



2024: Oz, the National Convention

Charlotte, North Carolina

Thursday, September 26 to Sunday, September 29

In collaboration with our friends at [CharlOz](#), the [International Wizard of Oz Club](#) is thrilled to present this year's Oz, the National Convention! Set in historic Charlotte, North Carolina, we will be celebrating a long weekend full of unforgettable Ozzy experiences!

Below, you will find the FULL schedule of all Oz events. Please note the following:

- **Purple/Bold: Oz Club-hosted events.**
- 😊: Oz Club presenter(s)
- ♦♦: Events for families and kids

Due to the packed schedule at these events, from Friday, September 27 to Sunday, September 29, there is multitrack programming. Locations are indicated on each individual event.

The most up-to-date CharlOz schedule can be found here: <https://charloz.charlotte.edu/schedule-2/>

Thursday, September 26

All-day event: Student art exhibition 'Oz Illustrations' (self-guided) in the Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery on the UNC Charlotte Main Campus.

Please note: All Gregory Maguire events will be held at the Knight Theater, which is a 15-minute walk, a 15-minute light rail ride, or 5-minute car ride from the convention hotel.

- **3:30 PM-5:30 PM: Convention registration in the hotel lobby. Art and writing contest entries available to view.**
- **6:15 PM: For those who want to walk over together, meet in the hotel lobby.**
- 😊 7:00 PM-7:05 PM: [Dina Massachi](#), Project Director for CharlOz (and Oz Club member!), welcomes everyone
- 7:05 PM - 9 PM: [Gregory Maguire](#) gives a [CharlOz Kick-Off welcome talk](#)
- 9:00 PM - 9:30 PM: [Gregory Maguire](#) book signing reception

For free tickets to [Gregory Maguire's](#) talk, please visit: <https://www.blumenthalarts.org/events/detail/charloz-gregory-maguire>

Friday, September 27

All-day events:

- Land of Oz exhibition (self-guided) running in the [Projective Eye Gallery](#).
- Student art exhibition 'Oz Illustrations' (self-guided) running in the Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery on the [UNC Charlotte Main Campus](#).
- Oz gameplay in [Area 49's Gaming Lab](#).

Please note: The majority of Friday's events will be held at UNC Charlotte's [J. Murrey Atkins Library](#). (The UNC Charlotte Campus can be easily accessed via a two-minute walk from the conference hotel to the accessible light rail station. The library is a 10-15 walk from the station on paved walkways.)

Events being held off-campus at [The Makerspace](#) are indicated in italics below. From the J. Murrey Atkins Library, the Makerspace is a 21-minute drive or a 75-minute trip on public transportation. From the convention hotel, the Makerspace is a 35-minute walk, a 6-minute drive, or a 35-minute trip on public transportation.

