

## WHO WE ARE

Hands In! is a Deaf Theatre fundraiser affiliated with Visual Effects Performing Arts (a registered 501c3 non-profit). We produce original works in American Sign Language with a special interest in jukebox musicals. All onstage acting is done in ASL, and is intended for a Deaf audience to enjoy without having to watch interpreters. That being said, we also have voice interpreters for any hearing patrons who may not know ASL. Anyone and everyone can enjoy our shows! We are committed to bringing family-friendly ASL shows to audiences of all ages, so bring the kids along!

Visual Effects, our parent organization, is a non-profit that serves the Deaf community in a variety of ways. A portion of our ticket sales go toward another V.E. project-- Camp D.O.V.E. (Deaf Outreach through Visual Effects). Camp D.O.V.E. is a retreat that provides an opportunity for deaf and hard-of-hearing youth to share a unique camping experience in a Christian environment. Camp D.O.V.E.'s program offers the opportunity for all campers ages 8 to Senior in high school, deaf and hearing alike, to experience fun and fellowship in the common bonds of ASL (American Sign Language). Campers enjoy a variety of activities like swimming, karate, dance, magic, arts and crafts, talent shows and games.

HANDS IN! PROUDLY PRESENTS

# NO PLACE LIKE HOME



**AN ASL RENDITION OF "THE WIZARD OF OZ"  
JULY 28TH-29TH, 2017**

## A WORD FROM THE DIRECTORS...

"I started learning sign language in high school, but within the last year, my love of ASL and Deaf culture has really grown since getting more involved in the local Deaf community! In addition to doing Deaf Ministry here at the BCM, I am a youth leader at Hebron Christian Church. These ministries are such a big part of my life right now, and I hope to further pursue Deaf ministry in the future. It has been such a blessing to work alongside these amazing actors who have poured so much of themselves into this show. I have been blown away by their commitment to learn the language, and share their new found love of Deaf culture with you all! I thoroughly hope you enjoy our rendition!"

-AMARA EDE

"Over the last year and a half I have discovered a passion for sign language. Before taking my first ASL class at UGA, I had never even met a Deaf person, but now I have made so many friends within the Deaf community, and my eyes have been opened to their vibrant culture. Sign language and Deaf culture have impacted my life in such a way that I hope to become a medical interpreter as well as a physician assistant so that I can serve the Deaf community by making healthcare more accessible to them. It's so exciting to see our cast discover their passion for sign language too. "No Place Like Home" has been a wonderful opportunity to spread Deaf awareness, work on ASL grammar, and enjoy sign language in a unique way. I can't imagine what my life would look like today if I had never taken that first ASL class, and I hope this show will inspire others to take that first step too."

-JAMI DILLARD

"I often find myself in awe of how God's plan can be so different from ours, but work so much better than anything we could come up with on our own. Two years ago, I only knew the signs for "TACO" and "JESUS" (coincidentally two of my favorite things) and I never dreamed that I could be a part of such a loving community. Over the course of those two years, I had the pleasure of meeting and communicating with the most wonderful individuals in their native language. Watching God work through American Sign Language changed how I see ministry and how I see people. This incredible cast has taught me so much in the span of two months, and my hope is that you leave today loving them as much as we do."

-HALEY BEACH

## MEET THE CAST

Nikki Dhinoja.....	Dorothy
Logan Gruenenfelder.....	Toto
Laura Blankenship.....	Lion
Adam Tarver.....	Tin Man
Connor Griffin.....	Scarecrow
Luke Bundrum.....	Young Tin Man/Wizard
Zack Jarrell.....	Young Tin Man/Wizard
Morgan Crawford.....	Witch
Susanna Healy.....	Glinda
Leah Sutton.....	Gatekeeper
Shermaine Cox.....	Yellow Brick Road/Tornado
Elizabeth Harris.....	Munchkin Dancer
Lilly Powell.....	Munchkin Dancer
Abigail Dennis.....	Talking Munchkin
Jack Rudow.....	Talking Munchkin
Parker McAllum.....	Talking Munchkin
Tjay Williams.....	Toto/Wizard (Voice)
Ansley Nedza.....	Dorothy (Voice)
Stephen Drane.....	Tin Men/Munchkin (Voice)
Elizabeth Parmer.....	Glinda/Witch (Voice)
Taylor Fitzpatrick.....	Lion/Gatekeeper (Voice)
Brittany Cotton.....	Scarecrow (Voice)



## MEET THE CREW

Mary Ray.....	Choreographer
Katie Greenway.....	Tech Extraordinaire
Jillian Erickson.....	Tech Extraordinaire
Kenneth Brock.....	Tech Extraordinaire
Amara Ede.....	Director
Jami Dillard.....	Director
Hailey Beach.....	Director