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### Oakland students walk to raise funds for theater, nonprofit

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Oakland — Oakland School for the Arts students will "Ease on Down the Road" — from the Fox Theater to Lake Merritt — to raise funds for Oakland-based nonprofit DeafHope and for the charter school's theatrical presentation of "The Wiz."

On Dec. 4, more than 500 OSA students, faculty and staff will make the four-mile trek from 18th Street and Telegraph Avenue and around the lake, aiming to raise \$50,000 through pledges for each walker. The proceeds will be split between the two organizations.

DeafHope was founded in 2003 by and for deaf women to combat domestic abuse and sexual assault against deaf women and children.

The Dec. 10-11 presentations of "The Wiz" will be OSA's first major stage production inside the historic Fox Theater. The OSA performance is based on the 1975 Broadway production of "The Wiz," a retelling of L. Frank Baum's "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" with an African-American spin. Tickets can be purchased at [www.oakarts.tix.com](http://www.oakarts.tix.com) and are \$30 for VIP seats, \$20 for general admission and \$10 for seniors and students.

The "Ease on Down the Road" walk-a-thon begins at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 4 at Oakland's Fox Theater, 1807 Telegraph Ave.

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