- **7:00 AM-8:30 AM: Convention registration in the hotel lobby. Art and writing contest entries available to view.**
- **8:24 AM-9:03 AM, 8:39 AM-9:18 AM, 8:54 AM-9:33 AM: Your choice of light rail trips to the UNC Charlotte campus—for those who want to, meet in the hotel lobby 10 minutes beforehand to walk to the station together. It is a two-minute walk to the 7th Street Station.**
- 😊 10:00 AM-10:05 AM: [Dina Massachi](#), Project Director of CharlOz, welcomes everyone ([Halton Reading Room](#))
- 😊 10:10 AM-10:30 AM: [T. Craft](#) talks about [work as the artistic director at Offsite Connecticut Theatre](#). (T3)
- 😊 10:10 AM-11:10 AM: [Janet K. Lee](#), [Eric Shanower](#) and others discuss the [process of creating Oz Characters](#) in a panel moderated by [Jessica Burke](#). ([Halton Reading Room](#))
- 😊 10:10 AM-11:05 AM: [Brady Schwind](#) talks about [The Wiz](#) and [Tom H. John](#). ([Visualization Lab](#))
- 😊 10:35 AM-11:05 AM: [Eric Gjovaag](#) talks about the [process of creating a definitive The Wizard of Oz website](#). (T3)
- 😊 11:10 AM-11:35 AM: [Ryan Bunch](#) talks about [his Oz and the Musical book](#). (T3)
- 😊 11:10 AM-12:05 PM: [Eric Shanower](#) talks about how he found a [career in Oz](#). ([Visualization Lab](#))
- 11:15 AM-12:15 PM: [Heather Greene](#) talks about the [story of the Wicked Witch and Glinda through cinematic history](#). ([Halton Reading Room](#))
- 11:40 AM-12:00 PM: [Anastasia Rose Hyden](#) discusses how the [Columbian Exposition influenced Baum's Oz series, particularly the Emerald City](#). (T3)
- Lunch options are available at the [on-campus food court](#).
- 😊 12:05 PM-12:35 PM: [Atticus Gannaway](#) talks about [Baum and the illustrators and publishers involved during the process of creating the original Oz series](#). (T3)
- 😊 12:10 PM-1:05 PM: [Brady Schwind](#) talks about [The Wiz](#) and [Tom John](#). ([Visualization Lab](#))
- 😊 12:20 PM-1:20 PM: [Angelica Shirley Carpenter](#) talks about [Matilda Joslyn Gage, a major leader in the early women's movement and L. Frank Baum's mother-in-law](#). ([Halton Reading Room](#))
- 12:40 PM-2:40 PM: [Drew Allison](#) offers a [hands-on tutorial](#).
- 1:10 PM-4:00 PM: The Wiz VR Experience. ([Visualization Lab](#))
- 😊 1:25 PM-2:15 PM: [Mark West](#), [Katharine Kittredge](#), [J. L. Bell](#), [Walter Squire](#), [Paige Gray](#), [Angelica Shirley Carpenter](#), [Gita Dorothy Morena](#), and [Dina Massachi](#) talk about [their book, The Characters of Oz](#), in a panel moderated by [Jane Albright](#). ([Halton Reading Room](#))
- 😊 2:20 PM-2:50 PM: [Jason Black](#) and [Jeff Walker](#) unpack scenes from [The Wonderful Wizard of Oz and The Wizard of Oz concerning the promise of discovering one's "fantastical home" and "chosen family"](#) as equipment for living in an uncertain and hazardous world. ([Halton Reading Room](#))
- 3:00 PM-3:30 PM: [Megan Lynn Isaac](#) talks about the [intersection of public authority and gender across the fourteen Oz novels](#). ([Halton Reading Room](#))
- 3:00 PM-4:00 PM: [Janet K. Lee](#) demonstrates how to [draw Oz Characters](#). ([The Makerspace](#))

- 😊 3:30 PM-4:00 PM: [J. L. Bell](#) talks about [governmental authority and the long line of literary scholarship about Oz as a utopia](#), to indicate patterns and show the meaning of monarchy in Baum's Oz. ([Halton Reading Room](#))
- 4:00 PM and after: **Light rail ride from UNC Charlotte campus back to 7th Street Station.**
- 5:00 PM-6:30 PM: [Eric Gjovaag](#) hosts Oz Trivia at the [Market at 7th Street](#). Join us for beginner- and expert-level Oz trivia, and enjoy a delicious dinner with Oz friends at the many fabulous options—and you can use your \$30 gift card that came with your Adventurer's Pass!
- 7:00 PM: **For those who would like to walk over as a group, meet in the hotel lobby to walk to the Charlotte Symphony (a 7-minute walk).**
- 7:30 PM-9:00 PM: **As part of the larger CharOz Festival, the Charlotte Symphony will be delivering a sweeping orchestral backing of the beloved 1939 film, The Wizard of Oz, being shown at the [Belk Theatre](#) (a two-minute walk from the convention hotel).**
- 9:00 PM-??: **Oz After Dark: A Membership Mingler with Membership Chair Zoe O'Haillin-Berne at [The Daily](#) (a 7-minute walk from the symphony). Come join us after the show to mingle and catch up! Make sure you come with your ideas, your recommendations, and how you think the Club could be even better!**

