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Actors' Views

My Part in the Wizard of Oz - 5I

The Wizard of Oz was a great choice because it's fun and energetic. I was given the part of the scarecrow and was happy about that as that was who I wanted to play. The only bad thing about it was that I had to keep falling over and that hurt!
Lily Canetty-Clark

I was the Wicked Witch of the West and she is wicked - not nice at all! She is scary and ugly but powerful. She will stop at nothing to kill Dorothy. I had to wear a pointy black hat and a dress with a scarf and of course, a broomstick. When Dorothy's house fell and killed her sister she wants to kill Dorothy but she sees that Dorothy is strong and has friends and that will make her job a lot harder.

Jenny Bolden

I am the sorceress of the North and I own the Land of the Gillikins. I am good, kind and loving. When the Munchkins call me (because a house has just landed upon the Wicked Witch of the East) we get to know Dorothy, a kind and honest girl who discovers wonders that she would only dream about in Kansas.

Imogen Bassett

I liked the bit when Jenny Bolden was playing the witch and laughed liked a witch.

Marcus Rowe

In the play I played the part of the Tinman. I liked playing this part and wearing the suit and holding the axe.

Bobby Maclean