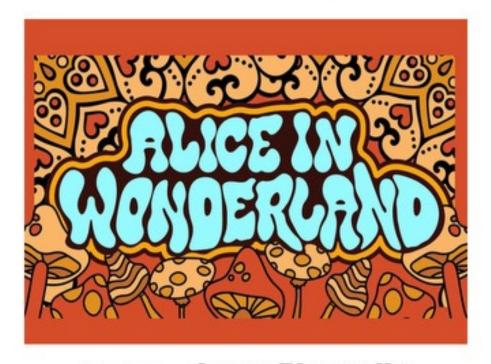


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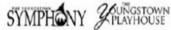
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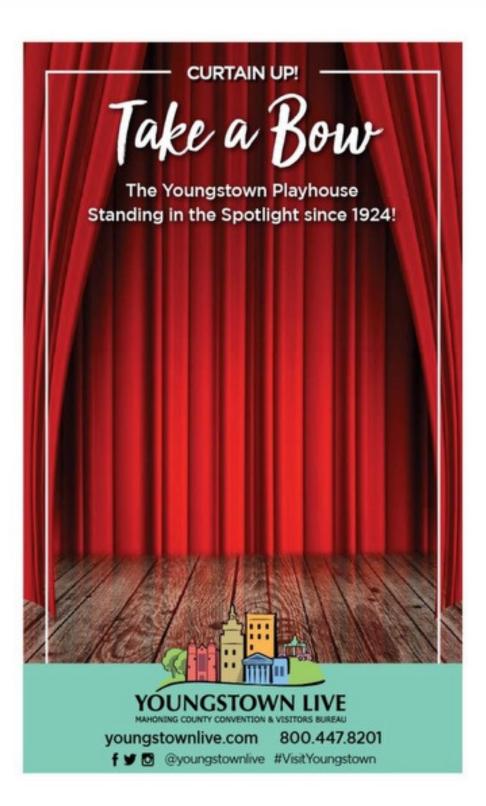
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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

On behalf of the creative team, crew, and cast, it is my great honor to welcome you to The Youngstown Playhouse's very own Wonderland. It has been so rewarding to work with such a dedicated, kind, and talented group of young individuals who are never short on ideas. The Youngstown Playhouse was so fortunate to receive a grant this year for the Youth Program. In light of this, Alice in Wonderland now has American Sign Language Interpreters for every showing. In preparation for our interpreters, the cast has been learning American Sign Language on top of their other acting lessons. This cast is deserving of every laugh, round of applause, or gasp that you give. Every cast member has embraced their character(s) in ways that we hope you can embrace becoming an audience member and a Wonderland citizen too.

Originally published in 1865, the story of Alice and her friends has entertained readers and audiences of all ages for generations. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is known to be one of the most famous children's books in England. As a twist on a "coming of age" story, the audience will chuckle and maybe even shed a tear as Alice discovers who she truly is. It is curious how such a classic tale can come in so many shapes and sizes! This version of Alice in Wonderland, adapted by John Pizzarello and starring the talent of Youngstown's youth, is sure to keep you on the edge of your seat. This tale reminds us that even when things get a little wacky, each and every person (or egg, or frog, or rabbit, or flower, or...) is full of wonder.

We invite you to immerse yourself in the crazy, wild, and entertaining world that we call Wonderland. Make sure to stop in the lobby for concessions- what is a tea party without a proper beverage? Please ensure that you keep all belongings away from the isles- the Queen has been known to step on toes. And, from the bottom of our hearts to the tips of our flower petals, we thank you all for falling down this rabbit hole with us.

