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With Music and Lyrics by
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SCARECROW/HANK.....CAZ BORD
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LION/ZEKE.....CAMERON WALKER-PETRELLA
TOTO..... HAILEY FISTER
GLINDA..... HANNAH GIPPIN
WIZARD OF OZ.....CLARENCE BUCARO
UNCLE HENRY/OZIAN.....MICHAEL ANDRASI
AUNT EM/OZIAN..... STELLA VODILKO
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OZIAN/S/APPLE TREES/CROWS/WINKIE GUARD.....
EMMA KNAPP, EMMIE COOCH, JULIA ODEN,
NORA LEVICKY, LYLA HORNYAK, MCKENZIE FISTER, PRIYA MOORE,
TESSA CROUCH, LAINE RENNER, EDEN BENZ

MUNCKINS/JITTEBUGS/MONKEYS
CELIA CARIÑO, TESS HARTER, SASHA VINOGRAD, ALAINA WAGNER,
MORGAN BAHILL, LILY DUPAN, JOSEPHINE MCILVAINE, AVA MADDEN,
MAYA TERLONGE, ANNABELLE CASE, HANNAH WILLIAMS, ADILYN VARNEY,
EVIE FREUND, BRENNAN SCHULDA

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ALAINA TENNANT, EMMA LOWE
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AUDIO ENGINEER VAN WORNKEY
PRODUCTION ASSISTANT.....PEYTON ROBINSON
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ALAINA TENNANT, KYLE MCFALLS, WITTMAN SULLIVAN



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(I.A.T.S.E.) LOCAL 48.

This production is performed with one 15 minute intermission.

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act I

OVER THE RAINBOW
THE CYCLONE.....
MUNCKINLAND
YELLOW BRICK ROAD.....
IF I ONLY HAD A BRAIN.....
WE'RE OFF TO SEE THE WIZARD.....
IF I ONLY HAD A HEART.....
IF I ONLY HAD THE NERVE.....
JITTERBUG/OPTIMISTIC VOICES.....

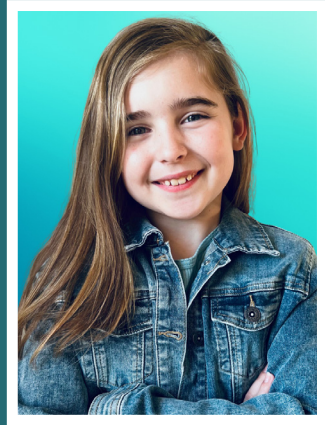
ACT II

THE MERRY OLD LAND OF OZ.....
IF I WERE KING OF THE FOREST.....
WINKIES MARCH.....
OVER THE RAINBOW REPRISE.....
WINKIES MARCH REPRISE.....
DING DONG.....
NO PLACE LIKE HOME.....

SOMEWHERE *over the*
RAINBOW
SKIES *are* BLUE,
and the DREAMS
that you DARE *to* DREAM
really do COME TRUE.

Congratulations to
the Wizard of Oz
cast and crew!

To our Ava
"Dorothy Gale"
Kimble- we love you
to the moon and
back.



Love,
Mom, Dad, Anderson, Jesse, & Zelie

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WHO'S WHO

ADILYNN VARNEY (Munchkin/Jitterbug)

Adilynn is excited to be returning to the Rubber City Theater Stage and join the cast of Wizard of Oz. She was previously seen as one of the orphans in Annie Junior. Adilynn also loves to dance and has performed ballet and lyrical dance through local dance companies. Adilynn is thankful for Miss Sarah giving her this opportunity and all the new friends she has made! She also wants to thank everyone for coming and hopes you enjoy the show!

ALAINA WAGNER (Nikko/Munchkin/Jitterbug)

Alaina Wagner will be entering the 3rd grade at St. Francis De Sales this fall where she recently received the St. Isidore technology award and St. Francis De Sales writing and communication award. Alaina enjoys competitive figure skating, writing, dance and spending time with friends. She is very excited to be in her first production with Rubber City Theatre.

