

FOLLOW THE

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WE ARE AUDITIONING

South Hill Park, in collaboration with The Lexicon and Bracknell Forest Borough Council, is producing an immersive Wizard of Oz inspired adventure.

We are looking for adult actors over 18 to bring Dorothy and her friends to life, providing young people and their families with an experience they will never forget.

Rehearsals

17-23 July 2023 & 7-9 & 13 August 2023

Performances

14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 24, 25, 26 and 27 August 2023

This is a paid opportunity, for more details scan the QR code or contact mark.hooper@southhillpark.org.uk



#WizardOfOzExperience



PROJECT DESCRIPTION: FOLLOW THE YELLOW BRICK ROAD

AN IMMERSIVE ADVENTURE INSPIRED BY THE WIZARD OF OZ

Our project is a unique and innovative take on the beloved classic, "The Wizard of Oz." Rather than presenting the well-known musical, we are creating an immersive experience that combines site-specific, promenade, and immersive theatre elements.

Our aim is to transport our audience members to the magical world of Oz, where they can witness their favourite characters up-close and be fully immersed in the story.

The activity will take place over two sites, starting at South Hill Park Arts Centre and concluding at The Lexicon, the actors playing Dorothy will be the only characters travelling between the two locations.

Our script draws inspiration from the original story, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum, but also introduces modern twists to make the experience fresh and exciting. We have introduced new material to overcome the challenges presented by the scope of the project, such as the limited number of actors available to us and the physical distance between performance spaces.

Instead of traditional scenes, we have divided the show into 'experiences.' Our project facilitates an opportunity for audience members to fully immerse themselves in the world of Oz, and to explore and engage with the story and its characters in a unique and exciting way.

We are committed to creating an unforgettable experience for our audience, and are working with a talented team of professionals to bring this project to life. Our project is not just a performance, but an adventure that will transport our audience members to a magical world they will never forget.



Auditions will be held by appointment on Sunday 21 May 2023. If you would like to audition but are unable to make this date, please email mark.hooper@southhillpark.org.uk

For all characters:

Confidence in building rapport with an audience and improvising in character (essential)

Experience working with young people (preferred though not essential)

Driving licence and access to a car (preferred though not essential)

Experience in musical theatre (preferred though not essential)

Dorothy: (two roles available)

Gender: Identifies as Female

Age range: 21+

Personality: Brave, curious, and compassionate.

Requirements: Strong singing and acting skills, ability to convey vulnerability and determination.

Tin Man:

Gender: Open

Age range: 21+

Personality: Sensitive, sentimental, and searching for a heart.

Requirements: Strong acting and movement skills, ability to convey emotion through body language. Ideally someone with street dance skills.

Lion:

Gender: Open

Age range: 21+

Personality: Boastful, cowardly, and searching for courage.

Requirements: Strong acting and movement. This character may be represented through a puppet or large 'character/mascot' style costume, so physicality will be important.

Wicked Witch:

Gender: Open

Age range: 21+

Personality: Evil, manipulative, and power-hungry.

Requirements: Strong acting skills. Our Wicked Witch will be less 'traditional' in personality in order to soften them up for a younger audience. Think along the lines of the movie depiction of Dolores Umbridge. Slightly sweet, passive aggressive in nature.

Ensemble (two roles available):

Gender: Open

Age range: 21+

Physical description: Open

Personality: Energetic, versatile, and able to play multiple roles.

Requirements: Ability to work well in an ensemble. Puppeteering experience is desired though not essential. Will swap between locations on a rota with the other ensemble player.

Note:

All actors must be available for rehearsals and performances as scheduled.
Rehearsals and performances will take place during the day.

Auditions will be held in-person with the director and members of the production team.

Please submit your headshot and CV for consideration to:

mark.hooper@southhillpark.org.uk

with the subject line:

'Follow the Yellow Brick Road Audition - [Insert Your Preferred Character Name]'

By no later than 5pm on Friday 12 May 2023.

Please prepare a monologue of no more than a minute in length and a verse and chorus of a musical theatre number from any year and genre.

We are committed to building a diverse and inclusive cast for our project. We welcome and encourage actors of all races, ethnicities, genders, sexual orientations, abilities, religions, and ages to audition.

Project Fee: £1,164

No Travel and relocation allowance provided by the producers.