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**HARRISBURG CHRISTIAN PERFORMING ARTS CENTER'S PRODUCTION OF *THE WIZ***

PERFORMANCES: JULY 17,18, 24-26

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**Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center Presents "*The Wiz*"**

Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center's (HCPAC) production of *The Wiz* will scoop audiences into a tornado of colorful characters and soulful songs and deposit them into the land of Oz with this fun performance on July 17, 18, 24 & 25 at 7:00PM, and a Sunday matinée at 2:30PM on July 26. All performances are held at Greater Harrisburg Youth for Christ, 1000 South Eisenhower Boulevard, ¼ mile north of the Turnpike Administration Building. \$8-\$13 reserved seating tickets are now available online at [www.arts.hbgyfc.org/TheWiz](http://www.arts.hbgyfc.org/TheWiz) or by calling (717) 939-9333.

With a unique soulful sound, and a lot of heart, *The Wiz* is a bright and bold re-telling of the well-known "Wizard of Oz" tale by L. Frank Baum. Audiences will follow in the dancing footsteps of the Yellow Brick Road as it leads Dorothy and all her new found friends through many adventures in Oz, including meeting munchkins, battling flying monkeys, chatting with the wizard and above all, learning to believe in herself and find her way to a Brand New Day and Home!

Undertaking his debut directing performance at HCPAC, artistic director, Seth Martin, has been challenging and guiding a cast of over 120 students and adults as they "ease on down the road" toward their anticipated opening. The funky and fun musical score has had the cast singing and swinging diligently while learning the many songs and dance numbers under the competent direction of Carina Bolton, Music Director and Megan Griener, Choreographer. With players that

range in age from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade to adult, HCPAC productions offer a professional and educational experience to these artists, guiding and partnering with them to create theatrical masterpieces!

Harrisburg Christian Performing Arts Center is an intra-denominational, educational theater outreach to the students and young adults of the mid-state. HCPAC will present 10 major theatrical productions in the upcoming season and takes great pride in the high level of training they offer to students of the greater Harrisburg area. For more information concerning HCPAC, their year-round schedule of events and/or tickets for ***The Wiz***, please call (717) 939-9333.