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**presents**

The 2023 All-School Black History Production



BOOK BY

**WILLIAM F. BROWN**

MUSIC AND LYRICS BY

**CHARLIE SMALLS**

FROM THE STORY "THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ" BY

**FRANK L. BAUM**

*The Wiz* IS PRESENTED IN ARRANGEMENT WITH CONCORD THEATRICALS.

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**COURTNEY D. JONES**

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**ROZIE CURTIS**

Production Stage Manager

**TESS REED**

Student Music Director

**SAVANNAH DEVER**

Production Manager

**ELLIE LINDE**

Assistant Director

**AUTUMN KIMBALL**

Hair & Makeup

**LAYLA CREAR**

Sound Design

**JUPITER ZIMMERMAN-YANG**

Lighting Design

**LAYLA HARRIS**

Costume Design

**LAYLA CREAR**

Scenic Design

**ELIRAN MASTI**

**ARYANA GREEN**

Props Design

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**ADRIAN GOMEZ**

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Costume Supervisor

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## DIRECTOR'S NOTE...

*The Wiz* is one of my favorite musicals: spectacular, Black, highly-energetic, and cleverly inventive – everything I love to see on the high school musical theatre stage! *The Wiz* is a celebration of our legendary presence in the music industry, and a love letter to our limitless future in this country with Black music and liberation as the gleaming engine driving it all full speed ahead!

*The Wiz* was created to show that *wHolesome* characters and stories can belong to Black actors. *The Wiz* does not present Black people suffering or as downtrodden servants, but rather, it is a celebration of the love and strength at the heart of the African-American family and the limitless virtuosity in Black music, dance, and visual arts that has been emulated around the world since the invention of jazz.

In Dorothy, the Scarecrow, Tinman, and the Lion we see the resilience of the Black American dream despite nearly unbeatable odds in a rigged and corrupted system that doles out false promises behind a slick mask of unreachable materialism. In our production the Emerald City is a bustling metropolis rife with moral temptations, and the Winkies, the working poor pressed under the boot of the exploitative tyrant, Evilline.

*The Wiz* is a lifelong favorite of mine and I leapt at the opportunity to express my love for this unique Afro-futurism sci-fi musical. I let myself be inspired by Black artists and things that were a part of my childhood and current artists that influence me and connect with the young people of HSPVA.

In a world where faith and hope can sometimes be in short supply I wanted to create the feeling that anything is possible and that magic can happen right here where we are! I want to warmly welcome you to our show and it is without shame or irony that I encourage you to believe in the Black magic that is HSPVA's All School Black History Production of *The Wiz*!

Sincerely,

Joshua O'Daniel Denning

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JD' with a stylized flourish extending from the bottom right.

# HISTORY OF THE WIZ

*The Wiz* is an Afrofuturistic retelling of the Frank L. Baum classic, “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz.” This show celebrates Black music and culture, and it represents many timeless aspects of our society and the people in it.

*The Wiz* first opened in Baltimore in 1974 and was met with many mixed reviews as it made its way to New York. Despite the overall uncertainty toward the show’s future, *The Wiz* made its way to Broadway in early 1975. The show continued to be met with poor reviews by New York critics, and it was unclear how much the show would be able to take before it would have to close.

However, an editorial from the *Amsterdam News* – the oldest Black newspaper in the country – was published, urging Black theatergoers to see the production and emphasized the popularization of the show would rely heavily on the people spreading the word. That editorial, as well as a successful publicity campaign that featured the cast singing a rendition of “Ease On Down the Road,” played a major role in the success of the show.

Later that year, *The Wiz* won seven Tony awards, including one for best musical. A few years after the musical became a hit, a movie adaptation of *The Wiz* was written and eventually released to public theaters late 1978. Despite the issues that the movie faced in pre and post-production, as well as the initially damaging reviews it faced when released to the public, it still became the blockbuster classic we know it as today.

Written by Autumn Kimball

# Musical Numbers

## ACT I

The Feeling We Once Had.....	<b>AUNT EM</b>
Tornado Ballet .....	<b>COMPANY</b>
He's The Wizard .....	<b>ADDAPERLE &amp; MUNCHKINS</b>
Soon As I Get Home.....	<b>DOROTHY</b>
I Was Born On The Day Before Yesterday .....	<b>SCARECROW</b>
Ease On Down The Road .....	<b>DOROTHY &amp; SCARECROW</b>
Slide Some Oil to Me .....	<b>TIN MAN</b>
Ease On Down The Road (Reprise) .....	<b>DOROTHY, SCARECROW</b>
.....	<b>&amp; TINMAN</b>
Mean Ole Lion .....	<b>LION</b>
Ease On Down The Road (Reprise) .....	<b>DOROTHY, SCARECROW</b>
.....	<b>TINMAN, &amp; LION</b>
Kalidah Battle .....	<b>COMPANY</b>
Be A Lion .....	<b>DOROTHY &amp; LION</b>
Emerald City Ballet .....	<b>COMPANY</b>
So You Wanted To Meet The Wizard.....	<b>THE WIZ</b>
What Would I Do If I Could Feel.....	<b>TIN MAN</b>

## ACT II

No Bad News .....	<b>EVILENE &amp; WINKIES</b>
Funky Monkeys .....	<b>COMPANY</b>
A Brand New Day .....	<b>COMPANY</b>
Believe In Yourself .....	<b>THE WIZ</b>
Ya'll Got it!.....	<b>THE WIZ &amp; COMPANY</b>
A Rested Body .....	<b>GLINDA &amp; COMPANY</b>
Believe In Yourself .....	<b>GLINDA</b>
Home .....	<b>DOROTHY</b>

# The Cast

*(In Order Of Appearance)*

Aunt Em .....	<b>LAURYN PALMER</b>
Toto.....	<b>BOWIE BARRETT</b>
Dorothy .....	<b>JAYLA MCDONALD</b>
Uncle Henry .....	<b>JACKSON SWINTON</b>
Tornado Dancers.....	<b>ASHLEY FRANKLIN, JONERIC WRIGHT,</b>
.....	<b>MADISON MANNING, MYA SANDERS,</b>
.....	<b>TREVON HECTOR</b>
Tornado Puppeteers .....	<b>ALBERTO MOROTTI, ELIJAH ISLAM,</b>
.....	<b>LEAH SNELL, STEFAN HERRERA,</b>
.....	<b>XANDER LINDSEY</b>
Munchkins.....	<b>COMFORT AZAGIDI, EMPRESS ADAMS, HALEY PRINCE,</b>
.....	<b>IMANI GILES, KAI TREGRE, KAVI PERSAUD</b>
.....	<b>MATEO COTOM, OGECHI NWACHUKWU,</b>
.....	<b>SERENITY HUGHES, SEVEN MODAD,</b>
.....	<b>SKYLAR JONES, SYDNEY ROBERTSON,</b>
.....	<b>TYRIANNA CALDWELL</b>
Addaperle .....	<b>HALEY PRINCE</b>
Yellow Brick Road.....	<b>JONERIC WRIGHT, STEFAN HERRERA,</b>
.....	<b>TREVON HECTOR, XANDER LINDSEY</b>
Scarecrow .....	<b>ASHTON BOOTH</b>
Crows.....	<b>ASHLEY FRANKLIN, MYA SANDERS,</b>
.....	<b>SAMAYA HOLMES, MADISON MANNING</b>
Tinman.....	<b>JAMIE HOLLINS</b>
Lion.....	<b>TIMOTHY MOSS</b>
Kalidahs .....	<b>ALBERTO MOROTTI, ELIJAH ISLAM,</b>
.....	<b>IMANI GILES, KAVI PERSAUD</b>
Poppies.....	<b>ASHLEY FRANKLIN, BIANCA RAMIREZ,</b>
.....	<b>HAYLIE HARDWICK, KAI TREGRE,</b>
.....	<b>TYRIANNA CALDWELL, AMELIA DICLAUDIO, LAUREN PHILPOTT</b>
Field Mice.....	<b>STEFAN HERRERA, ALBERTO MOROTTI,</b>
.....	<b>BIANCA RAMIEZ, MATEO COTOM</b>
Gatekeeper .....	<b>JACKSON SWINTON</b>

