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COLLEGE ANNOUNCES 2012 PRODUCTION

Following the success of the critically acclaimed 'Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street', Yeovil College is delighted to announce that its 2012 production will be '**The Wiz: The Super Soul Musical**'.

Inspired by 'The Wizard of Oz', 'The Wiz' brings L. Frank Baum's fantastical story into the 21st century with a lively score of Motown, gospel and soul music and a modern, urban setting.

It tells the story of Dorothy, who feels trapped by life in rural Kansas and dreams of places beyond the horizon. Swept away during a tornado, she finds herself in the weird and wonderful land of Oz. On the advice of the Good Witch of the North, she puts on the Wicked Witch of the East's magical silver shoes and takes to the Road of Yellow Brick. With the Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion, she finds dazzles and danger in the fantastical land. But will she learn to believe and find her way home?

Auditions are currently taking place to cast Yeovil College students in roles immortalised by performers as varied as Diana Ross, Michael Jackson and, of course, Judy Garland.

Performing Arts lecturer and show director Ben Woof said "*We were absolutely delighted by everyone's response to last year's show. Ticket sales went up by 25% and the reviews were fantastic. We're very grateful to everyone for their support. The students worked really hard and it showed in their performances at the Octagon Theatre. This year, we've decided to produce a twist on a classic featuring a fantastic range of Motown, gospel, soul, jazz and rock music. We're sure the show will get audiences tapping their toes all the way along the Road of Yellow Brick!*"

'**The Wiz: The Super Soul Musical**' will be on at the Octagon Theatre in February 2012. Tickets will go on sale early next month.

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