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## **Follow the Yellow Brick Road with Encore Stage & Studio's Musical Production of *The Wizard of Oz***

**Arlington, VA** – Encore Stage & Studio is thrilled to present *The Wizard of Oz*, a timeless classic brought to life by “theatre by kids, for kids.” Audiences are invited to journey with Dorothy and her friends through the magical land of Oz from **May 30 to June 8, 2025** at **Thomas Jefferson Community Theatre (125 S. Old Glebe Rd.)** in Arlington, Virginia.

When a tornado whisks Dorothy from her Kansas home to a fantastical world filled with munchkins, witches, and talking animals, she must find the Wizard to help her return home. Along the way, she learns the true meaning of courage, heart, and friendship. Featuring whimsical characters and captivating storytelling, *The Wizard of Oz* promises a magical theatre experience for the whole family.

**“We are looking forward to presenting this musical! We all seek to journey out into the world, but in the end, there’s no place like home,”** says Madaline Langston, Encore's Programs Director.

### **Performance Schedule:**

- **Friday, May 30** at 7:00 PM
- **Saturday, May 31** at 3:00 PM
- **Sunday, June 1** at 3:00 PM
- **Saturday, June 7** at 11:00 AM (*ASL-Accessible*)
- **Saturday, June 7** at 3:00 PM
- **Sunday, June 8** at 3:00 PM

The **Saturday, June 7, 11:00 AM** performance will offer **ASL interpretation** provided by *GoodSigns*. Patrons requesting ASL seating can contact **boxoffice@encorestage.org** for reservations.

**Enjoy New Preshow Experiences for the Saturday afternoon performances.** Children must be accompanied by a chaperone. Free for adults.

**Somewhere Over the Rainbow Scavenger Hunt Pre-Show Experience** - Ticket Add-On to the Saturday, May 31, 3pm Performance: \$8 Pre-Show Event begins at 2pm.

Get ready for an unforgettable pre-show experience that transforms the theater into a journey to somewhere over the rainbow! As families arrive for The Wizard of Oz musical, the adventure begins even before the show starts. Enjoy this family-friendly activity with colorful surprises and wicked fun challenges as you interact with the cast before the show! Collect your rainbow prize at the end of the yellow brick road!

**Dorothy's Dance Party Pre-Show Experience** - Ticket Add-On to the Saturday, June 7, 3pm Performance: \$8 Pre-Show Event begins at 2pm.

Get ready to click your heels! Before the curtain rises on The Wizard of Oz, feel the magic of Oz come alive with a dance party on stage! This pre-show experience will have you boogie with beloved characters, snap photos with your favorite friends from the Land of Oz, and groove to classic tunes like "Over the Rainbow" and "Ding-Dong! The Witch Is Dead!"

Children must be accompanied by a chaperone. Free for adults.

**Tickets:**

- \$15 for Adults
- \$12 for Children, Students, Military, and Seniors
- \$10 per ticket for groups of 10 or more
- \$8 for Preshow Experience Ticket Add-ons

Concessions will be available for purchase in the lobby. Tickets are available online at [www.encorestage.org](http://www.encorestage.org). All patrons ages 1 and up require a ticket.

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**About Encore Stage & Studio**

"Theatre by Kids, for Kids!" Founded in 1967, Encore Stage & Studio inspires young people to develop the creativity, empathy and confidence they need to create meaningful connections with peers and have a positive impact in their communities. Encore strives to educate and entertain by offering productions each season that are by and for young people, and through enriching classes and workshops with qualified, enthusiastic teaching artists. Encore Stage & Studio is committed to promoting inclusion and equitable access to all of its programs. We believe that an artistic community is enhanced through diversity. We believe that participating in live theatre builds problem-solving skills, teamwork, creativity, literacy, and self-confidence. We are cultivating the next generation of active and engaged art lovers.

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