

The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati's Production of THE WIZ JR.

Timeline

Prologue

- The show begins with a family prayer where we are introduced to Dorothy, Aunt Em, and Uncle Henry. After praying, the family starts to grab their belongings, finish packing their items up, and leave.

Scene 1: Dorothy's House

- The scene starts with Dorothy chasing Toto throughout the living room while Aunt Em tries to get Dorothy to help her and Uncle Henry pack up before an expected hurricane hits their city, New Orleans.
- Dorothy puts it off until she and Aunt Em get upset. Dorothy says it'd serve Aunt Em and Uncle Henry right if they got up and blew away in the Hurricane.
- After saying that, Dorothy and Aunt Em share a heart-to-heart (*The Feeling We Once Had*), and Dorothy hugs both Aunt Em and Uncle Henry.
- Uncle Henry tells Aunt Em and Dorothy that the storm is heading up that way. Uncle Henry and Aunt Em escape, but Dorothy gets swept up in the tornado (*Storm Ballet*)

Scene 2: Munchkins

- Dorothy gets up from the couch, and she starts to call for her Aunt Em. That's when the first Munchkin pops out
- Dorothy asks where she is. The second Munchkin tells her she is in the Land of Oz. That's when the Munchkins notice the feet of the Wicked Witch of the West under the couch.
- The Munchkins tell Dorothy that she killed the Wicked Witch of the West, Evamene, and they start to congratulate her. Addaperle, The Good Witch of the West, soon enters the scene.
- The Munchkins tell Addaperle that Dorothy has killed her sister.

- Addaperle begins to warn Dorothy that there is still one Wicked Witch left, Evillene.
- Dorothy begins to ask if Addaperle can get her back home to New Orleans and Addaperle says she is not able to, but the Wiz may be able to help her. (*He's The Wiz*)
- Addaperle gives Dorothy The Wicked Witch of the East's silver slippers and tells her not to take them off.
- As Addaperle leaves, Dorothy asks how she can see the Wiz. The Munchkins tell her to follow the yellow brick road.
- The Munchkins leave, and Dorothy starts to follow the Yellow Brick Road (*As Soon as I Get Home*).

Scene 3: Meeting the Scarecrow

- As Dorothy is following the road, she hears someone asking for change. So she goes to the closet to open it, showcasing the Scarecrow hanging up in her closet.
- She asks him why he needs change, and he tells her he wants to buy a brain because he doesn't have one.
- Dorothy helps the Scarecrow off his pole; he stumbles a bit but starts walking, getting scared by a flock of crows.
- She asks him if life hasn't been easy for him (*I Was Born The Day Before Yesterday*)
- Dorothy asks the Scarecrow if he would like to go with her to see the Wiz to get him some brains, and he says yes. (*Ease On Down The Road #1*)

Scene 4: Meeting the Tin Man

- Dorothy and the Scarecrow travel through the Yellow Brick Road until they hear a voice repeatedly ask for oil coming out of the refrigerator. The Scarecrow opens the fridge showcasing the Tin Man asking for oil. Dorothy runs over to the kitchen, grabbing a bottle of olive oil for him (*Slide Some Oil to Me*).
- Dorothy asks how the Tin Man turned into tin, and he starts to tell his story.

- The Scarecrow thinks he's lying and tells the Tin Man to cross his heart, but the Tin Man says he can't because he doesn't have a heart.
- Dorothy asks him to come with her and Scarecrow to see the Wiz, to which he agrees. (*Ease On Down The Road #2*)
- The song is interrupted when the Lion roars, popping out of Dorothy's bed.

Scene 5: Meeting the Lion

- (*Mean Ole Lion*)
- Dorothy goes to hit the Lion and tell him that he shouldn't be scaring people causing him to scream in pain, making it clear that he's actually a coward.
- When the Lion explains why he is such a coward, Dorothy asks if he wants to come along to see the Wiz so he can give the Lion courage. The Lion agrees, and they start to continue down the Yellow Brick Road. (*Ease On Down The Road #3*).

Scene 6: Gates of Emerald City

- Dorothy and friends finally reach the gates of the Emerald City but are told they can't get in from the Gatekeeper.
- They explain to the Gatekeeper they are there to see the Wiz. He lets them in when he hears that, giving them each a pair of green glasses.

Scene 7: Entering Emerald City

- Emerald City is revealed through the gates, and the Ozians enter dancing. (*Emerald City Ballet*)
- After the dance, the Ozians start to party, but Dorothy and friends enter, asking where to see the Wiz.
- The Ozians laugh, causing confusion amongst the friends. They then explain that no one has ever met the Wiz because of how awesome he is.

- One of the Ozians starts to ask why the Wiz would want to see Dorothy until she notices the silver slippers on Dorothy's feet. The Ozians immediately point Dorothy and her friends where to see the Wiz.