Saturday, September 28

All-day events:

- Vendors, themed food and drinks, and events at the [Market at 7th Street](#).
- Land of Oz exhibition (self-guided) running in the [Projective Eye Gallery](#).
- Student art exhibition 'Oz Illustrations' (self-guided) running in the Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery on the [UNC Charlotte Main Campus](#).
- ♦♦ Kids' Programming: Special CharOz Scavenger Hunt throughout [ImaginOn](#).
- ♦♦ Kids' Programming: Special CharOz crafts in the Story Jar Area in [ImaginOn](#)

Please note: The majority of Saturday's events will be held at [ImaginOn: the Joe and Joan Martin Center](#), which is a three-minute walk from the convention hotel.

- 7:00 AM-9:00 AM: **Registration in the hotel lobby. Art and writing contest entries available to view.**
- 9:45 AM: **For those who want to walk over together, meet in the hotel lobby.**
- 😊 10:00 AM-10:05 AM: [Dina Massachi](#), Project Director of CharOz, welcomes everyone.
- 😊 10:05 AM-11:00 AM: [Eric Shanower](#), [Amy Chu](#), and [Janet K. Lee](#) discuss [Oz in comics](#) in a panel moderated by [Michael Kobre](#). ([Wells Fargo Theatre](#))
- ♦♦ 10:30 AM-11:00 AM: Family Storytime: The Wizard of Oz features stories, songs, and movement activities. ([Spangler Library](#))
- 11:05 AM-12:00 PM: [Amy Chu](#) and [Janet K. Lee](#) talk about their [Sea Sirens and Sky Island graphic novels](#) and [Danielle Paige](#) talks about her [Dorothy Must Die series](#). ([Wells Fargo Theatre](#))
- ♦♦ 11:30 AM-12:00 PM: Puppet Show: No Place Like Home includes puppet shows, songs, and movement activities. ([Spangler Library](#))
- 12:00 PM-12:30 PM: **Oz Club auction preview (Mint Ballroom, DoubleTree by Hilton)**
- 12:05 PM-12:30 PM Book signings ([Wells Fargo Theatre](#))
- 12:30 PM-4:00 PM: **Oz Club auction, with Club auctioneer Bill Thompson (Mint Ballroom, DoubleTree by Hilton)**
- 😊 12:35 PM-1:30 PM: [Eric Shanower](#) talks about his [work in Oz](#) and [Angelica Shirley Carpenter](#) talks about her [L. Frank Baum and Matilda Gage biographies](#). ([Wells Fargo Theatre](#))
- 1:35 PM-3:30 PM: [James Ortiz's The Woodsman](#), with Q&A and puppet display. ([Wells Fargo Theatre](#))
- ♦♦ 2:00 PM-3:00 PM: Story Explorers: Meet the Land Of Oz as they explore stories in creative ways and feature special guests from the Land of Oz. ([Spangler Library](#))
- 4:00 PM-5:00 PM: **[Laura DeNooyer](#), "My Love Affair with L. Frank Baum (don't tell Maud) and Recipe for a Delicious Novel" (Discovery Ballroom, DoubleTree by Hilton)**

- 5:00 PM-5:45 PM: [Jane Albright](#), “Oz Dolls: 120 Years of Dorothy and Friends” (Discovery Ballroom, DoubleTree by Hilton)
- 6:00 PM-6:30 PM: Mingling and cash bar on the rooftop (DoubleTree by Hilton)
- 6:30 PM-8:00 PM: Gala rooftop dinner with all our Oz friends! [Click here](#) to learn how you can “Give What You Can!” to support our present and future and enjoy a face-to-face dinner with a fabulous Oz-lebrity! (DoubleTree by Hilton)
- 8:00 PM-9:00 PM: Evening program: [Michael Raabe](#), “OZ: A New Musical” (Discovery Ballroom, DoubleTree by Hilton)
- 9:00 PM-10:00 PM: [Randy Schmidt](#), “Mysteries of Oz: 85 Questions Answered” (Discovery Ballroom, DoubleTree by Hilton)