ANNABELLE CASE (Jitterbug/Munchkin/Monkey)

Annabelle loves ballet dancing. She was also a kid in Junie B Jones, Jr. at Rubber City Theater. She loves musical theater and hopes that you enjoy the show!

AVA KIMBLE (Dorothy Gale)

Ava Kimble, a fifth-grader from Sacred Heart School in Wadsworth, is excited to partake in her fourth production with Rubber City Theatre. Her theatre credits include Camille in 'Junie B. Jones', July in 'Annie Jr.', and Hortensia in 'Matilda the Musical'. Ava trains vocally at the Denise Milner Howell Voice Studio in Sharon Center. She has performed as a soloist for the National Anthem at the Rubber Duck's Stadium and was named a semi-finalist in the 2022 Hammerstein International Youth Vocal and 2023 Hal Leonard Vocal Competitions. In this production of Wizard of Oz, Ava is excited to trade in her sneakers for ruby red slippers, inviting you to journey with her and the cast 'over the rainbow' to the magical land of Oz.

AVA MADDEN (Munchkin/Jitterbug)

Ava is 9 years old and heading into the 4th grade. She loves to sing, dance and to be on stage. Outside of the stage, Ava loves animals, loves her family and loves being with friends. She is thrilled to be part of the production of the Wizard of Oz.

BRENNAN SCHULDA (Munchkin Mayor/Jitterbug)

Brennan is so excited to come back to RCT and be part of The Wizard of Oz! Brennan played "Sheldon Potts" in RCT's production of Junie B Jones, Jr. and "Sandy" in last winter's production of "Annie, Jr.". He was also in his school's production of Alice and Wonderland, Jr. Brennan is thrilled to be with RCT again this summer and has had so much fun with this show!

CAMERON WALKER-PETRELLA (Cowardly Lion/Zekke)

Cameron is a fun loving kid who enjoys spending time with his friends, riding his bike, jumping on his trampoline and camping! He is 11 yrs old and will be starting Stanton middle school in the city of Kent in the fall. Cameron is very excited to be involved in Wizard of Oz! He will be playing Zeke and the cowardly lion. This is Cameron's first really big roll and he is excited and ready for this new challenge! Previously, Cameron was Drake in the musical Annie and Tommy in the musical Matilda..

CAZ BORD (Scarecrow/Hank)

Caz is excited to be participating in his second Rubber City Theater production. He played Daddy Warbucks in Annie Jr. last fall. Caz is a rising eighth grader at Old Trail who loves music, movies, cross country running and reading. He is looking forward to future performance opportunities with RCT and the local theater community.

CELIA CARIÑO (Munchkin Coroner/Jitterbug/Monkey)

Celia has been in several productions at Rubber City Theater, including Junie B. Jones, Willy Wonka, Annie, and Matilda. She consistently makes wonderful friends and enjoys her time learning with this wonderful group. When she is not at rehearsal, you can find her on the swim, cross country, or track teams. She will be in 5th grade at Old Trail School.

CLARENCE BUCARO (Wizard of Oz)

This is Clarence's second production with Rubber City Theatre. His past roles include John in Peter Pan (All-City Musicals), Rooster in Annie (Rubber City), Michael in Elf (Weathervane) and the Cat in the Hat in Miller South's Seussical. He is a seventh grader at Miller South. He enjoys modern dance, vocal lessons, piano and running. He is very excited to be working with this great cast, crew and staff.

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EDEN BENZ (Ozian/Ensemble) Eden Benz is a Singer, Actor, and Dancer who is becoming a 7th grader in Claggett Middle School! She is no stranger to the stage and has played in many other shows like Annie Jr, The Best Christmas Pageant Ever, Frozen Jr, and many other recitals and shows. She is an accomplished actress who will always have a trick up her sleeve and a smile on her face!

EMMA KNAPP (Ozian/Crow) Fans of RCT may have recently seen Emma as Matilda in "Matilda, the Musical", as Annie in "Annie, Jr.", and as Violet in "Willy Wonka, Kids." Emma is a soon-to-be-sixth-grader in the Kent City Schools. She would like to thank her Dad and Mr. Levicky for always driving her to and from rehearsals. Thanks, guys!

