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The Wizard of Oz



May 2, 2026
1 pm & 4 pm
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Present

Wizard of Oz

Thank you to our professional AABD teaching staff - Rosanne France, Carly Walters, Amie Wyatt, Jessalyn Reinhart, Andrea Knowlton, McCree O'Kelly, Rachel Truitt, Duriel Porter, Sarah Stokes, and Kennedy Wilson.

A special thank you to our Pre-Professional Academy Director, Carly Hammond Meister, who works tirelessly each day to ensure our program remains top-notch!

Thank you to each and every one of you for your dedication and hard work!

Photography/Program Design: Carol Chastain

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Synopsis

Act 1

Dorothy lives with her Auntie Em and Uncle Henry on a Kansas farm. She daydreams about going "over the rainbow" after Miss Gulch, a nasty neighbor, hits Dorothy's dog with a rake, causing Toto to bite her. Miss Gulch shows up with an order to take Toto. Dorothy takes Toto and runs away.

As a tornado approaches, Dorothy is knocked unconscious and begins to dream. She's swept into a magical, dangerous Land of Oz. The tornado drops Dorothy's house on the Wicked Witch of the East, killing her. The Wicked Witch of the West, the sister of the dead witch, threatens Dorothy. But Glinda, the Good Witch of the North, gives her the enchanted Ruby Slippers that will protect her. Glinda introduces Dorothy to the Munchkins of Munchkinland and advises Dorothy that if she wants to go home, she should seek the aid of the Wizard of Oz, who lives in the Emerald City, down the Yellow Brick Road.

Before she's followed the road very far, Dorothy meets a scarecrow whose wish is to have a brain. She joins Dorothy on her journey and they come upon the Tin Woodman, who was caught in the rain and is so rusty she can't move. They oil her joints so she can walk again and she confesses that she longs for a heart; she too joins Dorothy. As they continue through the forest, they encounter the Lion, who wishes for courage and joins the quest.

On the way to the Emerald City, Dorothy and her friends are hindered by the Wicked Witch of the West. Within sight of the city, the witch conjures up a field of poppies that cause them to fall asleep. Glinda saves them by making it snow, which counteracts the effects of the poppies.

Act 2

The four travelers marvel at the wonders they find in the Emerald City. When they finally meet the Wizard, he declines to help them until they bring him the broomstick of the Wicked Witch of the West. Daunted but determined, they set off again.

Captured at the witch's castle, the witch turns her hourglass and tells Dorothy she will die when it runs out. Meanwhile, the Lion, Tin Man, and Scarecrow sneak into the castle and free Dorothy, but they are discovered before they can escape. The witch tries to set the Scarecrow on fire. Dorothy douses him with a pail of water, splashing the witch. The water causes the witch to melt and the guards, so happy, give Dorothy the broomstick. Dorothy and her friends return to the Emerald City.

The wizard finds ways to help Dorothy's friends: a diploma for the Scarecrow, a medal of valor for the Lion, and a testimonial heart-shaped watch for the Tin Man. Glinda appears and explains that Dorothy has always had the power to go home. Bidding her friends a tearful good-bye, Dorothy taps her heels together three times and the Ruby Slippers take her home.

Dorothy awakens with Auntie Em and Uncle Henry fussing over her. She's so happy to be home and promises never to run away again!

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Lead Cast of Characters

Dorothy	Katie Haigh 1pm Brooke Henderson 4pm
Glinda	Morgan Burchette 1pm Caitlyn Dunn 4pm
Aunt Em	Collins Richardson 1pm Georgia Monroe Bignall 4pm
Uncle Henry	Brennan Reinhart
Ms. Gulch/Witch	Leilani Wolovlek 1pm Gemma Corbitt 4pm
Scarecrow	Lillian Curylo
Tinman	Julia Markham
Lion	Anna Kakaty
Oz	Brennan Reinhart





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ACT 1

Scene 1-A farm in Kansas

1. Overture

2. Dorothy with Aunt Em, Uncle Henry and Ms. Gulch

Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson, Collins Richardson, Georgia Monroe Bignall, Leilani Wolovlek/Gemma Corbitt, Brennan Reinhart

3. (1pm only) Tues Level 1 Ballet - Heather Allen, Adalyn Burdzy, Kyra Hayes, Cora Kolodzy, Eleina Romero, Savannah West

