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Ease on Down ...the Web to www.ellingtonschool.org!
Get tickets online as The Duke Ellington School of the Arts presents "The Wiz."

Washington, DC. Get your tickets now to the Duke Ellington School of the Arts' fabulous production of Ken Harper's "The Wiz." The sights and sounds will amaze and entertain audiences of all ages. Talented high school students auditioned before renowned theater professionals for the chance to star in the historic play that won seven Tony awards.

The Wiz retells the story of Dorothy and Toto's adventure in Oz, moving the scene from Kansas to today's urban setting. The characters travel through the magical world, encountering unforgettable personalities along the way. It'll prove hard to sit still as the cast delights the audience with captivating scenes, a stunning set and memorable melodies.

From February 7th through February 15th, the DC metropolitan community will have the opportunity to witness this "future-star"-studded performance. Located in historic Georgetown, the Ellington Theatre rivals most performing arts centers throughout the DC metro area. Online ticket purchases at www.ellingtonschool.org offer a convenient way to secure a seat today. At \$20 per ticket for adults and \$15 for children under 12, it's a great deal.

Head of School Rory Pullens and his staff raised the bar for the performance, bringing top-notch professionals to lead the production team. "We want the students to understand exactly what it takes to have a successful career in the arts, and this production will help. They're putting in the same time, preparation, and energy that a professional production mandates, and the results should be just as dazzling."

Producer Ken Johnson describes how the professional team impacts the students. "Our team demands the best from each member of the cast. The experience is sure to leave a lasting impression for both audiences and Ellington's cast and crew."

Director **Lynda Gravátt** is a founding Ellington faculty member best known for her many performances on multiple episodes of NBC's *Law and Order*. Musical Director **e'Marcus Harper** has worked with top stars in the industry, including Carlos Santana, Michael Jackson, Lionel Ritchie, and Aretha Franklin. Well known Ellington alumna and artistic director of City At Peace **Sandra Holloway** serves as choreographer. Reggie Ray, the production's award-winning costume designer, has designed for Debbie Allen, Maya Angelou, the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and Lincoln Center, among many others. Teachers, staff and parent volunteers all spend many hours each week supporting the students as they work on this astounding production.

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See them before they hit Broadway!

Ellington has a proud, determined student body and famous alumni network. From comedian Dave Chappelle to opera star Denyce Graves, the school's celebrated alumni pack houses while performing on the largest international stages. Each year, they return to encourage the soon-to-be discovered stars as they work and study diligently through the year.

The Duke Ellington School of the Arts radiates energy and excitement. The students, who represent every ward in the city, survived a rigorous audition and admission process, and manage academic demands while practicing, rehearsing and auditioning after class. Students embark upon a four-year journey of intense training. Technique, theory, process, artistry and humanity are cornerstones of Ellington's arts curriculum. Ellington's graduation rate is 98%, and approximately 95% of Ellington students are accepted into colleges, universities, or conservatories across the nation, including such prestigious institutions as Harvard, Pratt, and Berklee School of Music.

The Duke Ellington School of the Arts is an accredited college preparatory public school of the District of Columbia offering pre-professional training in dance, instrumental music, literary media, museum studies, technical theater, theater, visual arts, and vocal music. Its vision is to meet the needs of talented students who are considering careers in the arts by providing intensive arts instruction of the highest quality and strong academic curriculum to prepare students for post-secondary education and/or pre-professional careers. Ellington's unique partnership with the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and The George Washington University provides significant opportunities to the students, faculty, and staff. www.ellingtonschool.org

Calendar Listing — STAGE

Duke Ellington School of the Arts presents **The Wiz** by Ken Harper, adapted from the original book **The Wonderful Wizard of Oz** by Frank Baum. Book by William F. Brown with music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls.

Performance Dates:

Thur. Feb. 7 and Fri. Feb 8: 7:30pm

Sat., Feb. 9: 2:30pm, 7:30pm

Wed., Feb. 13: 7:30pm

Thur. Feb 14 and Fri. 15: 7:30pm

Location:

The Ellington Theatre

3500 R Street, NW

Washington, DC 20007

Admission:

Adults \$20.00 , Twelve and Under \$15.00

Tickets:

For ticket purchase and information, call the Ellington Box Office, **open 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**, at **202.337.4825** or visit www.ellingtonschool.org

VISA/MC/AMEX/DISCOVER cards accepted.

Description:

Join Dorothy as she journeys through Oz in the Duke Ellington School of the Arts' production of **The Wiz**. The classic tale *The Wonderful Wizard of Oz* by Frank Baum was smartly adapted into an urban musical in the 70's and remains a family favorite, bursting with soulful song and energetic dance.

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