# The Cast

*(In Order Of Appearance)*

Emerald City Citizens .....	LAUREN PHILPOTT, KAI TREGRE, ..... ASHLEY FRANKLIN, SAMAYA HOLMES, SYDNEY ROBERTSON, ..... TREVON HECTOR, HAYLIE HARDWICK, JONERIC WRIGHT, ..... BROOKE TAYLOR, BIANCA RAMIREZ, MADISON MANNING, ..... MYA SANDERS, COMFORT AZAGIDI, JACKSON SWINTON, ..... MATEO COTOM, OGECHI NWACHUKWU, AMELIA DICLAUDIO, ..... IMANI GILES, KAVI PERSAUD, SERENITY HUGHES, ELIJAH ISLAM, ..... ISRAEL FOX, SKYLAR JONES, SEVEN MODAD, MIA WILLIAMS, ..... TYRIANNA CALDWELL, LEAH SNELL, EMPRESS ADAMS, ..... ALBERTO MOROTTI
The Wiz .....	AUSTIN GRAY
Evillene .....	CORTLANDT BARRETT
Lord High Underling .....	HAYLIE HARDWICK
Winged Monkey.....	XANDER LINDSEY
Glinda.....	LAURA WALLS

## Ensemble

EMPRESS ADAMS • COMFORT AZAGIDI  
CORTLANDT BARRETT • TYRIANNA CALDWELL  
MATEO COTOM • AMELIA DICLAUDIO • ISRAEL FOX  
ASHLEY FRANKLIN • IMANI GILES • HAYLIE HARDWICK  
TREVON HECTOR • STEFAN HERRERA • SAMAYA HOLMES  
SERENITY HUGHES • ELIJAH ISLAM • SKYLAR JONES  
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KAVI PERSAUD • LAUREN PHILPOTT • HALEY PRINCE  
BIANCA RAMIREZ • SYDNEY ROBERTSON • MYA SANDERS  
LEAH SNELL • JACKSON SWINTON • BROOKE TAYLOR  
KAI TREGRE • MIA WILLIAMS • JONERIC WRIGHT

Pit Singers: Lilliana Williams, Everett Payne, Madison Jones

# The Orchestra

Student Music Director/Conductor/Keys 1 .....	<b>SAVANNAH DEVER</b>
Keys 2 .....	<b>TROY LIMAN</b>
Violin 1.....	<b>NICOLE LEE &amp; AMY ANAWATY</b>
Violin 2 .....	<b>VICTORIA PEYRO &amp; MAILLE CRAIG</b>
Cello.....	<b>BRAYLON HUGHES</b>
Reed 1(Flute / Piccolo).....	<b>JACOB SAN MIGUEL</b>
Reed 2(Flute / Alto Flute).....	<b>CHLOE COOPER</b>
Reed 3(Flute).....	<b>LEILA RAMIREZ</b>
Reed 1(Alto) .....	<b>LIAM MATHUS</b>
Reed 2(Alto)/ Sitar .....	<b>ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ</b>
Reed 3(Tenor / Clarinet) .....	<b>MATTHEW CRUZ</b>
Reed 4 (Bari / Clarinet).....	<b>BRIAN OLIVEIRA</b>
Reed 3(Clarinet).....	<b>LOLA GIWA</b>
Reed 3(Bass Clarinet).....	<b>JORDYN COOK</b>
Reed 4 (Oboe / English Horn).....	<b>KARSTEN WILKINSON</b>
Trumpet 1.....	<b>STUART ADAMS</b>
Trumpet 2 .....	<b>MADISON HARPSTER</b>
Trumpet 3 .....	<b>ADAM EL-YAFI &amp; MATTHEW GEE</b>
Trombone 1 .....	<b>CATHERINE LAWSON</b>
Trombone 2.....	<b>JACKSON QUEVEDO</b>
Tuba (Trombone 2) .....	<b>AJEET NAGI</b>
Guitar.....	<b>MILES OPPINGER</b>
Guitar.....	<b>ANGEL (AJ) AYALA</b>
Guitar.....	<b>AJANI LEWIS</b>
Bass.....	<b>LUKE WALLACE</b>
Bass.....	<b>AMELIA DESALOS</b>
Drums .....	<b>AMIR BRYANT</b>
Percussion .....	<b>ISHMAEL DELA CRUZ</b>
Percussion .....	<b>BRYAN MOORE</b>
Percussion .....	<b>ISAAC REYNOSO</b>
Drums.....	<b>KHALIL AFRA</b>

# Production Team

## Student Production Team

Production Stage Manager .....	<b>TESS REED</b>
Production Manager .....	<b>ELLIE LINDE</b>
Assistant Stage Managers.....	<b>CHAI WEBB, MATTHEW PERKINS,</b>
.....	<b>HANNAH MALTBIE</b>
Assistant Director .....	<b>AUTUMN KIMBALL</b>
Scenic Designers .....	<b>ELIRAN MASTI, ARYANA GREEN</b>
Assistant Scenic Designer .....	<b>ELLIOT ZIDER</b>
Costume Designer.....	<b>LAYLA CREAR</b>
Assistant Costume Designers .....	<b>SOFIA FONTENOT,</b>
.....	<b>HAZEL BRITTON DANSBY, MARZ LAZAR</b>
Costume Shop Floor Manager .....	<b>ELIZABETH WADE</b>
Lead Lighting Designer .....	<b>LAYLA HARRIS</b>
Follow Spot .....	<b>IZZY LYSTER, EWA BRINKER</b>
Lead Sound Designer .....	<b>JUPITER ZIMMERMAN-YANG</b>
Sound Engineer.....	<b>ROSALINDA JOACHIM</b>
Assistant Sound Engineer .....	<b>EYOAB ASHAGARI</b>
Lead Hair & Makeup Designer .....	<b>LAYLA CREAR</b>
Lead Props Designer .....	<b>SAM MASCHECK</b>
Lead Publicists .....	<b>EWA BRINKER, ADRIAN GOMEZ</b>
Assistant Choreographer/Dance Captain .....	<b>AMELIA DICLAUDIO</b>

# Production Team

## Run Crew

Deck Supervisor .....	KATIE RANDALL
Set Run Crew .....	ISABELA ABREGO,
.....	LILY PENNINGTON, ELIRAN MASTI,
.....	BEATRIZ DE ANDRADE E LIMA, AIDEN HERGER,
.....	DILLON HILLARD, GRACE DUNCAN
Rail Captain .....	THOMAS KIMBRO
Rail Crew.....	CY ESQUIVEL, ELLIOT ZIDER
Wardrobe Crew .....	STELLA MATHUS, STELLA WITHROW,
.....	ELIZABETH WADE, MARZ LAZAR, ALICE WILSON
Hair & Make-Up Run Crew .....	DERION ERVIN,
.....	ANDREW HERNANDEZ

