

ALBERTA THEATRE PROJECTS

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Alberta Theatre Projects offers on demand streaming of *The Wizard of Oz* script reading

WHAT: Tickets are now available to watch a special livestream reading of *The Wizard of Oz*, a new commission by playwright Andrew Scanlon and directed by Haysam Kadri. This is a rare behind-the-scenes look at how new work is developed, as the actors will be reading the script from the Martha Cohen Theatre.

WHEN: Now through December 31, 2020.

WHERE: Virtual presentation. Tickets are available at www.albertatheatreprojects.com.

About *The Wizard of Oz*

This marks the first event in Alberta Theatre Projects' reimagined 2020-2021 season. In draft form, *The Wizard of Oz* script is a new adaptation from the book that inspired the classic film and follows Alberta Theatre Projects' commitment to new play development and commissioning new works.

"*The Wizard of Oz* is a classic family adventure. By going back to its source material, the original novel by L. Frank Baum, my hope with this adaptation is to bring these well-loved characters vividly to life again, for theatre-goers of all ages," said Playwright Andrew Scanlon. "2020 has been a challenging year and I believe we're all desperately in need of a little escapism. That theme – the search for escape – exists at the very heart of this story."

Audience Considerations: All ages

Cast:

Dorothy: Kiana Wu
Uncle Henry/The Wizard/ Guardian/Winkie General: Kevin Rothery
Wicked Witch/Gulch: Elinor Holt
Auntie Em/Glinda The Good/Chancellor: Tara Jackson
The Tin Man/Hickory: Daniel Fong
Scarecrow/Hoke: Tenaj Williams
The Cowardly Lion/Zeke: Kevin Corey

Creative Team:

Playwright: *The Wizard of Oz* by L. Frank Baum, Dramatized by Andrew Scanlon
Director: Haysam Kadri
Stage Manager: Ruby Dawn Eustaquio

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