YESOS “The Wizard of Oz” August 2010 – this is what they said…..

I watched "Wizard” last night and really enjoyed it. You have all obviously worked very hard and it showed. The Show does start slowly - that's just the way it is - but after that it really got going. Some of the Principals were tremendous - it is unfair to pick anyone out but Grace Oxenham was brilliant and Matthew Beasley was superb - you would never guess he is only 17 years old. It is as always lovely to see so many young people enjoying themselves and it will be worth the hard work just to see that as well as helping ESOS for the future. It was a treat to watch and I hope that the rest of the week goes just as well - enjoy it. (Thurs night)

We loved the show last night and I'm looking forward to bringing my parents tomorrow (Thurs night)

It was fantastic! A really great performance from everyone, including the dog!

I loved Lizzie’s understated interpretation of Dorothy, so much more pleasant to watch than the shrill, ‘excitable little girl’ version in the film, and very ‘real’. She was amazing - she performed superbly AND managed to handle the dog as well. Well done!

Excellent production. I thought that the chorus was much better worked up than is usual for youth shows - each group keeping very good time. (Sat mat)

Just had some feedback from a friend who went last night - she said it was better than the annual pantomime! So well done YESOS! (Thurs night)

Congratulations to you for achieving a brilliant show. The Mayor & Mayoress really enjoyed it - the Mayoress has acted in musicals in her younger days. There are some definite future stars among the cast. Let's hope we see more of them when they're a bit older! The costumes were excellent - and SO MANY OF THEM! Well done, Louise! If I have an overall comment, it would be to try to get the youngsters (with some honourable exceptions) to speak slower, and not drop the ends of their lines. Some of what they're saying doesn't carry beyond about Row E, which is a pity. Altogether, great fun, very well put over. Thanks again! (Sat evening)

“Well done” to all it was an amazing show and I look forward to working with you all again. (Sat mat)

I thought the whole production was amazing especially given the short time you had in which to put it together.

I loved the Wizard of Oz! I went to the Saturday evening performance and thought it was extremely slick and seamlessly directed. The acting, singing and dancing was very impressive. Even though I knew many of the actors and actresses, I completely forgot I did, and fully invested in their characters :) Please pass along my congratulations on a brilliant performance. (Sat eve)

The Wizard Of Oz was a great spectacle and a great compliment to every last one of the cast and crew, who can be justifiably proud of their achievements. I left the Harlequin feeling I had been well entertained and was highly impressed at the sheer effort I had just witnessed. So here's one member of the audience who would like to compliment you all!

The show was truly amazing to watch, it is incredible to see the amount of talent that the youngsters have between them!

We thought the use of the cast members as the wind and the apple tree etc was excellent, and the Jitterbug dance superbly choreographed and very polished! We thought the girl playing Aunt Em and Glinda was very convincing as a kind, older woman and we marvelled at Dorothy's prowess at managing the dog whilst performing! Superb show, well done!

We all thought the show was a tremendous success!

Everyone I have spoken to loved the show and were thoroughly impressed with what we achieved. A few people from ELOC came too and loved it!

We all thought the show was fantastic. It was amazing that you managed to put such a professional performance on in such a short space of time. Well done to you all!

The Mayor and Mayoress enjoyed the Saturday evening performance and wrote the following letter to ESOS president, Mollie Greaves:

"My wife and I wanted to say how much we enjoyed our evening and the performance of 'The Wizard of Oz' on Saturday 7th August. The performance itself was quite outstanding, created by what was, without doubt, a very high degree of talent. The amount of sheer hard work that had been put in by all concerned was a major contribution to the success. Thank you for your kindness and hospitality. Yours sincerely, Barbara and David Pay."