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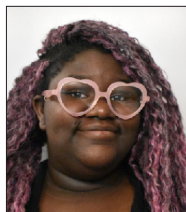
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Lighting Shadows.....	KENDALL MOSHAY, IZZY LYSTER
Publicity Shadow.....	MADALINE TURBIVILLE
Sound Shadow .....	TAYLOR BENNINGS
Set Shadow .....	GRACE DUNCAN

## After School Crew

ISABELLA ABREGO • STELLA MATHUS • ELLIOT ZIDER  
ELIRAN MASTI • LIAM NIZNIK • ESEQUIEL SROUJI  
EVA JOHNSON • ANGELIKA PAWLAK • JASON SNELL  
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Empress  
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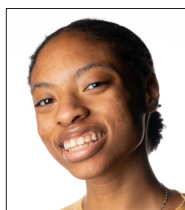
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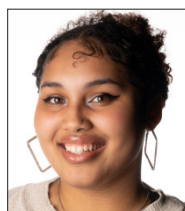
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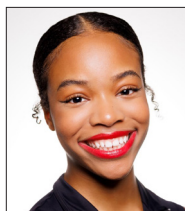
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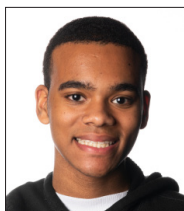
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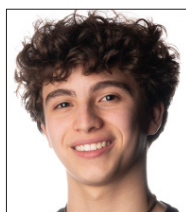
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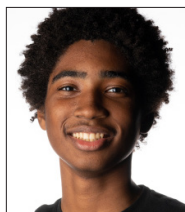
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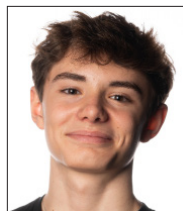
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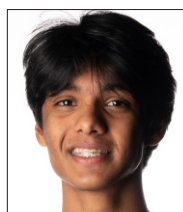
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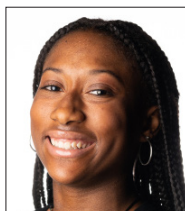
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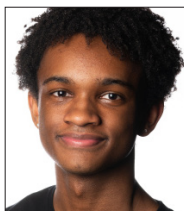
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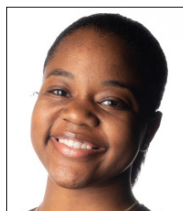
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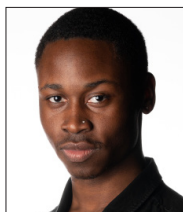
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Mia  
Williams



Jon'Eric  
Wright

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# MEET THE CAST

**EMPRESS ADAMS** (Ensemble) is a senior acting major in the theatre department. Although she has acted in her own department shows, *Top Girls* (Pope Joan), *Macbeth* (Seton), *Vampire Cowboy Trilogy* (Tina, the Warrior Princess), and done hair and makeup for 6 all schools, *Mary Poppins*, *The Color Purple*, *Hairspray*, *Dreamgirls*, and *Mamma Mia!*, this is her first time on the denney stage. She is thankful for her family, friends, and everyone in the production, and she hope you enjoy the show!

**COMFORT AZAGIDI** (Addaperle/Aunt em understudy, Ensemble) is a Junior Musical Theatre major in the theatre department. Comfort has previously appeared in HSPVA's upper level fall show *Vampire Cowboy Trilogy* as "cowboy chorus" as well as lead lighting designer. Other HSPVA projects include *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* where they played "singer/lead narrator" as well as *Dreamgirls* where they played "Joann/ featured ensamble". Comfort would like to thank everyone involved in the show for making it what it is and bringing the magic to *The Wiz*!

**CORTLANDT BARRETT** (Evillene) is a Senior Musical Theatre major in the Theatre Department. She previously starred in HSPVA's productions of *Mamma Mia!* (Donna), *Dreamgirls* (Deena), *Hairspray* (Motormouth Maybelle), *Once On This Island* (Mama Euralie), along with the Theatre Department's productions of *Vampire Cowboy Trilogy* (Molly / Real Ninja / Zombie Cheerleader), *Macbeth* (First Murderer / Lord), and *Fences* (Jim Bono). She also performed as Paulette Bonafonté in Oklahoma City University's Musical Theatre Summer Intensive's production of *Legally Blonde*. Cortlandt is so thankful for her

family and friends for their constant support, as well as the cast, crew, and directors of *The Wiz*. She appreciates everyone who has come to see this fabulous production, and hopes you enjoy it!

**ASHTON BOOTH** (Scarecrow) is a Senior in the Dance Department. Recent credits include *Mamma Mia!* (Ensemble/Dance Captain), *Dreamgirls* (Ensemble/Dance Captain), *Hairspray* (Ensemble/Dance Captain), *Once On This Island* (Ensemble/Dance Captain). He is so excited to be a part of his 5th and final All-School Musical! Ashton would like to thank his creative team, friends and family, and anyone else who helped make this show happen! Let's have a great show!

**TYRIANNA CALDWELL** (Ensemble) is currently a junior in the Vocal Department who has always found joy and peace in entertainment. In her early years she performed in the Houston Children's Chorus and The Ensemble Theatre's Young Performers program in *Anansi the Spider*, *Orisha the Great*, *A Broadway Revue: Revisited*, and more! At HSPVA, she has been part of the ensemble in "*Dreamgirls*" and "*Mamma Mia!!*". She had also volunteered her time at Park Manor nursing home, MKL Clinic, and Antioch Baptist Church performing in holiday and service programs. She is so happy to be onstage again for another amazing All-School Musical and is so grateful to be a part of this inspiring production. In the future she plans to use what she learns to share her joy with the world.

**MATEO COTOM** (Ensemble) is a sophomore in the Creative Writing department. He's performed in HSPVA's all-school black history production of

*Dreamgirls* (Jerry Norman), worked with set for *Hairspray*, and was on wardrobe and costume crew for *Mamma Mia!* Outside of HSPVA, he's done theatre at Alley Theatre's Teen Acting Conservatory in the summer of 2022. He's very grateful and elated to be a part of the cast for *The Wiz* and wants to thank everyone who was involved to help put on this production, including the audience!

**AMELIA DICLAUDIO** (Assistant Choreographer/Ensemble/Swing) is a Junior in the Dance Department. At HSPVA, they have previously been in *Hairspray* (Ensemble) and *Mamma Mia!* (Dance Captain/Ensemble). They have also performed with Houston Repertoire Ballet as Governess in *The Nutcracker*, Ali Baba in *Riviera Holiday*, and as Dance Captain to Broadway choreographer Kelly Barclay for *The Christmas Gift*. Amelia would like to thank everyone working behind the scenes and onstage to make this production possible and they are so excited to be a part of their third All-School Musical here at HSPVA!

**ISRAEL FOX** (Evillene U/S & Ensemble) is a Junior in the vocal department who loves to work on the all school productions. Israel has previously appeared in *Dreamgirls* as Charlene, and *Once On This Island* as an ensemble cast member. Before high school, Israel has done many Jr. Productions in New Orleans under JPAZ (Jefferson Performing Arts Society). Israel would like to thank her parents for dedicating their time to getting her to each rehearsal, and her cast mates for all their hard work and togetherness.

**ASHLEY FRANKLIN** (Ensemble) is a senior in the dance department "class of 23". I was drawn to participating in *The Wiz* because from a very young age I've had a strong connection to this musical and it's powerful message. This will be my first All-school musical and I am looking forward to putting in a great show for all of you! Thank you for

coming out to watch our production of *The Wiz*.

