

Exploration of Witches in Oz: Heather Greene

The Wizard of Oz (1939) is one of the most beloved American films with a powerful imprint on pop culture. However, the film has another legacy. The film contains the most influential representations of witches in American cinema and television. Sabrina and the Sanderson Sisters can enjoy their spotlight, but the Wicked Witch and Glinda are the true visual, technical, and narrative inspirations.

This talk will discuss the story of the Wicked Witch and Glinda through American cinematic history, illustrating how MGM created a behemoth of a witch character that has woven her way through Hollywood's magical and magickal histories.