

# THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

## AUDIENCE GUIDE



### ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR *THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ*

- 1** The performance takes place in the Charlotte Martin Theatre. Seating is stadium style, similar to a movie theater. There are two aisles and a quiet room on the back right.
- 2** The show is approximately 45 minutes in duration and takes place without an intermission.
- 3** During the show performers make entrances and exits down both aisles of the theater.

### SHOW CONTENT CONSIDERATIONS FOR *THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ*

- 1** Patrons who are familiar with the book, *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz*, and the popular *Wizard of Oz* movie with Judy Garland, should be aware that while it follows the same structure as those media, it does differ somewhat in places.

### KEY TO SYMBOLS



Visual intensity



Auditory Intensity





















Suspense






Emotional Intensity



Audience Interaction

SCENE	SENSORY CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION
<b>The Twister</b>	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The music in this scene is somewhat foreboding.</li> <li>- There are loud sound effects of thunder.</li> <li>- A windmill spins and can be visually intense. There are also bright lights flashing.</li> </ul>
<b>The Munchkins and the Good Witch of the North</b>	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The set is very vibrant</li> <li>- When she discovers the witch is dead Dorothy is upset.</li> <li>- When the witch's feet disappear there is a loud sound effect and the munchkins scream.</li> <li>- When the Wicked Witch of the West appears the munchkins are afraid and scream.</li> </ul>
<b>Dorothy Saves the Scarecrow</b>	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- At the end of the scene a wildcat appears.</li> <li>- There is a growling sound effect and intense music.</li> </ul>
<b>The Rescue of the Tin Woodman</b>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When they retrieve the oil can there is some emotional intensity</li> <li>- The Tin Man is sad when he describes how he became a rusted Tin Man.</li> </ul>
<b>The Cowardly Lion</b>	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When the Cowardly Lion first appears there is a loud roaring sound effect and everyone screams in fright.</li> </ul>
<b>Wicked Witch of the West</b>	 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When Dorothy and her friends appear the Wicked Witch of the West puts a freezing spell on them.</li> <li>- When Dorothy won't give her the slippers, the Witch loudly casts a fire spell. There is loud ominous music and the scarecrow appears in shadow and is hurt.</li> <li>- The scene ends with the Wicked Witch loudly laughing evilly.</li> </ul>
<b>The Emerald City</b>	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Wizard of Oz appears as a shadow figure. Her voice is amplified and echoes.</li> <li>- When Dorothy finds out what the Wizard wants her to do she begins crying.</li> </ul>
<b>The Winged Monkeys</b>	  	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When the Winged Monkeys appear they fight with all of the main characters</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Dorothy and the Wicked Witch of the West</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dorothy and the Wicked Witch verbally spar. She returns with the winged monkeys and casts a spell on Dorothy. When the Wicked Witch gets one of her silver slippers Dorothy throws a bucket of water on her and she melts.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Discovery of Oz and Balloon Launch</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The munchkins scream upon seeing the Wizard of Oz get in the balloon.</li> <li>- While Dorothy looks for Toto, the Wizard leaves in the balloon without her.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Home Again</b></p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- When Dorothy returns to Kansas there are thunder and rain sound effects as well as flashing lights.</li> </ul>