**IMANI GILES** (Ensemble) is a first year Theatre major. She has previously appeared in JHE's productions of *Three Musketeers* (D'Artagnan), *Twelfth Night* (Viola), *The Tempest* (Prospero), MPVA's *Decision Height* (Norma Jean Harris) receiving HISD's best actor award, and *Four Girls* (Sarah Collins), as well as *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters* (Old Woman) at The Ensemble Theatre. Her film work includes lead roles in *The Woman I was Dying To Know* (Lauren), *Living Single* Film Tribute (Kyla), and *What Doctor* (Zeptor Princess). Imani is grateful to learn from and amongst the stellar faculty, cast and crew of HSPVA's *The Wiz*.

**AUSTIN GRAY** (The Wiz) is so excited to make his acting debut as The Wiz in HSPVA'S Production of *The Wiz*. He has been in productions with HSPVA before such as their productions of *Hairspray* and *Dreamgirls*, however this is his first time having a big role. Austin is currently a senior in the vocal department and is excited to continue his craft out in the world after high school. Austin is so happy to have had the opportunity to work with such an amazing creative team and cast, and is so grateful to have the opportunity to be apart of such an incredible production.

**HAYLIE HARDWICK** (Ensemble), is a level 4 Musical Theater major in the Theater department. Haylie previously appeared in HSPVA's production of *Vampire Cowboy Trilogy* (Vampire Cow Boy, Stranger, Announcer, Missy's Assistant) and *Sweeney Todd* (Ensemble). She has also featured in previous productions at HSPVA such as *Fences* (Lyons) as well as hair and make-up crew for the cast of *Hairspray*. Haylie would like to give a special thanks to the cast and crew of this amazing production of *The Wiz*! "Being apart of HSPVA's Theater community has been exactly what I hoped for, an

opportunity for me to develop my skills and build foundational connections!

**TREVON HECTOR** (Ensemble) is a Level 3 Dance Major in the Dance Department. Trevon has recently appeared in HSPVA's productions of *Hairspray* (Ensemble), *Dreamgirls* (Ensemble), and *Mamma Mia!* (Ensemble). Along with this comes past PVA dance concerts such as the Spring Concert (2022) and the PM Dance Showcase (2022). And most importantly, he has been involved with many diversity series such as Koffee House and Alphabet Soup. Trevon is extremely excited to be back on stage and would like to thank Dance faculty Courtney Jones and Janie Carothers for always pushing him out of his comfort zone.

**STEFAN HERRERA** (First Mouse of the Mice Squad) is a 9th grader in the Theatre department and he is so excited to be in his first All School Musical at HSPVA. He has previously performed in various shows such as *Urinetown* (Bobby Strong), *Batboy* (Batboy) and, *13: The Musical* (Evan). He would like to thank the cast and crew of *The Wiz* for making this such a wonderful experience!

**JAMIE HOLLINS** (Tin Man) is a senior in the vocal department. Jamie was previously C.C. in *Dreamgirls*, Ensemble in *Hairspray* and Ensemble in *Mamma Mia!*. Jamie is super happy and honored to be apart HSPVA's production of "The Wiz". Thank all of you guys for coming out and supporting us!

**SAMAYA HOLMES** (Ensemble) is a 9th grader at HSPVA in the theatre department. She has the opportunity to work as a shadow on the production *Mamma Mia!* for hair and makeup. Samaya is also a company member at her dance studio where she has been dancing competitively for 10 years. Samaya is very thankful and excited for this amazing show!!

**SERENITY HUGHES** (Ensemble) is an 11th grade MT major within the theatre department. This will be her third ever all school production at HSPVA and she's so excited to be back on stage once more. Serenity wants to thank her family for supporting her, her friends for constantly encouraging and reassuring her, and the theatre faculty for guiding her.

**ELIJAH ISLAM** (Ensemble) is a senior Musical Theatre major in the Theatre department. Elijah has previously appeared in HSPVA's productions of *Fame* (Ensemble), *Once On This Island* (Armand/Ensemble), *Dreamgirls* (Frank/Ensemble), and *Mamma Mia!* (Pepper) in addition to working on various technical aspects of PVA's past productions of *Mary Poppins* and *Hairspray*. Eli would like to thank the cast and crew of *The Wiz* for being so kind and patient with him as he takes on his last all-school musical at HSPVA. He'd also like to thank his family, friends, and loved ones for supporting him unconditionally as he closes out his senior year as part of such a professional, talented, supportive ensemble.

**SKYLAR JONES** (Ensemble) is a senior acting major in the theatre department. She is so excited to do her fifth and final all school production. Skylar has previously been worked on *The Color Purple* (stage management shadow and fight director), *Once On This Island* (Ensemble), *Hairspray* (Little Inez), and *Dreamgirls* (Ensemble). Skylar also did *The Children's Hour* (Mary), *Macbeth* (Ensemble and fight captain), and *Vampire Cowboy Trilogy* (Missy and assistant fight director). Skylar would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her through her artistic journey and the theatre faculty for believing in her.

**XANDER LINDSEY** (Ensemble) is a jazz pianists in the instrumental department. With a wealth of experience under his belt, Xander

has previously demonstrated his abilities in HSPVA's production of *Dreamgirls*, where he played in the band. In the upcoming production of *The Wiz*, Xander will be showcasing his versatility by not only being part of the ensemble, but also playing the role of a flying monkey and serving as the band's stage manager. Xander would like to extend his heartfelt gratitude to all those who have supported and helped him throughout his journey at HSPVA.

**MADISON MANNING** (Ensemble) is a Junior in the Dance Department. She is very excited to participate in her first Kinder HSPVA all-school musical. Madison has previously performed in the Dance Department's Fall Dance Concert. She is represented by the Los Angeles based talent agency, Clear Talent Group. Madison would like to thank God, her family, and friends for all the love and support they've given her throughout this process.

**JAYLA MCDONALD** (Dorothy Gale) is a Junior in the theater department. Jayla is so excited to be involved in her 4th HSPVA All School Musical. Some of her previous roles at PVA include *Mamma Mia!*(ensemble) and *Dreamgirls* (Ensemble/Deena Jones U/S). Jayla has also done many shows outside of school including the Ensemble Theater's productions of *The First Noel* (Noel) and *A Soulful Christmas* (Destiny). She also has had a feature role in the Netflix film *Tales From the Hood 2* (Carol McNair). Jayla would like to thank her friends and family for all their support!

**SEVEN MODAD**(Ensemble) is a Senior in the Musical Theatre department. They previously appeared in *Dreamgirls*, *Once On This Island* *Macbeth* and *Fences* at Kinder HSPVA. Seven is so excited for *The Wiz* to be their last all school musical before they leave Texas to pursue marine biology in college. They would like to thank the entire cast and backstage crew of *The Wiz* for making their last all school memorable and

magical

**ALBERTO MOROTTI** (Ensemble) is a sophomore in the theatre department. He has done one other show at HSPVA, *A Year With Frog and Toad* (Little Frog and Mole) during his 9th grader year. Other than that, he has done many shows outside of HSPVA, some of which *The Addams family* (Pugsley) and *Wiley and the Hairy Man* (Wiley), as well as a few productions at Main Street Theatre. Alberto would like to thank his all of his teachers and friends that have helped him throughout his theatrical journey, and he hopes the hard work put into *The Wiz!* is going to make it a fantastic show!

