

Children's Creative Center presents

As you wish upon a yellow Brick Road



AUGUST 12TH-16TH 2026

Directed by Gayle Martin and Laurie Atwood

Choreography by Gayle Martin

Written by Abby Vermeulen



ARTWORK: SOPHIE, MIA, REBECCA, LYRA
ODETTE, TRUETT, ZELDA, QUINN & CORINNE

A note from the director:

This summer, as I reflect on the past 32 years, I am filled with such pride and delight. We have created a community that takes care of each other, has learned how to give back, makes a difference, and has given wings to thousands of children.

The journey has not always been easy, but at its core was the belief that together we can do anything. The legacy of CCC is in the faces of the kids on stage tonight, in the voices that echo our mission all over the world, and in the hearts of those who passed through the walls and doors of CCC. We vowed to make a difference in this world, and we have. We move forward with our legacy confirmed and with respect, kindness, and dignity in our souls.

Your presense here today puts us one step closer to reaching our goal. This production is only possible because of countless parents, staff, interns, campers, and children who committed to this program and believed. Therefore, my heart is full of love, hope, delight, joy, and passion.

Thank you for being her tonight to celebrate this amazing time with us!

-Laurie

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

THE CHILDREN'S CREATIVE CENTER

1600 Pauline Blvd | Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Laurie Atwood, Founder/Owner

Laurie Atwood and the Children's Creative Center

present

AS YOU WISH UPON A YELLOW BRICK ROAD

Music & Lyrics by **VARIOUS ARTISTS**

Witch's Lament Lyrics by **PENNY DOWNING**

Book by **ABBY VERMEULEN**

Loosely based on the stories and characters of "The Wizard of Oz"

Music Direction by

GAYLE MARTIN

LAURIE ATWOOD

Rehearsal Accompanist **LAURIE ATWOOD**

Live Stream/Sound by **WILL MYERS**

Video Recording by **MIKE HENSEL**

Lighting Design by **JASON ATWOOD**

Costume Design by **ALEXIS BRAUN MARKS**

Set Design/Painting by **JILL HAENFLER**

Light Board Operation

JASON ATWOOD

Band

Piano **TYLER DRISKILL**

Percussion **SMITTY ATWOOD**

Choreography by **GAYLE MARTIN**

Choreography Assistant **LUCAS ROGERS**

Directed By

LAURIE ATWOOD

GAYLE MARTIN

ABBY VERMEULEN

SCENES & MUSICAL SELECTIONS

Golden from "KPop Demon Hunters".....Ensemble

SCENE 1: Grandchild's Bedroom

Munchkinland (from "Camelot") by Alan J. Lerner & Frederic Lowe.....Ensemble

Witch's Lament (Blackbird) by The Beatles.....Penny Downing

SCENE 2: Munchkinland

Somewhere Over the Rainbow by Harold Arlen & E.Y. Harburg.....Cordelia, Ensemble

Zero to Hero by Alan Menken.....Ensemble

SCENE 3: Wicked Witch of the West Arrives

I Want to Go Back to Michigan by Irving Berlin.....Cordelia

SCENE 4: The Mission

Ease on Down the Road (from "The Wiz") by Charlie Smalls.....Ensemble

SCENE 5: Meeting the Tin Man

If I Could Change the World by Tommy Sims, Gordon Kennedy, Wayne Kirkpatrick.....Sophie

Follow the Yellow Brick Road by Harold Arlen.....Ensemble

SCENE 6: Glinda and Wicked Witch Return

Interlude: We're Off to See the Wizard by Harold Arlen.....Cordelia, Sophie, Max

SCENE 7: Meeting the Lion

Roar by Katy Perry.....Odette, Ensemble

SCENE 8: Wicked Witch Interrupts

Interlude: Ease on Down the Road by Charlie Smalls.....Cordelia, Odette, Sophie, Max

SCENE 9: Meeting the Scarecrow

What a Wonderful World It Would Be by Sam Cooke.....Lucy

SCENE 10: Emerald City

So You Want to Be the Wizard (from "The Wiz") by Charlie Smalls.....William

Don't You Worry About a Thing by Stevie Wonder.....William, Rebecca, Mia, Rory, Odette,

Sophie, Olive, Lucy, Quinn

SCENE 11: To the Witch's Castle

We Fly Together (from "Grease") by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey.....Ensemble

