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2020 Combined Schools Musical cast and crew announced

Gladstone Entertainment Convention Centre (GECC) and Gladstone Regional Council are pleased to announce next year's Gladstone Combined Schools Musical cast and crew.

Taking place from 9-15 March 2020, Gladstone Region Councillor Kahn Goodluck said the musical would showcase the talents of 72 students from 15 schools across the Gladstone Region.

"I am thrilled to see such a great ensemble ready to bring *The Wizard of Oz* to life," Councillor Goodluck said.

"These productions truly embody, "for the community, by the community", and I cannot wait to book my tickets."

Announced as the Director, Hannah Rodda said she was looking forward to working with the young people of the region to bring *The Wizard of Oz* to life.

"I have taught drama and theatre for 13 years across a variety of locations, including regional Queensland, Brisbane and Melbourne," Ms Rodda said.

"I look forward to working with the cast and crew to develop their performance skills, enhance their creativity and put on a musical to remember."

Jamie-Lee Neil has been appointed as Stage Manager, Jeannine Butler as Assistant Stage Manager, Leanne Christensen as Musical Director, Clare Evans as Choreographer, Robyn Addison as Vocal Coach and Chelsea Elvery and Norma Tanna as the rehearsal pianists.

***The Wizard of Oz* leads:**

Dorothy: Sophia Ross
Glinda: Annamonet Massey
Scarecrow: Abby Davies
Tin Man: Joseph Poli
Lion: Jake Lyle
The Wizard / Professor Marvel: William Pirie
Uncle Henry: Werner Bierman
Oz Guard: Matthew Marriage
The Wicked Witch of the West: Kokoda Cadzow-Smith

Schools involved include Gladstone State High School, Chanel College, Calliope State School, Clinton State School, Kin Kora State School, Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School, St Francis Catholic Primary School, St John the Baptist Catholic Primary School, Toolooa State High School,

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Trinity College, Tannum Sands State High School, Tannum Sands State School, Gladstone Central State School, Gladstone West State School and Mount Larcom State School.

Rehearsals will commence in September and tickets will go on sale Monday, 23 September 2019.

More information is available at www.gladstoneentertainment.com