**TIMOTHY MOSS** (Cowardly Lion) is a Senior in the Vocal Department. He has played integral roles in both the pop/jazz ensemble, as well as the baroque/madrigal ensemble. He has performed in multiple performances in the school, including the Diverty Series and Young Performers Pop Show. This February, he had the opportunity to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City! He is very grateful for the opportunity to perform and is thankful for everyone who has worked hard on *The Wiz!*

**OGECHE NWACHUKWU** (Dorothy U/S & Ensemble) would love to thank the Theatre & Vocal department for this amazing opportunity. *The Wiz* and all its music speaks when every other thing fails. And i want to say thank you to everyone who made this show come to life!!

**LAURYN PALMER** (Aunt Em) has been singing, dancing and acting on stages since she was six, with starring roles in musicals including *Shrek*, *Peter Pan*, *Annie* and *The Wiz*. As a Junior Musical Theatre major, Lauryn loves the HSPVA community, maintaining a high academic GPA and performing for a third time in the Black History All-School musical. When not singing, she enjoys crafting, woodworking and cooking unique meals.

**KAVI PERSAUD** (Ensemble) is a sophomore in HSPVA's Theatre Department. Kavi has appeared in HSPVA's all-school production of *Mamma Mia!* in 2022, as well as other smaller shows. He isn't even black, he just loves to be on stage.

**LAUREN PHILPOTT** (Ensemble) is a sophomore in the theatre department. She has previously appeared in HSPVA's productions of *Dreamgirls* (Michelle Morris) and *Almost, Maine* (Marvalyn), as well as worked on technical aspects of *Hairspray*, *Mamma Mia!*, and *Vampire Cowboy Trilogy*. Lauren has previously performed in *Medea* (Messenger) and *The Seagull* (Nina) at SFA's Kennedy Auditorium, *She Loves Me* (Featured Customer) at Hits Theatre, and *Dontrell Who Kissed The Sea* (Danielle) at the Harris County Cultural Arts Center. She would like to thank her family for their immense support, as well as the theatre faculty for their constant encouragement during and outside of shows.

**HALEY PRINCE** (Addaperle) is a is a Senior Musical Theatre major in the Theatre Department. Haley has previously been in a multitude of performances here at HSPVA. Her most recent casting in *Vampire Cowboy Trilogy* (Jake Misco). She also appeared in *Sweeney Todd* (Birdseller/ Ensemble), *Dreamgirls* (Les Styles/ Step Sisters), *Picnic* (Flo Owens), *Fame!* (Ensemble). She also has done work behind the scenes on various shows such as *Hairspray* (Assistant Director), *The Color Purple* (Costume Crew) and *Holes* (Set Designer). Haley would like to thank the theatre faculty for helping make Haley's HSPVA experience so memorable and exciting. She would like to thank her mother for driving and picking her up from late night rehearsals. And she would like to thank her family for always supporting her endeavors!

**BIANCA RAMIREZ** (Ensemble) is a 9th grader in the theatre department

and excited to perform in her first HSPVA production! Some of her past performances include: *Bring it On: The Musical* (Nautica), *Into the Woods* (*Cinderella*), *South Pacific* (Ensemble) and *Sister Act* (Ensemble) at TUTS. Bianca would like to thank *The Wiz*'s creative team, cast and crew for an amazing experience and her family and friends for their continued love and support.

**SYDNEY ROBERTSON** (Ensemble) is a Sophomore in the Theatre Department. She is so excited to be on the Main Stage for the first time! Sydney previously worked behind the scenes on HSPVA Theatre's 2022 Fall Rep Production, *As You Like It*, as Assistant Costume Designer. She is so excited for the audience to witness this beautiful production! Sydney would like to thank the cast as well as the crew for making her first show on the Denney Stage a welcoming and inviting experience!

**MYA SANDERS** (Ensemble) is a sophomore in the dance department. Mya has previously appeared in HSPVA'S production *Dreamgirls* (ensemble), *Mamma Mia!* ( Lisa), and now the *The Wiz*. Mya can not wait for opening night to have a spectacular show!!

**LEAH SNELL** (Ensemble) is a 9th grader in the theatre department of HSPVA. She has been in *Beauty and the Beast* (Gaston) *The Addams family* (ensemble) *Bling Midas* (narrator) *The Wizard of Oz* (Glinda the good witch) Leah is very great full for being chosen to be in the cast for this years all school. She has enjoyed the process of making *The Wiz* magical!

**JACKSON SWINTON** (Uncle Henry/ The Gatekeeper) Is a Junior Musical Theatre major in the Theatre Department. Jackson has previously appeared in *Dreamgirls* (Marty), *Mamma Mia!* (Eddie), *A Year with Frog and Toad* (Frog) and worked run crew for *Hairspray!* Jackson has also done professional

work as “Scotch” from *Is God Is* at Rec Room Theatre. He will like to thank the Theatre Department for this amazing year and opportunity once again and is looking forward for what the future has in store for him.”

**BROOKE TAYLOR** (Ensemble) is a 9th grader in the Vocal department. She has previously performed in *Sister Act* (Sister Mary Patrick) at MPVA and *Cinderella* (Fairy God Mother) at MacGregor Elementary. Brooke would like to thank the cast, production, directors, and all apart of bringing the show together, for make this such a wonderful experience!

**KAI TREGRE** (Ensemble) is an ambitious and innovative sophomore in the Theatre department at HSPVA. Past Productions include: *Hand Me Downs* (2022); *The Biz* in the role of Dorothy (2016) at MATCH Theatre; *Dreamgirls* (2022) at HSPVA; *More Than Christmas* (2019); *Soulful Sounds of Christmas* (2017); at The Ensemble Theatre; and *A Christmas Carol* (2018) at The Alley Theatre. She has also appeared in *Boxes*, *Mufaro’s Beautiful Daughters*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Willie Wonka Jr.* as Willie Wonka, and other pre-professional productions. Education includes: HSPVA; Kids W.A.Y. Acting Academy with Jossie Harris Thacker; BOLD Boot Camp program, Young Performers Program; and Born2Perform and Dance Production Dance Studios. Kai is deeply grateful for the opportunity to work with the company of *The Wiz*!

**LAURA DANIELLE WALLS** (Glinda) is a Junior in the Vocal Department. She previously participated in HSPVA’s production of *Dreamgirls*, in which she performed in the ensemble. Her vocal accomplishments include winner of the 2020 Sugarland Jr. Superstar, performing with the Houston Symphony, and numerous other performances throughout Houston and surrounding areas. Laura is also a member of the American Festival

for the Arts (AFA) and under their leadership and Lenora’s mentorship, has created her first single and is working on the rest of her demo. Laura would like to thank the cast and everyone backstage who helped to make *The Wiz* a magical experience!

**MIA WILLIAMS** (Ensemble) is a junior in creative writing focusing on screenwriting. Mia previously worked in the last HSPVA Black All-School productions, *Dreamgirls*. She would like to give thanks to her family for supporting her throughout her ongoing journey in the arts.

**JON’ERIC WRIGHT** (Ensemble) is a Senior Dance major at HSPVA. He has recently graced the stage in HSPVA’s 2021-2022 Black History Production, *Dreamgirls* also as a ensemble member ad supporting role. Jon’Eric is now proud to be PVA’s 2022-2023 Happening Chair. He is elated to be apart of this production and cant wait to take you to Oz.