SCENE 12: Witch's Castle

No Bad News (from "The Wiz") by Charlie Smalls.....Annie, Ensemble

Home (from "The Wiz") by Charlie Smalls.....Cordelia, Ensemble

If You Believe (from "The Wiz") by Charlie Smalls.....Zelda

SCENE 13: Back in the Grandchild's Room

Celebration by Kool & The Gang.....Ensemble

CAST LIST

Mother.....	Olive Kwiatkowski
Child.....	Quinn Wolff
Grandfather/Wizard.....	William Marks
Toto.....	Max Iliff
Dorothy.....	Cordelia Myers
Glenda.....	Zelda Taylor
Wicked Witch of the East.....	Penny Downing
Wicked Witch of the West.....	Annie Ominsky
Tin Man.....	Sophie Golla
Lion.....	Odette Bomphray
Scarecrow.....	Lucy Nelson
Munchkin Mayor.....	Norman Kochunas
Guard 2.....	Rory Quidachay-Swan
Littlest Munchkin.....	Eleanor LaBarge
Wizard's Mistral.....	Rebecca Pierce
Lead Munchkin/Lead Flying Monkey/Maple Tree.....	Julia Dowining
Munckin/Flying Monkey 2/Willow Tree.....	Erys Gray
Munckin/Flying Monkey 3/Cherry Tree.....	Lyra Winograd
Munckin/Flying Monkey 4/Guard 1.....	Mia Naheedy
Munckin/Flying Monkey 5 (Harry).....	Carter Klumb
Munckin/Flying Monkey 6 (Spider).....	Miles Franson
Munckin/Flying Monkey 7 (Sweetums).....	Fiona Chesney
Munckin/Flying Monkey 8 (Aretha).....	Zora Kochunas
Munckin/Flying Monkey 9 (Rocky).....	Felix Kwiatkowski
Munckin/Flying Monkey 10 (Pouch).....	RJ Maly
Additional Ensemble (Echo).....	Casey Caplan
Additional Ensemble (Izzy).....	Milo Caplan
Additional Ensemble (Jelly Bean).....	Ryan Cunningham
Additional Ensemble (Dot).....	Penny Davies
Additional Ensemble (Tater Tot).....	Joseph Flores
Additional Ensemble (Pebbles).....	Hannah Golla
Additional Ensemble (Lulu).....	Frankie Kemp
Additional Ensemble (Snowball).....	Eden Kairys
Additional Ensemble (Dolly).....	Poppy Maly
Additional Ensemble (Ruby).....	Louisa Pierce
Additional Ensemble (Snickers).....	Elias Wolff
Additional Ensemble (Olie).....	Ryan Quidachay-Swan
Additional Ensemble (Raindrop).....	Elsie Lund

MEET OUR CAST



Odette Bomphray



Casey Caplan



Milo Caplan



Fiona Chesney



Ryan Cunningham



Penny Davies



Julia Downing



Joseph Flores



Miles Franson



Hannah Golla



Sophie Golla



Erys Gray



Max Iliff



Eden Kairys



Frankie Kemp



Carter Klumb



Norman Kochunas



Zora Kochunas



Felix Kwiatkowski



Olive Kwiatkowski



Eleanor LaBarge



Elsie Lund



Poppy Maly



RJ Maly



William Marks



Cordelia Myers



Mia Naheedy



Lucy Nelson



Annie Ominsky



Louisa Pierce



Rebecca Pierce



Rory Quidachay-Swan



Ryan Quidachay-Swan



Zelda Taylor



Lyra Winograd



Elias Wolff



Quinn Wolff

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

Odette Bomphray (Lion) is 10 years old and is excited to be playing the lion. She enjoys playing with her friends and reading. Her favorite color is purple and her favorite animal is a panda. She enjoys eating Gnocchi. She has been a part of CCC since she was 2 years old. She would like to thank her parents and teachers, and Sophie for being her very best friend in the world.

Casey Caplan (Ensemble) is 8 years old and going into 3rd grade at Burns Park. He enjoys wrestling with his brothers, playing sports, and building Legos. His favorite color is blue, and he loves to eat mac 'n' cheese, chicken nuggets, and pasta. He would like to thank his friends for being his friends.

Milo Caplan (Ensemble) is 6 years old and going into 1st grade at Burns Park. He enjoys playing soccer, playing flag football, playing with friends, and coloring. This is his first show at CCC. His favorite color is blue. Milo would like to thank his family for their support.

Fiona Chesney (Ensemble) is 8 years old and going into 3rd grade. Her hobbies are reading, drawing, and playing with friends. Her favorite animals are cats and dogs. She has been a camper for 3 years. She would like to thank all the grown ups that helped make the show possible.

Ryan Cunningham (Ensemble) is 7 years old. She is going into 1st grade at Wines. This is Ryan's 2nd year at CCC. She likes coming to CCC because of the show. Ryan's favorite color is purple. She would like to thank the teachers at CCC.