Sunday, September 29

All-day events:

- Themed food, drinks, and events at the [Market at 7th Street](#).
- Land of Oz exhibition (self-guided) running in the [Projective Eye Gallery](#).
- Student art exhibition ‘Oz Illustrations’ (self-guided) running in the Popp Martin Student Union Art Gallery on the [UNC Charlotte Main Campus](#).

Please note: The majority of Sunday’s events will be held at [The Dubois Center at UNC Charlotte Center City](#), which is an eight-minute walk from the convention hotel.

- **9:40 AM: For those who want to walk over together, meet in the hotel lobby.**
- 🤗 10:00 AM-10:05 AM: [Dina Massachi](#), Project Director of CharLOz, welcomes everyone. (Auditorium 1)
- 10:05 AM-10:35 AM: [Hiroe Suzuki](#) talks about [male characters in the Oz series who show care capability](#). (Auditorium 2)
- 🤗 10:05 AM-12:05 PM: Watch the [premiere of His Majesty, The Scarecrow of Oz](#), with music provided by [Ethan Uslan](#), and stay for [Nate Barlow’s](#) talk about his restoring process. (Auditorium 1)
- 🤗 10:40 AM-11:10 AM: [Judy Bieber](#) analyzes [representations of protective and nurturing father figures, and examines depictions of heteronormative marriage](#), which are infrequent and none too flattering. (Auditorium 2)
- 11:15 AM-11:45 AM: [Laurence Brenner](#) explores the movie [Return to Oz as a treatise on trauma, memory, and mental health](#). (Auditorium 2)
- 11:50 AM-12:20 PM: [Holly Humes](#) and [Vibiana Cvetkovic](#) talk about the [adaptation of the original The Wonderful Wizard of Oz into the novel The Hunger Games and the adaptation of the 1939 MGM Oz film into the 2012 film The Hunger Games](#). (Auditorium 2)
- 12:10 PM-1:05 PM: [Virginia Kantra](#) talks about [what it means for Dorothy Gale to be one of the first American heroines](#). (Auditorium 1)
- 🤗 12:25 PM-12:55 PM: [Eric Gjovaag](#) looks at how [math shows up in Oz, and also how Oz can be used to teach math](#). (Auditorium 2)
- 1:00 PM-1:55 PM: UNC Charlotte Musical Theatre Students [Ezra DeVane](#), [Reem Nour](#), [Caitlin O’Hagan](#), [Izzy Oyler](#), and [Trinity Turner](#) perform a [set of Oz songs](#). (Auditorium 2)
- 1:10 PM-2:10 PM: [Shundra Allison](#), [Elizabeth Cochran](#), [Jashonai Payne](#), [Marian Myers](#), and [Lynne Wiesecke](#) discuss [creating and implementing Oz curriculum](#) in a panel moderated by [Scott Gartlan](#). (Auditorium 1)
- 2:00 PM-4:00 PM: [Walter Squire](#) introduces [The Muppets’ Wizard of Oz film](#), which will be subsequently shown. (Auditorium 2)
- 2:15 PM-3:15 PM: [Gita Dorothy Morena](#), the great-granddaughter of L. Frank Baum, the great-granddaughter of Matilda Gage shares [personal stories about the impact of this powerful lineage](#). (Auditorium 1)
- 🤗 3:20 PM-3:50 PM: [Dina Massachi](#) and [Mark West](#) talk about [their new Oz publication](#). (Auditorium 1)
- 4:00 PM-6:00 PM: Reception for Land of Oz exhibition. (Projective Eye Gallery)