## **Expect The UNexpected**

One of the most beloved stories and movies is about to be presented at one of Ohio's most acclaimed professional dinner theatres. Beginning August 27, you can join the <u>Carousel Dinner Theatre</u> in Akron as they transport audiences "Over the Rainbow" along the yellow brick road to the land of Oz. This interpretation promises to be faithful in essence to the 1939 cinematic masterpiece but at the same time feature new elements that have never before been seen. One of these is the use of puppets. The press-release also promises an audience interactive as Dorothy enters the Emerald City. As the artistic director, Sean Cercone states:

We (the creative team) have to understand that when the audience comes to see the show, you are entering with a certain expectation of what you are going to see and experience. THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUES IN DEVELOPING THIS SHOW FOR THE CAROUSEL STAGE.

Indeed, there have to be very few people with access to television, movie screen, or books who have before never encountered the fantasy created by Lyman Frank Baum and first published in 1900. As with any high profile and well-known work, audience expectations will be enormous.

You can follow the creative team on their quest to create their vision of *The Wizard of Oz* by reading Mr. Cercone's blog. Plus find ticket information on the theatre's website.