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# MEET THE PRODUCTION TEAM

**ISABELA ABREGO** (Run Crew) is a 9th grader in the Theatre Department

**EYOAB ASHAGARI** (Assistant Sound Engineer/Mixer) is a 9th grader vocal major. Eyoab has previously been a part of the technical team, shadowing sound design in the 2022 fall all-school musical, *Mamma Mia!*. He wants to thank the production team for giving him this opportunity to grow and expand on his knowledge on technical theatre as something he does outside of his singing. He hopes to continue participating in all-school musicals in the future.

**EWA BRINKER** (Co-lead Publicist/Follow Spot) is a Junior in the Theatre Department. This is her 4th all-school musical! She has previously worked on *Hairspray* (Runcrew), *Dreamgirls* (Assistant publicity), and *Mamma Mia!* (Co-Lead Publicity). She'd like to thank her co-designer Adrian Gomez for keeping her sane, Elizabeth Wade for being the coolest wardrobe head ever, Ellie Linde for for throwing me down the publicity path, and Ms. Lembcke for being an amazing InDesign Wizard and instructor!

**HAZEL BRITTON DANSBY** (Assistant Costume Designer) is a Junior Creative Writer. Hazel has previously worked on shows such as *Once On This Island* (Assistant Costume Designer) as well as *Hairspray* (Stitcher). Since the age of eight Hazel has enjoyed doing costume and fashion designer, and spends her free time sketching and creating. Hazel thanks Kinder HSPVA community for providing her with the opportunity to do what she enjoys most.

**LAYLA CREAR** (Lead Costume Designer) is a Senior Designer in the Theatre department. This is the 4th All School Musical she has lead costume designed. Her previous credits include *Once On This Island*, *Hairspray*, and *Dreamgirls*. She would like to thank the theatre faculty for their unwavering support and guidance over the past 4 years. She appreciates the love and support from her friends during her time here at PVA. Most of all she thanks her family—especially her mom and dad for being her rock through it all. She truly couldn't do it without them. Congrats to the cast, crew, creative team, and orchestra, we did it! Last of all, she can now safely say she will never do another HSPVA All School Musical. Enjoy the show!

**DERION ERVIN** (Hair and Makeup Run Crew) is a Senior Instrumental Major in the Instrumental department. Derion has previously been a part of *Dreamgirls* ensemble and was very excited to work outside the stage involved with hair and makeup. This is Derion's last year at PVA and would like to thank Mr. Klein & the rest of the staff for making this opportunity possible.

**CY ESQUIVEL** (Rail Crew) is a Junior acting major in the theatre department. He's worked on *Dreamgirls* in the rail crew position as well acted in *Almost, Maine* and *As You Like It*.

**SOFIA FONTENOT** (Assistant Costume Designer) is a junior in Creative Writing. She has previously been on Costume Shop Crew for *Mamma Mia!* and is thrilled to take part in her first HSPVA Black History Production. She would

like to thank the cast and crew for all their hard work and cooperation to make *The Wiz* possible.

**ADRIAN GOMEZ** (Co-Lead Publicist) is an 11th grade tech major in the Theatre department and is excited to be apart of his 4th All-School Musical! He has previously worked on *Mamma Mia!* (Co-Lead Publicity), *Dreamgirls* (Co-Lead Publicity), and *Hairspray!* (Assistant Publicity/Set Design) to name a few. He is ecstatic to be doing publicity with Ewa Brinker again on this magical production. Adrian would like to thank Mr. Hune and Ellie Linde for opening the world of marketing to him and to Ms. Lembcke for being an amazing InDesign Wizard and instructor!

**ARYANA GREEN** (Set Designer), and I am so honored to be a part of this Musical. I am a sophomore in the theatre department, and I have Design previous shows such as *Caucasian Chalk Circle*. Also, previous shows I've acted in include *The Curious Incident* *If the Dog In The Nighttime* (Judy) and *Caucasian Chalk Circle* (Natella Abashwili). Thank You!

**LAYLA HARRIS** (Lighting Designer) is very excited to be lead designing her first all-school musical by herself. She has previously lighting designed for *Mamma Mia!* (Co-Lead lighting) and *A Year with Frog and Toad* (Lead Lighting). She has done lighting design for the Diversity series including Night market Alphabet soup (Lead lighting) and Carnival (board operator). She has also done out-of-department shows like Limelight and Pop Show. Has a deep connection to *The Wiz* because it was the first musical she saw! She'd like to thank *The Wiz*'s amazing tech team and her mom!!

**AIDEN HERGER** (Rail Crew) is a junior visual artist.

**ANDREW HERNANDEZ** (Hair & Make-Up Run Crew) is a 9th grader in the visual arts department and has previously

participated in HSPVA's *Mamma Mia!* as a hair and makeup shadow. With his four years of experience with makeup, Andrew can't wait to immerse you into the world of *The Wiz* with vibrant colors, textures, and MUGS! He would like to thank each and one of the crew members on his team that helped him bring his visions to life, and all the actors that lent their gorgeous faces to be his canvas.

**DILLON HILLARD** (Rail Crew) is a junior in the Creative Writing Department.

**ROSALINDA JOACHIM** (Sound Engineer) is a junior Tech Major in the Theatre department. She has previously worked as Sound Engineer for *Mamma Mia!*, *Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street*, and *Dreamgirls*. Joachim is very thankful for everyone who has contributed to this wonderful production of *The Wiz*!

**AUTUMN KIMBALL** (Dramaturg) is a Sophomore in the theatre department, and is very excited to be involved in this production of *The Wiz*! She's previously worked on the theatre department's *A Year with Frog and Toad* (Assistant Director), as well as the fall all-school production of *Mamma Mia!* (Assistant Costume Designer). She's grateful for the opportunity to have a bigger role in an all-school, and hopes to participate in many future productions.

**THOMAS KIMBRO** (Rail Crew) is a junior acting major in the Theatre Department. He previously acted in *Almost, Maine* (Randy) and *The Boys Next Door* (Mr. Klemper and Mr. Hodges). He also did lighting design for both shows, as well as rail crew for *Mamma Mia!* and *Dreamgirls*. He's very excited to have this opportunity!

**MARZ LAZAR** (Assistant Costume Designer) is a sophomore in the Creative Writing department. She has previously sewn for the HSPVA productions of *Hairspray*, *Dreamgirls*, and *Mamma Mia!*. Marz would like to

thank the theatre department and faculty for this incredible opportunity and is honored to be a part of the magic behind *The Wiz*.

**ELLIE LINDE** (Production Manager) is a senior in the theatre department. *The Wiz* marks her eighth and final all-school musical. Notably, she's been the Co-Lighting Designer for *Mamma Mia!* and the Publicist for *Hairspray* and Co-Publicist for *Dreamgirls*. Over the past four years, she's also worked in Stage Management, Set Design, Projections, Run Crew, and Rail. Ellie would like to make her last bio in an HSPVA playbill count, so she wants to mention how proud she is of Layla Harris (LD) and Adrian Gomez and Ewa Brinker (Publicity), all of whom are in her Theatre Family and have worked extremely hard to help bring this show to fruition. She also hopes Adrian and Ewa forgive her for submitting her bio one minute after the deadline.

**HANNAH MALTBIE** (Assistant Stage Manager) is so happy to be working on her 4th All-School Musical. She has previously worked on *Hairspray* (Stage Management Shadow), *Dreamgirls* (Assistant Stage Manager), and *Mamma Mia!* (Production Stage Manager). As well as several Theatre department productions, such as *The Children's Hour* (Assistant Stage Manager), *Macbeth* (Assistant Stage Manager) and *Almost, Maine* (Stage Manager). She is so grateful to be working with an amazing cast and crew! And is excited for the many shows yet to come!

