

THE WIZARD OF OZ

A VICTOR FLEMING
PRODUCTION - PRODUCED BY
MERVYN LE ROY

JOAN MARCUS
JULY
GARLAND
FRANK
MORGAN
RAY
BOLGER
BERT
LAHR
JACK
HALEY



Billie BURKE
Margaret HAMILTON
Charley GRAPEWIN
and The MUNCHKINS

METRO-GOLDWYN-MAYER'S
TECHNICOLOR TRIUMPH!

- Produced 1939
- Directed by Victor Fleming
- Based on book “The Wonderful Wizard of Oz” by L. Frank Baum

- Genre:
 - Fantasy
 - Sub-genre: Musical

Strange Facts:

- The *most expensive* Hollywood memorabilia:
“The Ruby Slippers”
valued in excess of \$1.5 million

Strange Facts:

- According to lead Munchkin Jerry Maren, the "little people" on the set were paid \$50 per week for a 6-day work week, while Toto received \$125 per week.

- Reception:
- Was Initially a box office failure.
- Most expensive MGM production to date and failed to recoup the studio investment.

- Reception:
- Telecasts began in 1956 and re-introduced the film to the public and eventually it became an annual tradition, making it one of the most famous films ever.