Penny Davies (Ensemble) is 6 ½ years old and heading into 2nd grade at Haisley. Her favorite CCC show is Casey At The Bat. Penny's favorite color is pink and she enjoys reading in her free time. She would like to thank her friends.

Julia Downing (Lead Ensemble) is 9 years old and going into 4th grade at Allen. She

enjoys playing her friends and doing art. She likes practicing her lines with her sister. Julia would like to thank her friends.

Joseph Flores (Ensemble) is 5 years old and going into 1st grade. He enjoys doing homework and helping to clean up. His favorite color is red. He would like to thank his mom for loving him.

Miles Franson (Ensemble) is 7 years old and going into 2nd grade at Lakewood. Miles enjoys science and playing catch. Miles' favorite color is blue and he likes eating pizza. He would like to thank his friends and send hugs and kisses to his mom, dad, and his brother, Bennett.

Hannah Golla (Ensemble) is seven years old and going into 2nd grade at Bach Elementary. She likes going on field trips and pizza day at CCC. She wants to thank Sophie for being the best big sister.

Sophie Golla (Tin Man) is ten years old and going into 5th grade at Bach Elementary. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and doing art projects. She wants to thank Laurie for making CCC possible.

Erys Gray (Ensemble) is 7 ½ years old and she is going into 2nd grade. Her favorite color is orange. Truett is her favorite intern. In her free time, Erys enjoys listening to music in her room. She also likes making art at CCC. She has been a camper for 2 years. She would like to thank her family and friends.

Max Iliff (Toto) is 11 years old and going into 6th grade at Slauson. He's been at CCC for most of his life. This is also his last year as a camper. His favorite color is red and he has 2 dogs. He really likes to draw and hang out with his friends. Max would like to thank his dogs for being soooo cute, and his brother.

Eden Kairys (Ensemble) is 6 years old and going into 1st grade at Lawton. She likes playing with her sister Willa, and cuddling with her dog Peppa.

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Her favorite food is bacon, and her favorite color is blue. She hopes you enjoy the show.

Frankie Kemp (Ensemble) is 6 years old and going into 1st grade at Angel. She likes playing with her friends and riding her bike. Her favorite color is blue. Frankie would like to thank her friends and teachers for being great.

Carter Klumb (Ensemble) is 7 years old and going into 2nd grade at Bach. Carter enjoys doing math and reading. At CCC he likes to play games. His favorite color is black. Carter would like to thank Abby and all the teachers.

Norman Kochunas (Munchkin Mayor) is 9 years old and going into 4th grade at Eberwhite. Norman loves pineapple, and wearing as many hats upon his head as he can. Norman would like to thank his family.

Zora Kochunas (Ensemble) is 7 years old and going into 2nd grade at Eberwhite. In her spare time, she likes to go on the Flying Eagle at CJ Barrymore's. Her favorite food is fruit snacks. She loves the color pink. Zora would like to thank her family.

Felix Kwiatkowski (Ensemble) is 8 years old and entering 3rd grade at Ann Arbor Open. He enjoys playing catch with his dad playing with his friends, observing animals, and chucking things. His favorite show he has been in was Heart Of Pauline. He would like to thank his mom for giving birth to him.

Olive Kwiatkowski (Mother) is 10 years old and this is going into 5th grade at Ann Arbor Open. This is her 4th year at CCC. Olive enjoys playing with her friends Fiona, Eleanor, Julia, and Quinn. She would like to thank everyone who made the show possible.

Eleanor LaBarge (Littlest Munchkin) is 6 years old and going into 1st grade at Abbott. Her favorite color is pink. Her favorite TV show is Octonauts. She would like to thank her mom and dad.

Elsie Lund (Ensemble) is 7 years old and going into 2nd grade at Ann Arbor Open. In her spare time, Elsie likes to read, draw, and play with her little brother. Her favorite food is sushi, and her favorite color is silver.

Poppy Maly (Ensemble) is 5 years old and going into Kindergarten at Lawton. Poppy enjoys swimming and sleeping. Her favorite color is rainbow, and her favorite foods are pita and sushi. She would like to thank Abby, Laurie, and Gayle.

RJ Maly (Ensemble) is 7 years old and going into 2nd grade at Lawton. He enjoys playing soccer, watching tv, playing sports, and video games. His favorite color is blue, and he enjoys eating sushi. RJ would love to thank his sister for being the best sister in the whole wide world.