EMMANUELLE COOCH (Ozian/Crow) Emmie is 12 years old and starting sixth grade in Aurora. She is a veteran of Rubber City Theater, enjoying roles in Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Junie B. Jones, Annie, and Matilda. When the curtain is closed, Emmie is a percussionist and like to swim, read and bake. She is so excited to be a part of The Wizard of Oz Jr!

EVELYN (LYNN) FREUND (Ozian/Crow) Lynn is a 5th grader at Miller South. She has acted in performances through The Wandering Aesthetics Summer Camp for the past 4 years and their Fall and Winter programs this past year. This summer, she performed the role of Tinkerbell in the Rubber City Theatre Summer Camp. In her spare time, Lynn enjoys working on manga illustrations, playing the piano, and singing.

HAILEY FISTER (Toto) Hailey is an eight year old who loves Rubber City Theater and being on stage. She is SO excited to play the role of Toto in this show. Hailey also played an orphan in Annie, Jr. Outside of theater she loves to dance, play with her friends, and do artsy things!

HANNAH GIPPIN (Glinda) Hannah is a freshman at Firestone High school. She has been singing her whole life, she started singing professionally 3 years ago with Helen Welch. She just recently started acting lessons with Natalie Blalock Jennings. She is lead singer in a band called Fourshadow, next performing at PorchRokr in August. She has been in shows including Seussical Jr. (Ensemble and Mayzie Labird understudy), The Redemption of Ger-tie Greene (Jessie) and Mary Poppins (ensemble).

HANNAH WILLIAMS (Munchkin/Jitterbug) Hannah is an upcoming 4th grader at Fort Island in Copley. This is her first performance in a musical! She also enjoys participating in sports like soccer and taekwondo. Hannah loves playing outside, listening to music, and being with friends. When she grows up, she wants to be a Movie Director!

JOSEPHINE RUBY MCILVAINE (Munchkin/Jitterbug) Josephine is very excited for her first show with Rubber City Theater! Previous experience includes the Footlighters' Finding Nemo, Jr. as Bubbles; Willy Wonka, Jr.; Three Wee Kings; Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies; and North-east Ohio Dance's The Nutcracker. She is 10 years old, lives in Wadsworth, and attends Sacred Heart School. Josephine enjoys acting, piano, ballet, tap, and voice, as well as reading and running.

JULIA ODEN (Ozian/Apple Tree/Crow) Julia delighted audiences as part of the ensemble cast in last summer's Junie B Jones musical with Rubber City Theater. Currently a 6th grader at Tallmadge Middle School, Julia has honed her vocal talents over the past three years through voice lessons at Loud & Clear Music School. When she's not performing, you can find Julia engrossed in a good book or indulging her creative side with crafting projects.

LAINE RENNER (Ozian/Winkie/Crow) Laine is a 6th grader at Miller South. She's been a part of The Wiz and Seussical at school, Elf the Musical at Weathervane, and Matilda with Rubber City. She plays Cello and Piano, and sings in the Academy Choir at the Cleveland Institute of Music. Laine is looking forward to many more opportunities to act, sing, and dance on stage in the future!

LILLY DUPAN (Munchkin) Lilly is 7 years old and will be in 2nd grade at Fishcreek Elementary. Lilly currently cheers for Stow youth football and loves to dance and sing. Lilly also loves to swim, ride her bike and jump on the trampoline with her three big brothers. She is very excited to be in the play!

LILY MOSKOVITZ (Wicked Witch) Lily is thrilled to be the Wicked Witch in this production. She is in 8th grade at Kimpton Middle School and participates in choir. Her favorite roles have been Marty in Madagascar Jr. and Bet in Oliver Jr. She has been with I'nde Rather Been Dancing School of Dance for 11 years, and competing for nine. She



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LYLA HORNYAK (Apple Tree/Ozian) Lyla attends Sacred Heart School. The Wizard of Oz is her debut performance!

MARY GRACE SIR LOUIS (Profesor Marvel/Ozian) Mary Grace Sir Louis, 13, is so excited to be in another one of Rubber City Theatre's amazing productions. Wizard of Oz is her fourth play with RCT (after Junie B Jones Jr, Annie Jr, and Matilda the Musical). She also appeared in Beauty and the Beast Jr. An eighth grade homeschooled student, MG enjoys reading, texting, and FaceTime calls, and loves to try new sports. She also runs a neighborhood business taking care of people's houses and pets when they are away.

