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THE WIZARD OF OZ TO SEND IU AUDITORIUM OVER THE RAINBOW APRIL 17 and 18

WHAT: *The Wizard of Oz*

WHEN: Tuesday & Wednesday, April 17 and 18 – 7:30 p.m.

WHERE: IU Auditorium

TICKETS: Tickets start at \$17 for IU Bloomington students with a valid ID and \$29 for the general public, on sale now. Individual tickets may be purchased online at IUauditorium.com, in person at the IU Auditorium Box Office, as well as through Ticketmaster.com or charge by phone at (800) 745-3000. The IU Auditorium Box Office is open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – The timeless family musical *The Wizard of Oz* comes to IU Auditorium this April. This touring production brings the 1939 MGM film to life on stage with beloved characters such as Dorothy, Scarecrow, Tin Man, and the Cowardly Lion.

This national tour of *The Wizard of Oz* is based on John Kane's scripted adaptation of the 1939 film created for the Royal Shakespeare Company. This production contains the iconic moments and songs from the Oscar-winning movie score, such as "Over the Rainbow," "We're Off to See the Wizard," and "If I Only Had a Brain," as well as new surprises and songs by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The first stage version of *The Wizard of Oz* preceded the 1939 film, premiering in Chicago in 1902 as a musical comedy by L. Frank Baum (book, lyrics), Paul Tietjens (music), and A. Baldwin Sloane (music). *The Wizard of Oz* officially opened on Broadway at the Majestic Theatre on January 21, 1903. It became the longest running show of the decade, tallying over 290 performances. Following its Broadway engagement, it toured the country until 1911.

"*The Wizard of Oz* is a treasured part of our culture, and we're so lucky to see all the magic of the movie brought to life on stage," said Executive Director of IU Auditorium Doug Booher. "Whether it's someone's first or fifth time, seeing *The Wizard of Oz* always proves to be a cheerful adventure down that iconic yellow brick road."

This show brings with it IU Auditorium's annual program **Kids' Night on Broadway**. Families will be able to enjoy various activities in the lobby preceding the show each night.

For more information about *The Wizard of Oz* and the rest of the 2017–2018 season, visit IUauditorium.com. The website features video clips and a selection of songs from this season's performances, in addition to a direct link to the IU Auditorium Facebook and Twitter pages, whose members receive exclusive benefits throughout the year.

The Wizard of Oz at IU Auditorium is presented in partnership with Riley Physicians at Indiana University Health and Smithville. IU Auditorium's 2017–2018 season is presented by B97, Curry Auto Center, *The Herald Times*, Cook Medical, and IU Division of Residential Program and Services.

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