4. Pre-professional Academy Level 3 Contemporary - Keon Robbins, Jocelyn Watson, Abbie Pointer, Belicia Maldonado, Lana Shields, Nora Kelly

5. Pre-professional Academy Level 5/6 Lyrical - Gracie Allen, Georgia Monroe Bignall, Morgan Burchette, Gemma Corbitt, Lillian Curylo, Isabella Del Busto, Noura DeSpain, Caitlyn Dunn, Katie Haigh, Brooke Henderson, Anna Kakaty, Julia Markham, Mya McClain, Collins Richardson, Willow Sands, Leilani Wolovlek

6. Dorothy-Over the rainbow Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson

7. (1pm only) Thurs Level 2 Contemporary - Riley Andino, McClaine Brasher, Alyssa Brindle, Clara Flynn, Caroline Gossett, Quinn Kelly, Annorah Porter.

8. Pre-professional Academy Level 4 - Contemporary Joella Porter, Madelyn Bragg, Zoe Inoa, Madison Kutscher, Cora Wolfe, Eliza Williams, Sarah Battista, Lucy Nuar, Devin Stewart

Scene 2. Tornado

9. Pre-professional Academy Level 6 Modern - Georgia Monroe Bignall, Morgan Burchette, Gemma Corbitt, Lillian Curylo, Caitlyn Dunn, Katie Haigh, Brooke Henderson, Anna Kakaty, Julia Markham, Collins Richardson, Leilani Wolovlek

Scene 3- Munchkin Land

10. Glinda/ Dorothy lands - Morgan Burchette/Caitlyn Dunn with Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson

11. (1pm only) Saturday Preschool with Glinda - Morgan Burchette/Caitlyn Dunn with Emily Ciuchito, Nyla Delva, September Hunter, Abigail Powell, Tilly Powell, Ayden Talreja, Juliette Torres

12. (1pm only) Preschool with Glinda - Morgan Burchette/Caitlyn Dunn with Laila Garanovic, Emilia Heffernan, Blythe Jones, Anna Laprade, Anne Mattar, Natalia Miceli, Emery West

13. Witch wants the Shoes - Leilani Wolovlek/Gemma Corbitt with Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson and Morgan Burchette/Caitlyn Dunn



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14. **Pre-professional Academy Level 3** - Nora Kelly, Belicia Maldonado, Abbie Pointer, Keon Robbins, Lana Shields, Jocelyn Watson

15. **Dorothy says goodbye to Glinda** - Katie Haigh/ Brooke Henderson with Morgan Burchette/Caitlyn Dunn

Scene 4- Follow the Yellow Brick Road

16. **Dorothy meets the Scarecrow** - Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson with Lillian Curylo

17. **Scarecrow** - Lillian Curylo

18. **(1pm only)- Level 2 Jazz** - Riley Andino, Alyssa Brindle, Quinn Kelly

19. **Dorothy and Scarecrow meet the Tinman** - Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson with Lillian Curylo and Julia Markham

20. **Tinman** - Julia Markham

21. **Level 3 Ballet** - Zoie Burley, Febe Huang, Nora Kelly, Belicia Maldonado, Sylvie Mims, Liz Mydvale, Abbie Pointer, Sophia Price, Keon Robbins, Lana Shields, Anabella Watson, Jocelyn Watson

22. **Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman meet the Lion** - Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson with Lillian Curylo, Julia Markham and Anna Kakaty

23. **(1pm only) Level 2 Jazz** - Caroline Gossett, Pia Nuar, Ava Richmond, Raelyn Price

24. **Level 3 Ballet** - Nora Hayes, Ayame Inamori, Nora Kelly, Belicia Maldonado, Abbie Pointer, Keon Robbins, Lana Shields, Jocelyn Watson, Sophia Price, Evie Stevens, Anabella Watson

25. **Lion** - Anna Kakaty

26. **(1pm only) Level 1 Ballet** - Madelyn Goncalves, Leyna Kostelnik, Charlotte Ledbetter, Zhuri Ojo, Arya Talreja

27. **Level 4/5 Contemporary** - Joella Porter, Madelyn Bragg, Zoe Inoa, Madison Kutscher, Cora Wolfe, Eliza Williams, Sarah Battista, Lucy Nuar, Devin Stewart, Maggie Cumbie, Abigail Crofford, Eva Kolodsz, Natalia Kolodsz, Anabella Watson

