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ROC City Players Perform *The Wiz*

Who:

Students in the Rochester City School District

What:

Performance of *The Wiz*

When:

Friday, April 4, 2025, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 5, 2025, 3:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 6, 2025, 3:30 p.m.

Where:

Padilla High School at the Franklin Campus

950 Norton Street

Rochester, NY 14621

Details:

Students from 13 RCSD schools are bringing *The Wiz* to life in a fully student-driven production this weekend. From acting and singing to set design, lighting, and sound, these talented performers in grades 7 – 12 are running the show, literally.

Adding to the excitement, this marks the first time an RCSD band will perform live “in the pit” to accompany the production. The band is comprised of RCSD staff and student musicians.

Founded in 2017, ROC City Players is the District’s premier student theatre group, co-founded by former RCSD Director of Arts Dominic Pickard, District Musical Director Taylor Johnson, and Eric Williamson. Johnson, a music teacher at John James Audubon School No. 33, and Williamson, a music teacher at The Children’s School of Rochester School No. 15, continue to lead the program.

Previous productions by the ROC City Players include *Beauty and the Beast*, *Shrek*, *Newsies Jr.*, and *Mary Poppins Jr.*