

## Wizard of Oz Character Breakdown

### LEADING & SUPPORTING ROLES

**Dorothy Gale:** A sweet, innocent young lady with a streak of boldness, outspoken and headstrong, who dearly loves her family, friends and dog, Toto; Lives on a farm in Kansas with her Aunt Em & Uncle Henry, but dreams of escaping to a far-off place where she will not get into trouble. (Strong vocalist and dancer required.)

**Aunt Em Gale:** A typical, hard-working farmer's wife who is firm & no-nonsense but also warm and caring.

**Uncle Henry Gale:** Farmer whose wife, Em, runs things; Adoring uncle to Dorothy; Non-singing role

**Hunk (Scarecrow):** Clumsy farmhand on the family's Kansas farm; Both characters talk about being smart and having a brain.

**Hickory (Tin Man):** Kind, sweet and nurturing farmhand; Tin man has no heart but is very caring.

**Zeke (Cowardly Lion):** Farmhand who lacks courage; Acts tough, but fearful self comes out in any scary situation

**Miss Gulch (Wicked Witch of the West):** Well-off, cold-hearted Gale neighbor who hates Toto

**Professor Marvel (Wizard of Oz):** Traveling salesman who lives by telling fortunes; a con-man but with a good heart

**Glinda:** Good Witch of the North who is the mother figure for Munchkins and Dorothy whom she guides through Oz; Delicate and graceful.

### OTHER CAST MEMBERS

#### **Farmhands**

**Cyclone:** Dancers will help create the tornado effect through interpretive dance

**Cyclone Victims:** Lady (in rocking chair), Cow (2 people), Men (2 in row boat), etc.

**Munchkins:** Little people who live in Munchkinland where Dorothy's house lands after the cyclone; Enthusiastic and celebrate joyfully; All sizes eligible; Includes **Teachers (2), Barrister, City Fathers (2) with lines; Mayor and Coroner with lines and vocal solos; Also Tots (3) and Tough Guys (3) who sing**

**Yellow Brick Roadsiders:** Represent the background during scenes with Dorothy meets Scarecrow, Tin Man & Lion, including **Cornstalks, Apple Trees (3 of which sing), Wild Trees & Crows (3 sing)**

**Jitterbugs:** Forest creatures who serve the Wicked Witch. Fastpaced swing number

**Doorman & Guard:** Comical characters in Emerald City

**Ozians:** Citizens of Emerald City with group song and dance

**Flying Monkeys:** The Wicked Witch's menacing animal army

**Nikko:** Leader of the Flying Monkeys with a few lines

**Winkie Guards:** The Wicked Witch's enslaved guards who are overjoyed at her death

**Leader of Winkies:** Head Guard with a few lines

**Poppies**

**Snowflakes**