William Marks (Grandfather/Wizard) is 11 and turning 12 in February. He is going to middle school at WIMA (it's in Ypsilanti). His favorite sport is soccer. His favorite color is blue. He enjoys eating orange chicken with rice. He wants to thank Laurie, Gayle, Abby, his friends, and his parents.

Cordelia Myers (Dorothy) is 11 years old and has been at CCC for 10 years. It is their last year being in the show. Cordelia's pronouns are They/Them. They would like to thank their family, friends, and teachers.

Mia Naheedy (Ensemble) is 9 years old and is going into 4th grade at Bach. She has been at CCC since she was 3 months old. This is her fourth year as a camper. She enjoys reading and drawing in her free time. She would like to thank her parents and everyone at CCC who made the show possible.

Lucy Nelson (Scarecrow) is 8 years old and goes to Lakewood. Her favorite color is blue. Lucy enjoys playing soccer and basketball. She has a sister, brother, mom, dad, and 3 dogs. She enjoys doing art and math, and climbing trees at her grandmother's house. She likes dogs,

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bunnies, and cats. Lucy would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers.

Annie Ominsky (Wicked Witch of the West) is 10 years old and going into 5th grade at Eberwhite. Her favorite food is mac 'n' cheese and mango. Her favorite color is lavender. Annie enjoys writing and poetry. She would like to thank all the staff, all the campers, all the interns, all the families (including her own), all her friends, and the camera person. Thank you all! She hopes you enjoy the show.

Louisa Pierce (Ensemble) is 7 years old and going into 2nd grade at A2 Steam. She enjoys playing games and making things. She would like to thank her family.

Rebecca Pierce (Wizard's Mistral) is 9 years old and going into 4th grade at A2 Steam. She likes to read, drawing, and paint with her friends. She loves hanging out with her friends. Rebecca would like to thank Lousia and her parents.

Rory Quidachay-Swan (Guard 2) is 8 years old and going into 3rd grade at Bach. He loves to do science and play Magic cards. Rory's favorite food is chicken tenders. He is excited to be playing Guard #2. He would like to thank his parents.

Ryan Quidachay-Swan (Ensemble) is 5 years old and going into Kindergarten at Bach. This is his first summer as a camper. Ryan loves to annoy his brother, play at the stump, play war with Abby, and read his Pokemon book. Ryan would like to thank Laurie, Tyler, Gayle, Lucas, and Abby

Zelda Taylor (Glinda) is 11 years old and is going into 6th grade in the fall. Zelda has been attending CCC for the past 10 years, and it is her last year in the show. During her spare time she enjoys crocheting, watching tv, dancing, hanging with friends, and movie making. Zelda would like to thank her friends, interns, teachers, and parents for making her journey possible.

Lyra Winograd (Ensemble) is 7 years old and going into 2nd grade at Dicken. She enjoys playing soccer and baseball with her dad. She has been a camper for 2 years (counting this year). Her favorite color is teal, and her favorite song in the show is Follow The Yellow Brick Road.

Elias Wolff (Ensemble) is 7 years old and going into 1st grade at Ann Arbor Open. His favorite color is blue. He enjoys playing soccer, and eating ravioli. Elias would like to thank Lucas for teaching us how to dance.

Quinn Wolff (Child) is 9 years old and going into 4th grade at Ann Arbor Open. She enjoys dance and art, but not chemistry. Quinn likes math, reading, and hanging out with her friends. She would like to thank her mom for helping her learn the songs, and her friends for being there. She would also like to thank all the teachers for helping her with the show.

2026 SUMMER INTERNS



Penny Downing



Jones Ennis



Kurt Iliff



Corinne Marks



Truett Marks



Iris Sutton-Bund



Odin Taylor

INTERN BIOS

Iris Bund is 14 years old and going into her freshman year at Rudolf Steiner School of Ann Arbor. This is her third year as an intern and her 13th year at CCC. She is excited to be returning to her friends this summer to help out around the center. She loves signing, painting, and going for long walks. Her favorite part of CCC is the community it offers and spending time with the preschoolers.

Penny Downing (Wicked Witch of the East) is 12 years old and is going into 7th grade at Tappan. She likes crocheting, knitting, hanging out with friends, thrifting, and playing video games with her family. This is Penny's first year as an intern and it's been really rewarding. She has been at CCC since she was five years old, and everybody is very nice and supportive. She wants to thank her friends and family, especially her sister, Julia. Penny would also like to thank Dana for being awesome.

Jones Matthes is 12 years old and going into 8th grade at Honey Creek Community School. They enjoy playing soccer. Jones would like to thank their parents.

Kurt Iliff is 15 years old and heading into 10th grade at Community. This is his 4th summer as an intern. He wants to thank his family and especially his brother for being such a great friend throughout all the years.