MAYA TERLONGE (Munchkin/Barrister/Jitterbug) Maya is pleased to be returning to the Rubber City Theatre stage. Her previous theatre credits include The Color Purple (Young Celie/Screaming girl/Olivia) at Weathervane Playhouse, Willy Wonka Kids (Odella Oompa) at RCT, Junie B. Jones Jr. (Chenille) at RCT, Annie Jr. (Duffy) at RCT, and Matilda (ensemble) at RCT. Maya is going in to 4th grade and is excited to continue growing as an actress.

MCKENZIE FISTER (Ozian) McKenzie is ten years old and is thrilled to be in this production of the Wizard of Oz! She loves to sing and dance and she is very thankful that Rubber City Theater has helped her grow in both! McKenzie was also in the ensemble of Annie, Jr. In addition to acting and singing, she loves to take the stage performing ballet and spending quality time with her friends!

MICHAEL ANDRASI (Uncle Henry/Ozian) Michael is a rising 8th grade student at Brecksville Broadview Heights Middle school. His love of musical theater blossomed during the 2022-2023 school year when he auditioned for a part in his school's production of Matilda. Michael was cast as Mr. Wormwood and loved being part of the show. Michael is very excited to be part of this production of the wizard of Oz Jr. He has been a member of his school's choir for three years. Michael has developed a passion for theater and is looking forward to being a part of many more productions to come.

MICHAEL YOUNKIN (TinMan/Hickory) Michael is 13 years old. Previous shows include: Finding Nemo Jr (Nemo), Sweeney Todd (Tobias Ragg), Sound of Music (Friedrich), Les Miserables (Gavroche), A Christmas Carol (Master Robert, James Crachit, Adolescent Scrooge) and more. Theaters include: Great Lakes Theater, Rubber City Theater, Weathervane Playhouse, Walsh Jesuit High School, Near West Theater, and the Wadsworth Footlighters. Michael would like to thank the cast, crew, and friends for their support.

MORGAN BAHIL (Munchkin/Jitterbug) This is Morgan's 2nd summer camp with RCT. Last year she played May in Junie B Jones Jr. She is going into 3rd grade at Holy Family School. She loves playing sports, especially basketball and softball. She hopes you enjoy the show.

NORA LEVICKY (Apple Tree/Ozian) Nora is excited to be in another production through Rubber City Theatre. She has been featured in Willy Wonka Kids, Annie Jr. and Matilda. Nora will be a sixth grade student at Kent City Schools next year. In addition to theatre, she enjoys dance, creative writing, art, basketball, and violin. Nora is thankful for the support from her friends and family, and hopes everybody finds their place somewhere over the rainbow!

PRIYAMOORE (Ozian/Apple Tree) Priya is proud to be returning to RCT in the production of Wizard of Oz youth edition. She is excited to showcase her talents as an Ozian and a Tree. Her first experience was as Bernie in Annie, Jr. Priya is making wonderful memories and can't wait for the next show.

SASHA VINOGRAD (Munchkins/Jitterbug/Monkey) Sasha is excited to travel to the land oz! Sasha was last seen on stage as a "no neck monster" in Ohio Shakespeare festivals Cat on a Hot Tin Roof. When she is not on the stage you can find her at Gymnastics on the pre team! She loves to play with her little brother, sister & her two guinea pigs.

STELLA VODILKO (Aunt Em/Ozian) Stella is a 7th grader at Highland Middle School. This is her 10th show and her last appearance was as Young Fiona in Shrek Jr. with Medina County Show Biz. Her passion is all things musical theatre and she has been lovingly titled the "mother" by her friends and cast mates (last summer she was Junie B.'s Mother)!

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TAJ BUCARO (Oz Guard/Cow/Ensemble) Taj Bucaro is 11 years old and loves acting. This performance is his second with Rubber City and his 6th acting performance of the past two years. He attends Miller South in Akron, where he focuses on Theater and Music. He plays piano and saxophone and enjoys chess and basketball in his free time. He is very excited for this production of the Wizard of Oz.