Scene 8: Meeting the Wiz

- The Wiz enters on a parade float. (*So You Wanted to Meet the Wizard*)
- After the song, Dorothy introduces herself, the Tin Man, Lion, and Scarecrow to the Wiz, and he asks what everyone wants, causing them to talk all at once.
- The Wiz yells at them to be quiet and asks if that's their only request.
- The Lion then speaks out, saying that he wants courage. The Wiz laughs, asking if he's a coward and the Lion says he is only when he's scared. The Wiz then says that weakness is his only strength.
- The Lion agrees, but Dorothy tells him that's not true. (*Be A Lion*)
- The Wiz then tells everyone that he'll give them what they want if they kill the Wicked Witch of the West.
- Dorothy refuses to, but the Wiz says that's the only way. He then starts laughing uncontrollably, instantly killing the vibe causing the group to leave.

Scene 9: The Witch's Castle

- The scene starts with the Winkies pushing barrels of hot sauce, visibly in distress. Then enters the Lord High Underling telling everyone to make way for Evillene, the Wicked Witch of the West.
- Evillene enters on her throne, getting off it looking for Lord High Underling. When he comes to her, she asks if it's still raining because she's allergic to water.
- She then asks him about the situation with Dorothy and her silver slippers. The Lord High Underling says they have news, but Evillene asks if it's good news. The Lord High Underling says it's mostly good news causing Evillene to ask him what he means by "mostly." (*Don't Nobody Bring Me No Bad News*)

- Evillene asks what the situation is, and the Lord tells her that Dorothy and her friends are on their way up to her castle. Evillene then decides that she will no longer be "Mr. Nice Guy" and summons her winged monkeys.
- The winged monkeys appear and are sent away to find Dorothy and her friends.

Scene 10: Funky Monkey

- The winged monkeys find Dorothy and her friends in the forest on the way to kill Evillene and fight them, ultimately winning and taking them back to her castle. (*Funky Monkey*)

Scene 11: Back at the Witch's Castle

- Back at the castle, Dorothy and Lion are put to work with the Winkies, while the Tin Man and Scarecrow have to carry Evillene around on her throne.
- Dorothy spots the Lion, and they reunite, hugging each other.
- Evillene enters, saying that she doesn't remember giving anyone a break. Dorothy tries to reason with her, but Evillene tells her to go back to work.
- Evillene then stops Dorothy asking when she will give her those silver slippers. Dorothy tells her that she can't, instantly making Evillene upset.
- Evillene then tries to bargain with Dorothy telling her that she'll give away some of her beauty secrets, but Lion tells her that nobody wants those. This causes Evillene to go after Lion, but Dorothy grabs a nearby bucket of water, throwing it on Evillene, instantly killing her.
- The Winkies then run to Dorothy, telling her that they're all free because of her.
(*Everybody Rejoice*)

Scene 12: Granting the wishes

- The group goes back to the Wiz to tell him that they killed Evillene, but they can't seem to find him. The Wiz tells them to go away and that he's not there, but after some searching, they find the control room and turn the power off, exposing a random person behind the voice.

- Dorothy asks if they've seen the Wiz, but the person tells him that he hasn't and tries to leave, but the Scarecrow says he looks like the Wiz, causing Dorothy to agree.
- It's then revealed that the person is the Wiz, but he's actually a simple parade float builder from Natchez, Mississippi. He then tells the group how he ended up in Oz.
- The Scarecrow then brings up the idea of the Wiz using one of his miracles to give him some brains. The Wiz agrees and pulls out a box giving the Scarecrow a high school diploma. (*I Was Born the Day Before Yesterday Reprise*) This goes on for the Tin Man getting an old valentine heart (*Slide Some Oil to Me Reprise*) and the Lion getting a medal of courage and being knighted as the bravest there ever was. (*Be A Lion Reprise*)
- Dorothy asks the Wiz when she'll get her gift to go home, but the Wiz tells her that all he did for her friends was just remind them of what they already had and that her greatest gift is herself.
- The Wiz then decides it's time for them to go home and tells all the Ozians about it. (*Y'all Got It*)
- At the song's end, the Wiz exits on his float, leaving Dorothy behind.

Scene 13: Glinda's Entrance

- Dorothy yells at the now gone Wiz that he left her behind, but suddenly, Addaperle appears, dazed and confused. Dorothy tells Addaperle how she still hasn't gotten back home to New Orleans yet, but her friends have gotten what they wanted.
- Addaperle tells her that her sister Glinda the Good Witch of the South, might have a way to get her back and calls her with her magic hankie. (*Glinda's Entrance*)
- Glinda enters and shares a sisterly moment with Addaperle. Dorothy introduces herself to Glinda and shares her situation about how she wants to get back home to New Orleans.

- Glinda tells Dorothy that she can get home in no time with the help of her silver slippers. Glinda Asks Addaperle why she didn't tell Dorothy the secret in the first place, and Addaperle says she didn't because of all the people she'd have to put off of work.
- Dorothy then asks Glinda the secret. (*Believe In Yourself*) Glinda and Addaperele leave, leaving Dorothy with the Lion, Scarecrow, and Tin Man.
- Dorothy realizes that the secret to getting home is to click her heels three times. The friends realize that they never would've met each other if she had done that.
- The Lion asks Dorothy if she has to go, and the Scarecrow says that if she did go, she could always come back by using the silver slippers.
- Dorothy reassures them that she'll come back but tells them that she needs to get home first. (*Home*)
- At the song's end, Aunt Em appears, and Dorothy runs to hug her.
- The End