Corinne Marks is 15 years old (turning 16 in August) and is returning for her 5th year as an intern. Corinne will be an 11th grader at ECA in the fall. She is excited to be spending time this summer at CCC. Outside of CCC, she enjoys babysitting, listening to music, reading, and baking.

Truett Marks is 13 years old and is going into 8th grade at WIMA. They have been an intern for 2 years, and at CCC for almost their whole life. In their free time, Truett enjoys reading and listening to music. Truett would like to thank their family, friends, and everyone at CCC that made the show possible.

Odin Taylor is 15 years old and going to be a sophomore at Skyline High School. This is his 4th year as an intern. When he isn't playing games with the kids or helping them, he loves gaming, competitive swimming, singing and listening to music (especially rock and rap). He's very excited to see his sister, Zelda, perform and would like to thank his parents and family for supporting him throughout his whole life.

PRODUCTION TEAM

Laurie Atwood (Director)

Laurie is the owner and director of the Children's Creative Center. She received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Michigan, with a double major in Theatre and Music, as well as a teaching certificate in Secondary Education. Then she completed her Master's in Elementary Education with a concentration in Early Childhood Development, and completed all her coursework in the PhD program at U of M in Curriculum, Teaching, and Psychological Studies. She is an avid sports fan, a marathon runner, an actress who has performed in numerous productions in Southeast Michigan, and served on the board of directors at Ann Arbor Civic Theatre. She truly believes in the power of community, the importance of giving back, and the values of respect, kindness, and dignity.

Gayle Martin (Director/Choreographer/Music Director)

Gayle Martin, who has been on stage since she was three years old, knew at a very young age that show biz was where she wanted to be. She started ballet at age three, added tap, jazz, and modern. Later, she jumped in hip hop, and slid into acting. Singing was peppered all throughout. She has been in a lot of shows. A few of her favorites: A Little Night Music, Colored Girls, Godspell, Spell #7, Fiddler on the Roof, The Fantasticks, South Pacific, and Wiz of Oz and Wedding Singer. She taught in the Performance department at Washtenaw Community College for 38 years. She enjoys all aspects of theatre. She has directed, choreographed, produced, served as musical director, designed sets and lights, for many plays and vocal shows. She continues her dance school, Graceful Elegance, in Motion Dance Theatre. It is now nine years old. She has had a dance company, Rare Paragon Gems, since 2012. As always, it gives her great joy to be able to direct this show with all of your children. She would like to thank the families at CCC for helping with this project.

Abby Vermeulen (Director/Stage Manager)

Abby is thrilled to be spending her 31st summer at CCC. She grew up participating in the summer musicals, and is happy to have transitioned into writing, directing, and stage managing. Her starring role came in Cowgirls the Musical, playing Calamity Jane. Outside of CCC, Abby spends her time starring as the lead in her 2nd grade classroom, at South Arbor Academy. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and a proud recipient of the Michigan State Fan Paper Plate Award (thanks William & Miles). Abby would like to thank Gayle and Laurie for making a great directing team, and of course the kids- you are an incredibly talented group. I love you all. Break a leg! To all staff, many thanks for keeping me grounded during the crazy bits of summer.

SUMMER SHOW COMMITTEES

BENEFIT

Laurie Atwood, Smitty Atwood,
Abby Vermeulen, Kami Michels, Heather Caplan

COSTUMES

Alexis Braun Marks, Corinne Marks, Kathryn Kochunas
Iris Sutton Bund, Kirby Paterson, Haven Torreano
Mallory Kairys, Katie Naheedy, Andrea Franson, Amy Crist
Jill Haenfler, Kendrin Sonnevile, Penny Downing

POSTER

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PROGRAM LAYOUT

Jason Atwood

PROGRAM PRINTING

Jason Ennis

PROPS

Adam Iliff, Jill Haenfler, Kendrin Sonnevile, Emily Winograd

RAFFLE

Kami Michels, Alise Kwiatkowski, Ashley Gearhardt
Kirby Paterson, Adam Marks, Marianna Maly
Ilze Cheseny, Carryn Lund

SET DESIGN / PAINTING

Gayle Martin, Jill Haenfler, Bihanna Everett, Emily Winograd
Will Myers, Emily Golla, Alexis Braun Marks, Cyrus Naheedy
Carryn Lund, Matt Klumb, Erys Gray, Mia Naheedy, Sophie Golla
Carter Klumb, Rachael Sedlacek, Zelda Taylor, Max Iliff, Kurt Iliff,
William Marks, Truett Marks, Haven Torreano

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Emily Nelson, Natalie Hensel

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