**SAM MASCHECK** (Prop Designer) is a 9th grader in the theatre department, doing her first job in a production here at HSPVA. She has previous roles in, *Decision Height* (Eddie), *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* (Ed), *Dreamgirls* (Assistant Director). Sam is super excited for this opportunity in *The Wiz*. She would like to thank all the student and teachers that aided her through the process.

**ELIRAN MASTI** (Lead Scenic Designer) is a sophomore in the Theatre Department who is so excited to be designing *The Wiz*! This is Eliran's second time designing an All-School previously set designing *Dreamgirls*. He also is an actor performing in PVA Shows *Almost, Maine* (Steve) and *Macbeth* (Macduff's son). Eliran wants to thank Ms. Dana and Mr. Davis for their constant support throughout this process, his family and friends for cheering him on, and of course his fabulous co-designer Aryana for being by his side along the way!

**MATTHEW PERKINS** (Assistant Stage Manager) is a Sophomore in the Theatre Department. He is thrilled to be apart of this wonderful production. Previously, he has been seen onstage at PVA in *Hairspray* (IQ), *A Year with Frog and Toad* (PSM/Toad), and *Mamma Mia!* (Ensemble). He is a member of the TUTS Pre-Professional Program. He would like to thank Tess Redd, and all the incredible faculty that has helped bring *The Wiz* to life.

**KATIE RANDALL** (Deck Supervisor) is a senior design major in the Theatre Department. This is her eighth All School Musical! (Yes, that's everything since *Mary Poppins*.) You may have seen her or her work in *The Boys Next Door* (Set Designer), *Mamma Mia!* (Ensemble), *Macbeth* (Wise Woman/ Props), or *Dreamgirls* (Set Designer/ Deck Supervisor). She is very thankful for every show she has worked on here and everything she has learned, although she probably won't miss the bi-annual crunch time. She would like to thank Mr. Klein, the theatre faculty, and her parents for always supporting her, and Layla Crear for being the best Deck Sandwich a Deck Soup could ask for.

**TESS REED** (Stage Manager) is a junior in the Instrumental Department (orchestra) and is ecstatic to be joining *The Wiz* as Production Stage Manager. This is her third All-School Musical at

Kinder HSPVA following *Dreamgirls* where she was an Assistant Stage Manager and *Mamma Mia!* where she was the Band Stage Manager. Tess would like to thank the amazing faculty, crew, designers, orchestra, and cast who made this a phenomenal and unforgettable experience.

**ELIZABETH WADE** (Wardrobe Manager) is a Junior technical major in the theater department. Elizabeth has previously worked on HSPVA's productions of *Hairspray* (wardrobe crew), *Dreamgirls* (Wardrobe manager), *Mamma Mia!* (Costume designer) and *The Boys Next Door* (Costume designer). She would like to thank the theater faculty and fellow students for helping her to learn and grow as a theater artist over the past three years.

**CHAI WEBB** (Assistant Stage Manager) is a Senior Technical Theatre major in the theatre department. Chai previously worked on HSPVA's productions of *Hairspray* (Projections Designer), *The Children's Hour* (Stage Manager), *Macbeth* (Stage Manager), and *Vampire Cowboy Trilogy*. They also previously worked on Chicago (Ensemble), *A Year with Frog and Toad* (Set Designer), and *Jungle Book Jr.* (Assistant Production Manager) at HITS Theater. Chai would like to thank their cat for being there through the whole process, and putting up with all the late night hugs after rehearsal.

**ELLIOT ZIDER** (Assistant Set Designer/Run Crew) is a level 1 in the theatre department. She has previously worked at HSPVA on different technical aspects of *Mamma Mia!* and *Vampire Cowboy Trilogy*. She has previously been in YAC Showcase: *Beyond* (Charlie) and *Decision Height* (Virginia Hascall). Elliot would like to thank the theatre faculty for being amazing mentors, and she wants to thank the creative team and crew for helping *The Wiz* come together.

**JUPITER ZIMMERMAN-YANG** (Lead Sound Designer) is a Level 3 Design major in the Theatre department. He has designed for several HSPVA Productions such as *Dreamgirls* (Co-Lead Sound Designer with Rosalinda Joachim) and *Hairspray* (Co-Lead Sound Designer with Rosalinda Joachim). Jupiter has also designed sound for Kinder HSPVA's Theatre department's main-stage *As You Like It*. He is so grateful to have been able to work on his fourth All-School Musical at HSPVA and is so proud of all the hard work put in by everyone involved!

# BAND

**STUART ADAMS** (Lead Trumpet) is a senior trumpet player. Stuart is playing lead trumpet HSPVA's *The Wiz*. He has played in productions such as *The Color Purple*, *Dreamgirls*, and *The Addams family* with TUTS.

**KHALIL AFRA** (Drums) is a seventeen year old drummer that attends the Kinder high school of visual and performing arts. He believes that music and the arts transcend verbal language and that you should come see *The Wiz* to check out what he and everybody else in this production is about!

**AMY ANAWATY** (Violinist) is a Sophomore in the instrumental department, and has been playing the violin since kindergarten. She is so excited to be apart of *The Wiz*, her first PVA all-school. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support, and everyone who devoted so much time and effort into making this musical happen!

**ANGEL 'AJ' AYALA** (Guitar) is a senior mariachi major in the instrumental department. Aj has previously played guitar for the 2022 fall all-school production of *Mamma Mia!* and consistently plays guitar and sings as apart of the award winning varsity mariachi ensemble, Los Pasajeros. Aj has also participated other school events such as Carnaval and has even had his own Library Desk Concert, Cartunes - November 2022. Aj love love love love love love love love love love love love love love love music and plans on pursuing it after high school.

**AMIR BRYANT** (Drum 1) is a jazz drummer in his senior year at Kinder High School for the Performing and Visual Arts. This would make the first

(and last) play he's been apart of. He would like to thank all the faculty and staff for presenting him with such a magical opportunity.

**JORDYN COOK** (Reed 4) is a junior in the instrumental department. Jordyn previously participated in HSPVA's *Dreamgirls*. This is her second all school play.

**CHLOE COOPER** (Flute & Alto flute) is a Junior instrumentalist major for flute performance. This is her first musical pit performance although, she actively participates in the HSPVA Band and Chamber music Flute Trio ensembles. She is excited for you to see the hard work everyone has put into this production.

**MAILLE CRAIG** (Violin 2) is a 9th grader violin major in the instrumental department. Maille has been playing violin in various ensembles for 9 years, such as the Treble choir of Houston, AFA orchestra and chamber programs, other summer music programs, the Houston Revels, the Houston School of Irish Music, more recently joined the HSPVA Symphony and now *The Wiz* pit orchestra."

**MATTHEW CRUZ** (Reed 3) is a 9th grader in the Instrumental Department. He has been playing music since he was just 4 years old. He has also contributed to over 6 years in the Musical Production field from Kids Lion king to *The Wiz*. Matthew would like to thank his family for supporting him on his Music Endeavors and The HSPVA Music Department.

**ISHMAEL DE LA CRUZ** (Percussion 1), a senior instrumentalist, having studied music for 7+ years, has worked on many PVA productions such as, *Dreamgirls*,

*Mamma Mia!*, *Hairspray*, and more. He is thrilled for the opportunity to be apart of *The Wiz*, his last PVA show. After graduation Ishmael will be attending NYU where he is eager to see what life has in store.

