

The Nordonia High School Drama Club is off to see the Wizard as they present *The Wizard of Oz*. The musical is based on the beloved MGM motion picture, which celebrates its 80th anniversary this year. Featuring everyone's favorite songs: "Over the Rainbow," "If I Only Had a Brain" and all the others, Nordonia Drama will not be in Kansas anymore this April 12th-14th.

This year's cast of 50 is led by freshmen Libby Herberth as Dorothy Gale, and seniors Ryan Dulaney, Alex Posar and Anthony Strong as the Scarecrow, Tinman, and Cowardly Lion respectively. Meghan Falkowski will take on the role of Glinda while Nicky Dietzen will portray the Wicked Witch of the West. Miah Montesano, Will Makley, Ryan Walsh and Nathan Shaffer round out the rest of this year's leading cast. The ensemble will take on the roles of munchkins, poppies, Ozians, jitterbugs and flying monkeys, among others, to help bring this classic story from screen to stage. This year's cast will also feature ten young actors from Northfield Elementary, Lee Eaton, St. Barnabas and the Middle School, who will join the high school cast as munchkins.

In addition to the cast, offstage there are another 75 students working tirelessly as members of the crews, running tech, and playing in the orchestra, without whom there would be no show. This year, we are thrilled to once again be participating in the Dazzle Awards at Playhouse Square! The Dazzle Awards are high school musical theatre awards for Northeast Ohio, and after our two nominations for our 2017 production of *Les Misérables*, we are thrilled to once again have the opportunity to showcase the incredible talent at Nordonia!

Helming this year's musical production is Nordonia High School's Director of Drama, Chris Simmons. Megan Gargano returns as Assistant Director and Choreographer while Kathleen Pellington and John Pickering serve as Musical Directors.

Performances of this year's production of *The Wizard of Oz* will be: Friday and Saturday, April 12th and 13th at 7:30 PM and Sunday, April 14th at 3 PM. There will also be a free preview performance for senior citizens on Thursday, April 11th at 4 PM. Tickets will be available to the public starting on March 4th. Reserved seating is \$15 a ticket and General Admission tickets are \$10 a ticket. Please visit www.nordoniadrama.com for more information on the show and to reserve your tickets!