TALIA MOSKOVITZ (Miss Gulch/Apple Tree/Ozian) Talia is excited to be part of Oz! She was recently cast as Young Anna in Frozen Jr. at Lakeview Intermediate School, where she is entering 6th grade. She is a percussionist in the band and has danced on the I'de Rather Be Dancing competition team for 6 years! She thanks her first director-Ms. Hannah, the RCT staff, dance teachers and her family for helping her on this theater journey!

TESS HARTER (Munchkin/Jitterbug) Tess is happy to be performing with Rubber City Theatre again, having previously performed in the ensemble for Junie B. Jones and as an Oompa Loompa in Willy Wonka. She is entering 5th grade at Granger Elementary. She enjoys cheerleading, Girl Scouts, singing, dancing, and going to musicals. She thanks her friends, family, and Rubber City Theatre for encouraging her to shine.

ALEX C. FUNK (Director) Alex Funk, originally from Columbus, is an actor and teacher in the Northeast Ohio area. He holds a B.A. in Theatre Arts from The University of Akron and is currently an M.F.A. in Acting student at Kent State University. Prior to attending KSU, Alex was the theatre instructor at Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts from 2015-2022. He has also worked for Weathervane Playhouse, Ohio Shakespeare Festival, The Greater Cleveland Aquarium, Cleveland Shakespeare Festival and Rubber City Theatre and has studied with James Slowiak of New World Performance Lab. Memorable directing credits include The Wedding Singer (Nordonia High School, AD), Once on This Island (Miller South VPA), The King Stag (Miller South VPA), Stories of the Kindertransport (Miller South VPA), The Wind in the Willows (Miller South VPA), The Servant of Two Masters (Miller South VPA), The Wiz (Miller South VPA), Junie B. Jones, the Musical (Rubber City Theatre), A Midsummer Night's Dream (Miller South VPA), The Importance of Being Earnest (Miller South VPA) and

Mary Poppins (Miller South VPA).

ALEXANDRA NEWMAN (Ensemble) (Alexandra Newman is a rising senior at Western Reserve Academy. She has been involved in Rubber City Theatre since she was 9 years old and last seen at Rubber City in The Lightning Thief as Clarisse/Charon. Her most recent roles include Cady in Western Reserve Academy's production of Mean Girls and Mrs. Savage in The Curious Savage. Alex has had the opportunity to sing for the Cleveland Pops Orchestra and the Firelands Sandusky Symphony this year. She has placed in the top four in both musical theater and classical category for 2023 NATS and is a concurrent 3 year Outstanding rating of a 1 at OMEA. She is an honors dance student at Western Reserve Academy and has had 14 years of competitive dance training. Alex is involved in choir and theater at her school, student leadership programs, chief ambassador and a second year winner of the highest achievement award in theater as the winner of the Corinne Van Dam Davis Award and the Eastman Music Award which is an academic scholarship for music at WRA. Alex has had formal vocal training since she was 6 along with her acting and dancing training. She has attended Interlochen for 3 summers and the Broadway Series in NYC! Alex sings musical theater, classical, jazz and pop! This past year Alex placed in the top 4 for Shining Star Cle and the year prior as 2nd runner up! Alex has enjoyed working as the Choreographer this summer for Rubber City's youth show, The Wizard of Oz! She looks forward to a career in musical theatre!

EMMA RAMBLER (Tommy) Emma Rambler is an 8th grader at Miller South VPA for art, piano, and theatre. She has performed onstage in The Servant of Two Masters (Porter), The Importance of Being Earnest (Cecily), and The Redemption of Gertie Green (Anna). Emma has worked backstage for The Wiz (props), Junie B Jones Jr. (stage manager), and Seussical Jr. (stage manager). She is also on tech crew at Miller South.

