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AMERICAN CONSERVATORY THEATER ANNOUNCES FULL CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM FOR *THE WIZARD OF OZ*

Directed and choreographed by Tony Award nominee Sam Pinkleton, *The Wizard of Oz* will feature a cast of San Francisco Bay Area favorites

A.C.T.'s Toni Rembe Theater
June 1–25, 2023

SAN FRANCISCO (March 9, 2023)—*We're off to see the Wizard...!* Today, **American Conservatory Theater** (A.C.T.) announced the full cast and creative team for *The Wizard of Oz*, directed and choreographed by Tony Award nominee **Sam Pinkleton** (world premiere of *Soft Power* and *Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812* on Broadway) and featuring scenic design and costumes by Tony Award winner **David Zinn** (*Funny Girl* and *Kimberly Akimbo* on Broadway; *Edward Albee's Seascape* at A.C.T.). *The Wizard of Oz* performs at A.C.T.'s **Toni Rembe Theater** (415 Geary St., San Francisco) **June 1–25, 2023**. Press night for *The Wizard of Oz* will be held on Wednesday, June 7. Single tickets (ranging from \$25–\$110) are available now at the A.C.T. Box Office at 415-749-2228 or online at act-sf.org. *Ticket prices are subject to change without notice.*

Do you remember the first time you saw **L. Frank Baum's** classic tale come to life? The sweeping music and lyrics by **Harold Arlen and E.Y. Harburg**, the beloved characters, and the enthralling journey of a young girl from a grayscale Kansas prairie to a world filled with color, danger, and magic. For decades this enchanting classic musical has been part of some of the best moments of our lives. When you enter the Toni Rembe Theater to experience *The Wizard of Oz*, you'll connect with rekindled memories—as well as the spark of unexpected surprises and twists!

Said **Pinkleton**: “How could we possibly do something as bananas as *The Wizard of Oz* in San Francisco in 2023 without some of the wildest, strangest, most brilliant talents of the Bay Area to lead the way? I'm deeply honored to be working with this hilarious and huge-hearted cast of Bay Area locals and can't wait to make a thing together.”

The cast for *The Wizard of Oz* includes (in alphabetical order) **El Beh** (Uncle Henry), **Keiko Shimosato Carreiro** (Swing), **Darryl V. Jones** (Tinman/Hickory), **Katrina Lauren McGraw** (Glinda/Aunt Em), **Kunal Prasad** (Swing), **Ezra Reaves** (Ensemble), **Cathleen Riddley** (Lion/Zeke), **Travis Santell Rowland** (Ensemble), **Danny Scheie** (Scarecrow/Hunk), **Chanel Tilghman** (Dorothy Gale), **Courtney Walsh** (Wicked Witch of the West), **Ryan Patrick Welsh** (Swing), **Ada Westfall** (Professor Marvel), and **Beth Wilmurt** (Ensemble).

Directed and choreographed by **Sam Pinkleton**, the creative team for *The Wizard of Oz* includes **David Zinn** (Scenic Design and Costume Design), **Stacey Derosier** (Lighting Design), **Ursula Kwong-Brown and Danny Erdberg** (Sound Design), **David Möschler** (Music Director), **Ada Westfall** (Additional Orchestrations and Music Supervision), and **Amanda Villalobos** (Puppet Design).

In connection with *The Wizard of Oz*, A.C.T. will offer numerous **InterACT events**—many of which are presented free of charge—that will give patrons opportunities to get closer to the action while having an entire night out at the theater. Visit act-sf.org/interact to learn more about subscribing to these events throughout the season:

- **Drinks & Drama Friday:**
Friday, June 2, 6:30 p.m.
Join us for a party before the show with a local DJ, drink specials, and more!
- **Audience Exchanges:**
Tuesday, June 13, 7 p.m. | Sunday, June 18, 2 p.m. | Wednesday, June 21, 2 p.m.
After the show, stick around for a lively Q&A session with the actors and artists who create the work onstage.
- **Pride Night:**
Wednesday, June 14, before and following the 7:30 p.m. performance
A revamped pre- and postshow party celebrating LGBTQ+ pride within the theater community
- **Open Captioned Performance:**
Saturday, June 17, 2 p.m. performance
At this performance, the dialogue will be displayed on a screen at the front of the stage on house left. To purchase seats in the best viewing section, please use code CAPTION when ordering.
- **Tasting Night:**
Tuesday, June 20, 6:30 p.m.
Meet fellow theatergoers and get to know one of our local vendors at this hosted event before the show.
- **PlayTime:**
Saturday, June 24, 12:45 p.m.
Before this matinee performance, get hands-on with the artists who make it happen at this interactive theater workshop.

A special thank you to *The Wizard of Oz* production sponsors: Season Presenters **Mary and Steven Swig**; Company Sponsors **Kevin and Celeste Ford**; **Jo S. Hurley**; **The Marymor Family Fund**; **Deedee McMurtry**; **David and Carla Riemer**; **Patti and Rusty Rueff**; Executive Producers **Rachel Garlin and Laela Sturdy**; **Kirke and Nancy Sawyer Hasson**; **Aaron Vermut and Adriana López Vermut**; **Rebecca and Ralph Clark**; and Associate Producers **Dr. Allan Gold and Mr. Alan Ferrera**; **Mr. and Mrs.* John P. Levin**; **Joseph E. and Julie Ratner**; **Beverly and Loring Wyllie**. **deceased*

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FACT SHEET FOR *THE WIZARD OF OZ*

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CREATIVE TEAM:

By L. Frank Baum

With Music and Lyrics by Harold Arlen and E. Y. Harburg

Background Music by Herbert Stothart

Dance and Vocal Arrangements by Peter Howard

Original Orchestration by Larry Wilcox

Adapted by John Kane for the Royal Shakespeare Company

Based upon the Classic Motion Picture owned by Turner Entertainment Co. and distributed in all media by Warner Bros.

Additional Orchestrations and Music Supervision by Ada Westfall

Directed and Choreographed by Sam Pinkleton

Scenic Design and Costume Design by David Zinn

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WHERE:

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WHEN:

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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE:

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