**AMELIA DESALOS** (Bass) is a Junior in the Instrumental department boom do wap doobee dowap .

**SAVANNAH DEVER** (Student Music Director/Conductor/Keys 1) is a pianist in the Classical Piano Department. She has previously appeared in HSPVA's Productions of *Mamma Mia!* (Band), in addition to aiding *Dreamgirls* as band assistant manager! Savannah would like to thank the theatre faculty and stage crew for making everything possible!

**ADAM EL-YAFI** (Trumpet 3) is a sophomore in the instrumental department. Adam made jazz region 1 for trumpet, and plays for a band called "The Jersey Project". He has also done several HSPVA happenings in the past. This is his second all-school musical, and certainly not his last!

**MATTHEW GEE** (Trumpet 3) is a junior in the instrumental department studying trumpet playing. He has been working on his craft for the past 6 years and as of recently switching to a focus on traditional Jazz. Matthew has appeared in numerous performances throughout the school years, ranging from classical to jazz. He can be found playing with the Jazz Houston youth orchestra (JHYO) and other groups throughout Houston and HSPVA.

**LOLA GIWA** (Clarinet) is a junior clarinetist in the instrumental department. This is Lola's first all-school musical, and she is very excited to participate. She would like to thank her family and friends for their support!

**MADISON HARPSTER** (Trumpet 2) is a senior in the instrumental department and was previously a part of the pit in

HSPVA'S production of *Dreamgirls*. She would like to thank everyone involved in the production for helping put together a great show.

**BRAYLON HUGHES** (Cello) is a junior majoring in cello and orchestral performance in the instrumental department. Braylon has been playing the cello for 6 years and is currently learning piano. He has also played in ensembles such as string quartet, piano trio, piano quartet, string orchestra and full orchestra. Braylon is thankful for all the support that he has received from his teachers, family, and friends. He is also thankful for the chance to be playing in this year's wiz production and hopes for a fun and life-altering experience.

**CATHERINE LAWSON** (Trombone 1) is a junior trombonist who participates in band, orchestra and jazz ensembles. Catherine has previously appeared in HSPVA's Diversity Series Carnaval (2021, 2022) and Koffee House (2022). This is her first time playing in a musical, and she is very grateful for the chance to play with the amazing musicians as well as the actors/actresses. In her free time, Catherine enjoys being outside, exploring, and spending time with her family, friends, and pets.

**NICOLE LEE** (Violin 1) is a 9th grader in instrumental. I've played violin for 7 years. I love music. It's been a great time with everyone in the orchestra. I hope I will get to do more pit performances.

**AJANI LEWIS** (Guitar 3) is a sophomore guitarist in the HSPVA jazz ensemble. He has 9 years of experience as a guitarist, and has participated in Happenings as well as other music ventures both in and outside of school. Ajani is grateful to take part in such an important piece within African American culture, and looks forward to participating in future productions!

**TROY ALEXANDER LIMAN** (Keyboard 2) is a sophomore in the jazz department. Troy is a professional gospel musician. He is the music director for the Happenings at HSPVA. He plays drums, piano, and vibraphone. He is playing keys 2 for *The Wiz*. He made Jazz Region 2 on drums and vibraphone. He is also a drummer in the Jazz Houston Youth Orchestra. He strives to become a music director for an artist, a touring musician, and a session musician. This is his 2nd All School Musical and it won't be his last. Shoutout Mrs. Blue!!! #goat

**ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ** (Reed 2) is a 9th grader who is in the jazz and jazz band program. He is thankful for being invited to play in the musical and has enjoyed the challenge of learning all of the new material.

**LIAM MATHUS** (Alto Sax) is an alto player who goes to Kinder HSPVA high school for the performing and visual arts. He was in the bands for *Once On This Island*, *hairspray*, *dreamgirls*, and is over the moon to be in this year's iteration of *The Wiz*. He enjoys jazz, soccer, and the sweet sweet taste of revenge. He would like to thank you for easing on down to the bio section and hopes you have a magical time watching the show!

**BRYAN MOORE** (Percussion) is a Senior Percussionist in the Instrumental Department. He has previously been a part of the pit orchestra for two other all-school productions: *Dreamgirls* and *Mamma Mia!*. He also worked with the Musical Theatre seniors in 2022 for their Senior Show. Bryan is excited to be a part of the percussion section for *The Wiz*!

**AJEET NAGI** (Tuba), initially from New York moved to Texas to pursue the American dream. He has played tuba since his 8th grade, Mr. Todd put him onto the scene back in 6th grade. He then spiraled forth and went to HSPVA where he was inspired to join *The Wiz* due to his love of running, tuba, music, singing, and dancing.

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**BRIAN OLIVEIRA** (Baritone Sax/ Clarinet) is a junior Acting major in the Theatre department. She has been doing musical theatre for seven years and playing the saxophone for five. He previously acted in the HSPVA All-School Productions of *Fame!* (Ensemble) and *Hairspray* (Mr. Pinky) and played in the pit orchestra for *Dreamgirls* (Baritone Sax), and has designed and performed in the Theatre department productions *The Caucasian Chalk Circle* (Azdak/ Sound Design) and *Vampire Cowboy Trilogy* (Sound Design). Other past performances include *The Comedy of Errors* (Dromio of Syracuse) and *The 39 Steps* (Professor Jordan) at T.H. Rogers, and *Elf: The Musical* (Shonn) at TUTS. In his spare time, Brian enjoys creating and editing videos.

**MILES OPPINGER** (Guitar) is a junior guitar player in the jazz department. He has previously played in *Hairspray*, *Dreamgirls*, and *Mamma Mia!*.

**VICTORIA PEYRO** (Violin 2) is a 9th grader violinist in HSPVA's orchestra department. She has been playing the violin for 10 years now. This is the first ever all-school musical she has been a part of. She hopes to be a part of many more!

**JACKSON QUEVEDO** (Bass trombone) is a junior trombonist in the instrumental department. He is a number 1 all state player and former player in the all school musical *Dreamgirls*. Which inspired him to join *The Wiz* orchestra. He is also friends with bishmeet!!!

**LEILA RAMIREZ** (Reed 2) is a sophomore in the Instrumental Department where

she plays the flute. This is Leila's first instrumental appearance in an HSPVA Production. She is very excited to be a part of such an amazing production.

**ISAAC REYNOSO** (Percussion) is a freshmen jazz drummer in the instrumental department. this will be Isaac's first ever all school musical performance and his first time in the pit. isaac is very excited at this opportunity and will make the most of his time.

**JACOB SAN MIGUEL** (Flute 1, Reed 1 and Piccolo) is a PVA senior in the Instrumental department. He enjoys his craft, developing and honing his skills. He's performed in various professional settings and ensembles, from orchestra and band, to chamber and solos. His passion for music drives him to play his very best, blossoming his abilities even further by joining PVA's own *The Wiz*!

**LUKE WALLACE** (Electric Bass: Act 1), is a sophomore Orchestra major in the instrumental department. Luke plays Bass guitar and Upright. Luke has previously played in several HSPVA

happenings, and is a member of the Happening band. He is also a current member of Scot Joplin chamber orchestra with the Community Music Center of Houston. Luke would like to thank everyone involved with the show and congratulate everyone who participated and bought tickets.

**KARSTEN WILKINSON** (Reed 4) is a sophomore in the instrumental department in the band and orchestra on oboe. He has also worked on previous HSPVA productions such as *Dreamgirls* where he played in the ensemble. On top of this he has performed many times in various ensembles such as most prominently HSPVA's band, orchestra, and chamber ensembles. Karsten would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on the show and sacrificed their time to make this show so phenomenal!

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