SARAH BAILEY (Music Director/Director of Education) is a professional voice instructor, director, acting teacher and choreographer. She holds a bachelor's degree in voice performance from Ohio Northern University and her master's degree in music performance and pedagogy from the prestigious Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. Sarah has sung at Lincoln Center with

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the New York Philharmonic, with the Philadelphia Philharmonic, performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival in Scotland and was a grand finalist in the Guangdong, China International Vocal Competition in Guangdong, China. She has also been a regional director and teaching artist in Akron for over 20 years. Sarah is a leader in her field of teaching young artist to hone

their talents and become stronger musicians, actors and dancers. She has worked as a teaching artist, Education Outreach Coordinator and Director of Education at Weathervane Playhouse for more than 13 years, the Drama Coach at Hudson High School, the Director of Arts and Science Programming at The Salvation Army of Akron where she started a music and theatre company for underserved youth in Akron. Sarah currently serves as the Director of Education and Artistic Director of Youth Theatre at Rubber City Theatre. Some of her directorial credits include *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (12 years!), *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*, *A Christmas Carol*; *The Musical*, *Peter Pan*, *Oklahoma* (winner of best production at Weathervane Playhouse), *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Music Man* (winner of best production at Weathervane Playhouse), *Honk!*, *Annie*, *Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella*, *Seussical the Musical*, *Madeline and the Gypsies*, *Madeline's Rescue*, *Go Dog Go*, *The Pajama Game*, *Les Miserables*; *The School Edition*, and *Godspell*.

KENDRA STRICKLAND (Costume Designer) (Miss Strickland has been working in the entertainment industry for 20years, has designed for theatre, dance, and opera productions here at The University of Akron, in addition to designing many years for the Millennial Theater Project. She has been a proud member of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stagehand Employees since 2009, and is delighted to be serving her third year as Rubber City Theatre's Costume Department Head.

EUGENE ROGERS (Director of Production) Eugene has been a Lighting Designer, Sound Designer, Light Board Operator, Sound Board Operator, and Stage Manager for amusement parks, University, and Professional theaters. He earned a BA in Art (Studio Emphasis) from the University of Akron, followed by a Certificate in Entertainment Arts and Technology - Sound, and a second BA in Theatre Studies from Kent State University. Eugene has been a proud member of the IATSE Local #48 since 2012.

SYDNEY GAINES (Assistant Stage Manager) Sydney is a student at Miller South School for the Visual and Performing Arts in the theater department. Previous credits include *Sonnets* for an Old Century, *Charlie Brown*, *Servant of Two Masters*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* (at Miller), *Junie B Jones* and *Annie Jr.*(at Rubber City). She's worked on costume crew for *The Wiz* and assistant stage manager for *Seussical the Musical*. She was in *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* with the 4th grade Miller South choir. Sydney received a role in the production of *Fences* (cancelled due to the pandemic). She has danced in musical theater with her dance studio for over 8 years while also dancing tap, jazz, hip hop, ballet, modern and acro a total of 11 years.

VAN WORNKEY (Assistant Stage Manager) Van is in the 8th grade at Miller south visual performing arts school he is very excited to be working with rubber city theatre as an assistant stage manager and sound assistant. Vans most current production was *Seussical the musical* at Miller south where he played Horton. Van works tech for Miller south's productions. He has a great love for cinematography. Van would like to say thank you to the creative team at rubber city theatre for this opportunity.

WITTMAN SULLIVAN (Lighting Designer) Wittman Sullivan is thrilled to be Designing Lights for Rubber City Theatre's production of *The Wizard of Oz Jr.* Wittman is an Akron native and freshman at Firestone High School. Wittman is a member of Pre-IB, ASA for Theatre, Firestone Focus Student Newspaper, Student Council, Student Voice Cabinet, Leadership Cabinet, Platform Firestone, French Travel, Ambassadors Thespian Troupe 5530 (3 star thespian), Chair of Lightingfort Firestone's Committee of 7, Firestone Cross Country and PLTW Architecture Pathway. Wittman also works on the Shammal Malik Campiagn For Mayor, Interns at Rubber City Theatre through JOGS, as well as advocacy for walking and biking in the city of Akron. Wittman is a Miller South VPA graduate and was a member of Miller South's leadership team, theatre program, string orchestra, show choir, NHJS, and student council as president. His work on and off stage has been seen at theatres all over the area.

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