28. **Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tinman, Lion meet the Witch** - Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson, Lillian Curylo, Julia Markham, Anna Kakaty with Leilani Wolovlek/ Gemma Corbitt

29. **Pre-professional Academy Level 6** - Georgia Monroe Bignall, Morgan Burchette, Gemma Corbitt, Lillian Curylo, Caitlyn Dunn, Katie Haigh, Brooke Henderson, Anna Kakaty, Julia Markham, Collins Richardson, Leilani Wolovlek

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ACT 2

Scene 5- Emerald City

30. **Pre-professional Academy Level 5/6 Musical Theater** - Gracie Allen, Georgia Monroe Bignall, Morgan Burchette, Gemma Corbitt, Lillian Curylo, Isabella Del Busto, Noura DeSpain, Caitlyn Dunn, Katie Haigh, Brooke Henderson, Anna Kakaty, Julia Markham, Mya McClain, Collins Richardson, Willow Sands, Leilani Wolovlek
31. **(1pm only) - Level 2 Tap** - Melanie Boldin, Clara Flynn, Caroline Gossett, Quinn Kelly, Loie Knowlton, Aliyah York
32. **Level 3 Tap** - Febe Huang, Nora Kelly, Keon Robbins
33. **Pre-professional Academy Levels 4/5** - Joella Porter, Madelyn Bragg, Zoe Inoa, Madison Kutscher, Cora Wolfe, Eliza Williams, Sarah Battista, Lucy Nuar, Devin Stewart, Willow Sands, Mya McClain, Gracie Allen, Noura DeSpain, Isabella Del Busto
34. **Level 5 Ballet** - Adaobi Achebe, Gracie Allen, Marie Cole, Isabella Del Busto, Noura DeSpain, Natalia Kolodzy, Mya McClain, Willow Sands, Drea Stephens
35. **(1pm only) Level 2 Ballet** - Melanie Boldin, Loie Knowlton, Giovanna Monteiro, Sylvia Powell, Ava Richmond, Scarlett Sherman, Aliyah York, Melanie Boldin, Ava Richmond
36. **Level 4/5 Ballet** - Adaobi Achebe, Marie Cole, Joella Porter, Madelyn Bragg, Zeynab Diallo, Zoe Inoa, Madison Kutscher, Cora Wolfe, Eliza Williams, Sarah Battista, Lucy Nuar, Devin Stewart, Maggie Cumbie, Natalia Kolodzy, Drea Stephens
37. **(1pm only) Level 2 Ballet** - Riley Andino, Emma Hayes, Quinn Kelly, Stella Kolodzy
38. **Level 4 Ballet** - Joella Porter, Madelyn Bragg, Zoe Inoa, Madison Kutscher, Cora Wolfe, Eliza Williams, Sarah Battista, Lucy Nuar, Devin Stewart, Maggie Cumbie
39. **(1pm only) Level 2 Ballet** - Riley Andino, McClaine Brasher, Alyssa Brindle, Carson Flynn, Clara Flynn, Caroline Gossett, Quinn Kelly, Annorah Porter, Antonella Silva
40. **Level 3 Contemporary** - Keon Robbins, Jocelyn Watson, Abbie Pointer, Belicia Maldonado, Lana Shields, Nora Kelly, Febe Huang, Liz Mydvale
41. **(1pm only) Level 2 Ballet** - Melanie Boldin, Mikayla Druze, Caroline Gossett, Pia Nuar, Annorah Porter, Raelyn Price, Ava Richmond, Scarlett Sherman
42. **Characters meet OZ** - Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson, Lillian Curylo, Julia Markham, Anna Kakaty with Brennan Reinhart
43. **Pre-professional Academy Level 6 Ballet** - Georgia Monroe Bignall, Morgan Burchette, Gemma Corbitt, Lillian Curylo, Caitlyn Dunn, Katie Haigh, Brooke Henderson, Anna Kakaty, Julia Markham, Collins Richardson, Leilani Wolovlek



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After a remarkable season of training and performance, we celebrate a year filled with major productions, including A Christmas Carol and the classic Swan Lake. Over the season, our Pre-professional academy dancers also represented AABD at five international ballet competitions, and our high school dancers earned over \$400,000 in college and Regional Dance America scholarships. Some of the acceptances and scholarships are to leading programs such as UNCSA, USC Glorya Kaufman School of Dance, the Royal Academy in London, the USC Dance Program, University of Georgia, Georgia Tech, John Cranko Germany, Arizona State, Central Michigan, Mercyhurst, Muhlenberg, Northwestern State University, Southern Illinois University, University of Wisconsin, Webster University, Wright State University, Utah Valley, Valdosta State University, multiple national trainee positions and studio company positions!

