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### ***Runaway Stage Productions travels down the yellow brick road "Wizard of Oz" to open July 5 at 24<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre***

**SACRAMENTO — The merry old land of Oz comes to downtown Sacramento July 5-28 at the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre when Runaway Stage Productions presents "The Wizard of Oz." Join Dorothy as she's swept away from farmland Kansas and enters a world of color. Dance and sing along the yellow brick road with her companions, Scarecrow, Tinman, and Lion. And click your heels together as you rediscover the real story of OZ in this fantastic musical treat for the whole family! But watch out for the Wicked Witch of the West and her winged monkeys. Fantasy and excitement await you on the road to discovering your heart's desires at Runaway Stage Productions.**

"Since the movie is so beloved, great care is taken to bring the spirit of the story to the live stage," Director Bob Baxter said. "We have a few magical tricks up our sleeves, and I am sure audiences will enjoy the live production of this classic family tale."

The RSP production will use the Royal Shakespearean script and closely follow the classic Judy Garland, MGM film. A resident orchestra accompanies a talented cast that includes RSP favorites Director Bob Baxter as the Cowardly Lion, Eduard Arakelyan as the Scarecrow in need of some brains, Hal DuBiel as the Tin Man searching for his heart, Amy Jacques-Jones as Glinda and Ruth Phillips as the Wicked Witch. Lydia Smith plays Dorothy.

"As usual, RSP has worked very hard to find the best talent in Sacramento, as well as the best choreography, puppetry, full live orchestra, and all the special effects we can do at the 24<sup>th</sup> Street Theatre," Baxter said. "Audiences have come to expect the best in community theatre from RSP, and The Wizard of Oz is no exception, I am excited to bring this wonderful show to our audiences at an affordable ticket price."

Baxter said RSP's production will stretch the technical aspects of the company and bring the magic of "The Wizard of Oz" to life on stage as a rewarding and fun adventure. The score includes the classic songs "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "If I Only...," "We're Off to See The Wizard" and more!

"Families, children and yes, even adults all relate to this story," Baxter said. "It is part of American culture, and the fantasy, live on stage, makes this show the perfect family show to see again and again!"

***The Wizard of Oz performs Fridays and Saturdays at 8 .m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. 7/5-7/28, 2013. TICKETS — Adults - \$25; Seniors (60+) - \$23; Students/SARTA - \$21; Children (12 & under) - \$18; Groups of 10+ - \$19 each. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.runawaystage.com](http://www.runawaystage.com) (reservation convenience fees apply) or at the door. For further information or questions, please call the box office at (916) 207-1226. Free parking is available.***

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