



## Shawnee Playhouse, Celebrating Its 45th Season, Presents A Christmas Wizard Of Oz

By Shawnee Playhouse

Shawnee on Delaware, PA – The Shawnee Playhouse, celebrating its forty-fifth season, presents A Christmas Wizard of Oz, from December 6th through December 21st, 2024. Directed by Midge McClosky, this magical and festive musical stars young, local talent from The Poconos, including Averie Cameron as Dorothy, Sebastian Garry as Toto, Sebastian Pariso as Snowman, Daniel Stone as Toy Soldier, Chase Cameron as Stuffed Lion, and Kasper Valentin as Mrs. Gulch/Wicked Witch of the West. This delightful, musical rendition that puts a festive, holiday spin on a beloved family classic also showcases Lizzy Kesselring as Glinda the Good Witch/Mrs. Jingles, Cara Heferman as Elfin Burly/Woody/Rosie, Kara John as Elfin Curly/Shady/Rudy, Autumn Gagliardo as Elfin Jo/Aunt Em, and Christopher Cameron as The Wizard of Oz.

A snow blizzard carries Dorothy and Toto to Magical Elfinland, where they meet Glinda, the Good Witch of the North Pole. Dorothy and Toto must get home in time to open their Christmas presents in the morning, so they set off to meet the Wizard of Oz, who lives in the Great Palace of Toys, while they also attempt to defeat The Wicked Witch of The West, who is determined to get her hands on Dorothy's ruby red snow boots. On their journey, they meet a Snowman in search of a brain, a Tin Soldier looking for a heart, and a Stuffed Lion, sadly overpriced, and desperate for some courage.

Is that man behind the curtain really Santa Claus? Will he grant the five traveling friends the gifts that they so desire? Will the Wizard help Dorothy get back to Kansas in time for Christmas? Through their adventures, these five companions learn that the true treasures of Christmas are friendship, family, and love, and that nothing in life is more important than wisdom, true benevolence, and bravery. This uplifting musical will warm the hearts of children and adults of all ages, as they are gently reminded that there's no place like home for the holidays.

Produced by Charles and Ginny Kirkwood, and under the executive direction of Midge McClosky, A Christmas Wizard of Oz also features a veteran technical team, including Midge McClosky as director, Isabella Cameron as choreographer, Anastasia Cameron as costumer, Marie Steeger as stage manager, Kenneth Card as promotional photographer, Robert McClosky as media manager, and Samantha Cameron as press writer. During select performances, this wonderful holiday show, chock-full of Christmas Spirit, will also showcase local dancers from Poconos Best Dance Studio, The School of Visual and Performing Arts, and Fusia Dance Center.

**Showtimes, dates, and ticket prices are as follows:**

**10:00am: December 6th, 13th, and 20th**

**11:00am: December 7th, 14th, and 21st**

**7:00pm: December 21st**

Tickets are \$13.00 each, for this fun-for-all ages musical. Meal-and-a-Show tickets are \$28.00 for children ages four through twelve years old, and \$43.00 for teenagers and adults.

For more information on show dates, times, and to purchase tickets online, please visit The Shawnee Playhouse at [www.shawneeplayhouse.org](http://www.shawneeplayhouse.org). If you need further assistance, please call the Shawnee Playhouse Box Office at 570-421-5093. Enjoy the show!



## Boscola Bulletin

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## Boscola Announces Two Northampton County Non Profits to receive 80 Laptop Computers through Digital Connectivity Technology Program

By Senator Lisa Boscola

BETHLEHEM (November 21, 2024) – Senator Lisa M. Boscola (D-Northampton) announced today that Women of Excellence Bethlehem and the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity have been awarded laptop computers by the PA Broadband Development Authority (PBDA) through the Digital Connectivity Technology Program (DCTP).

“In today's world access to appropriate technology such as laptops is crucial for our citizens to further their education, seek workforce training and to seek necessary health care,” Senator Boscola stated. “Through the Digital Connectivity Technology program, the Commonwealth is providing access to this technology through the awards to Women of Excellence Bethlehem and the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity.”

Today's awards by the PA Broadband Development Authority will provide Women of Excellence Bethlehem 50 laptops and the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity 30 laptops.

“Women of Excellence Bethlehem, would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the PA Broadband Development Authority for the award of this needed technology,” Dr. Enid P. Jackson, CEO of Women of Excellence Bethlehem said. “These laptops will allow us to better serve children, families and our community. We believe unity generates a higher productivity in any community.”

“The thirty new laps received from the Capital Project Fund Digital Connectivity Technology Program will have a significant and positive impact on the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity's service area,” stated Holly Bennett, Executive Director of the Memorial Library of Nazareth and Vicinity. “The new technology will enable our organization to address the critical issue of limited digital access, which currently hinders digital literacy and access to vital information. With this support, we will be able to grow our partnership with the Northampton County Digital Navigation Coalition by offering learning opportunities to help bridge the digital divide in our community. This collaboration will empower individuals to better navigate the digital world, enhancing their personal, educational, and professional opportunities.”

The Digital Connectivity Technology Program provides laptops to non-profits, community anchor institutions, and governments who will then loan or make the laptops available to Pennsylvanians to improve education, workforce development, health, and employment outcomes.

The Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority (PBDA), created by Act 96 of 2021, is an independent agency of the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). PBDA is responsible for creating a statewide broadband plan and distributing federal and state monies for broadband expansion projects in unserved and underserved areas of Pennsylvania. The Authority focuses on closing Pennsylvania's digital divide so all residents can get connected to affordable and reliable high-speed broadband internet at home, at work, or on the road.