I extend sincere appreciation to every family member who supports AABD in both large and small ways. From office assistance and costuming, sponsorships, props, and more—your contributions are essential to our success. Your commitment creates a strong and supportive community, and it does not go unnoticed.

A special thank you to those who consistently step in at a moment's notice to help wherever needed—you know who you are, and your reliability is deeply valued! I would also like to recognize Ms. Carol, whose dedication and generosity are truly exceptional. She contributes countless hours to photographing, editing, program design, studio registrations and ensures the office runs efficiently. AABD would not function as smoothly without her continued efforts.

A huge thanks to our outstanding professional faculty: Rosanne Walters, Carly Hammond Meister, Carly Walters, McCree O'Kelley, Andrea Knowlton, Duriel Porter, Amie Wyatt, Jessalyn Reinhart, and Rachel Truitt. Additional thanks to Brennan and Noah for their ongoing partnership work and performance contributions. Your professionalism and dedication make a meaningful impact on our dancers every day in the studio. Thank you all so much!

As we close the season, our staff are fully engaged in preparing for our upcoming Pre-Professional Showcase and Recital, The Wizard of Oz. We are so excited to present this fun show for our families!

AABD remains committed to developing well-rounded dancers at every level, from recreational students to those pursuing professional and collegiate careers and every student is an important part of our community. We appreciate your continued support and look forward to an exciting summer of intensive training ahead!

See you in the studios,
Ms.Susan

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We will continue to inspire and train the next
generation of dancers



Scene 6- Witch's Castle

44. **Level 4,5,6 Hip Hop** - Sarah Battista, Abigail Crofford, Anike Nias, Joella Porter, Eliza Williams

45. **Witch greets Dorothy** - Leilani Wolovlek/Gemma Corbitt with Katie Haigh/Brooke Hendeson

46. **Witch fight** - Leilani Wolovlek/Gemma Corbitt with Katie Haigh/Brooke Hendeson

47. **Pre-professional Academy Level 3 Jazz** - Keon Robbins, Jocelyn Watson, Abbie Pointer, Belicia Maldonado, Lana Shields, Nora Kelly

48. **(1pm only) Level 2 Hip Hop** - Melanie Boldin, Clara Flynn, Caroline Gossett, Quinn Kelly, Loie Knowlton, Ava Richmond, Aliyah York

49. **Level 3 Hip Hop** - Zoie Burley, Nariah Collins, Nora Kelly, Belicia Maldonado, Anabella Watson

50. **Dorothy says goodbye** - Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson, Lillian Curylo, Julia Markham, Anna Kakaty, Morgan Burchette/Caitlyn Dunn and Brennan Reinhart

Scene 6- No Place like Home

51. **Happiness is Home** - Katie Haigh/Brooke Henderson, Collins Richardson/Georgia Monroe Bignall, Brennan Reinhart

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The Wizard of Oz



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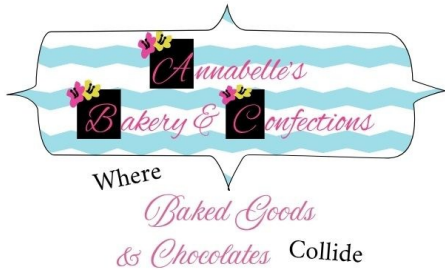


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Annabelle, prior gymnast, currently attends adult classes at AABD, cottage bakery co-owner & attends Auguste Escoffier School of Culinary Arts

Denise, Annabelle's Mom, the chocolate half of the cottage bakery



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Our 2026 Seniors



Morgan Burchette

Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."



Caitlyn Dunn

Dear baby girl, we are so proud of you and excited for this next chapter in your life! We can't wait to see all God does in you and through you in the the coming years! We love you more than words can say! Always remember: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6



Katie Haigh

Katie has grown up in these studios and with the faculty at Atlanta Academy of Ballet and Dance since she was three years old. These studios hold so many of the moments, memories, and lessons that shaped her journey. She is forever grateful to the teachers who guided and believed in her along the way. "He has made everthing beautiful in its time." Ecclesiastes 3:11



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