and must be a commanding presence on stage. The Mayor must be a strong speaker and singer.

**Coroner:** The Coroner officially pronounces the death of the Witch of the East. The Coroner should be a good singer with a unique voice.

**Lullaby League:** These ballerinas make up the lullaby league. They must have sweet voices and have dancing abilities (Point).

**Lollipop Guild:** These thugs make up the members of the Lollipop guild. They have a look of intensity at all times, but are a lot of fun to watch. These actors must be good singers and dancers.

**Munchkins:** The inhabitants of Munchkinland welcome Dorothy and help her start her journey towards the Emerald City. They should have good singing voices and some dancing ability.

**Glinda:** The Good Witch of the North, Glinda, keeps a distant but watchful eye over Dorothy and her friends throughout their journey in Oz. She must be a strong actress and good singer for her solos in Munchkinland and the Poppy field.

**Wicked Witch of the West:** The villain of our story. The Wicked Witch follows the four friends throughout the Land of Oz striking fear into them any way she can. While the Wicked Witch is a bully with a fantastically creepy cackle she also has a playful and fun side; the actress that plays her must be able to blend the witch's wicked ways with her sarcastic wit.

**Scarecrow:** The scarecrow is the first of the three companions Dorothy meets along the road to Oz. The scarecrow is made of straw and walks with constant and unrestricted

movements. The scarecrow has no brain, but often says more intelligent and insightful things than any other person in the musical. The actor who plays the Scarecrow must be playful and jovial. He must also be a strong singer, actor and dancer.

**Crows:** These crows sing with the Scarecrow during “If I only had a Brian”. They must be good dancers, singers, and actors. All of their time is spent mocking the scarecrow and preventing him from properly protecting the cornfields.

**Trees:** The trees sing along with the Tin Man during “If I Only Had A Heart”. These ladies think very highly of themselves and are very peeved by the visitors that come to save the Tin Man. These actresses must have good singing and speaking voices.

**Tin Man:** The Tin Woodman is the most loving and emotional character in the musical. He is a funny and caring individual who wants nothing more than to have his heart back. The Tin Man must be a strong dancer (tap), singer, and actor.

**Lion:** The Cowardly Lion consistently wishes to go home throughout the adventures in Oz, but his friends never let him quit and in the end, he finds the courage he thought he was lacking. The Lion must be a strong dancer, singer, and actor and have great comedic timing.

**Poppies & SnowFlakes:** The Poppies put the gang to sleep as they near the Emerald City. The Snow Flakes revive the four travellers and help them along their way. The Poppies and Snow Flakes should be strong dancers.

**Emerald City Guard:** This Osian Guard leads the troop into the Emerald City and takes them to see the Wizard. He is stern at times, but good natured and very eager to see the band of friends succeed.

**Wizard of Oz:** The Wizard is a mysterious character that rules over the happiest place imaginable. While not much is known about him, the Osians believe him to be the wisest and most respected being in the land. The Wizard must be a strong actor with a crisp clear voice and a commanding presence.

**Winkies:** The Wicked Witch of the West conquered the Winkies and turned them into her soldiers. The Winkies march and sing their song, all the while wishing for the witch to be overthrown. The Winkies must be played by strong actors and dancers.

**Winkie General:** The Winkie General heads up the Witch’s army and must have a strong speaking voice. In his conversations with the Witch, he is very matter of fact and quick witted.

**Nikko:** Nikko is the head of the Witch’s army of flying Monkeys. Nikko must be very animated and very good at portraying the energy and movement of a monkey.

**Flying Monkeys:** The Flying Monkeys separate Dorothy from her friends and bring her back to the witch’s castle. The Monkeys must be full of energy and have a playful nature.

**Jitterbug Lead Dancers, Jitterbugs, and Ghosts:** In the Haunted Forest the four friends begin to get spooked and bitten by Ghosts and Jitterbugs. The goal of these characters is to make the four travelers dance to exhaustion so that they would be too tired to fight off the flying monkeys that the witch sends. The Ghost and the Jitterbugs must be strong dancers with lots of energy.