Eden Lesnansky



Sydney Rose, We are so proud of all your accomplishments. We can't wait to see you on stage, shining like the true star you are. Good luck and break a leg We love you! Love, Mom, Dad, Tyler, Grandma, Aunt Cathy, & Bentley

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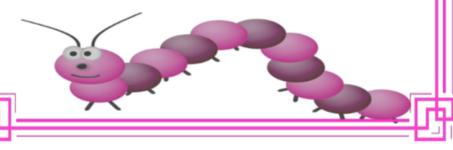
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ON HER DEBUT AS ALICE, AND TO
ALL OF THE INCREDIBLE CAST AND
CREW OF
WONDERLAND!
WE ARE SO LOOKING FORWARD
TO THIS JOURNEY DOWN THE
RABBIT HOLE! CHEERS TO ALL,
AND BREAK A LEG!
LOVE, MOM, DAD, & BENJAMIN

Alex,

you amaze us every day. Your continued passion for theatre and music is infectious and admirable. We love watching you fuel your passion on the stage. Continue working hard in all you do. Keep reaching for the stars, there are no limits! We are so proud of you! Break a leg! Love always -Mom, Dad & Ricky



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To our Connor,

We are so proud of all you accomplish. You shine on the stage and we love seeing you perform.

Love,

Mom & Dad & Noah

Trudi,

We are so proud of our Alice!

Break a leg!

Love, your Cousins and biggest fans:

Sullivan, Reigby, BB, and Sunny

Audrie, Congratulations on your first role! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad, 4 Sam We are so proud
of you, Trud!
Love,
Aunt Heather,
Uncle Erick,
Elizabeth 4 David

Donovan,
We always enjoy watching
you have so much
fun on stage.
We love you and are so
proud of you.
Break a leg!
Mom & Dad

Sydnie,
you are beautiful,
amazing, smart,
and a superstar!
We are so proud of
you! Keep following
your heart!
We love you!
Always!
Dad, Mom, &
Kassadie





Adrien,
Congratulations on
your first
performance!
Have a great time.
We love you,
Grammy, Grumpy,
& Uncle Gomy

Trudi,
"Beware of the Jabberwocky..." or,
break a leg!
Love, Aunt Sarah, Uncle Kevin,
Casey, & Norah

Trudi "K"
Congratulations on being our
Alice in Wonderland!
Kudos to you!
Your hard work is paying off!
Good luck to you and the entire cast!
Break a leg!
We love you, Mimi & Mont

For our granddaughter, Alex, The star of the family!

We love you!

Break a leg!

Love - Nammy & Papa

We are Proud of you, Fallon! Have fun and break a leg! Love, Mom, Dad, & Donavan

NINA,
In a world full of
roses, be a
DAISY!
Wishing you a
huge
congratulations on
this special
milestone!
Love you so much,
Your Family

Izabella, you are amazing and inspiring.

Keep using that imagination!!

Love,

Mum & Dad

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Adrien,
I love you and
I'm so proud
of you!
Daddy

Ellie,
We are alWays
proud of you!
Break a leg!
Love, Mom & Dad

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THE YOUNGSTOWN PLAYHOUSE

600 Playhouse Lane
Presents
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ALICE IN WONDERLAND

Adapted by Jason Pizzarello
From the stories of Lewis Carroll
Directed by Eden Lesnansky

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(in order of appearance)



ACE JOHNSON (White Rabbit) is a freshman at Hubbard High School. He has performed in Seussical (Mr. Mayor), Excalibur High (Uther), Aladdin (Sultan), and Game of Tiaras (Prince Charming). Outside of school and performing, Ace likes to read, learn, and ski. When he finishes high school he would like to be an engineer. Ace would like to thank his family, dog, and Trudi for getting him through rehearsal every day.



TRUDI HERRHOLTZ (Alice) is a freshman at Lakeview High School. Her favorite roles have been Martha in A Christmas Carol, Woodstock in You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, Twins Bea/Lisa in Disaster!, and Gwenivere in Excalibur High. Outside of school and performing, Trudi likes to read, golf, and sing! When she finishes school she would like to be an actress. Trudi would like to thank her friends, and family - especially Mom, and Ace for getting her through rehearsals every day.



LILLIAN GERST (Second Alice, Student Director) See production team bios



REMMINGTON PLAYFORTH (Old Squirrel/ Humpty Dumpty) is a sophomore at MCCTC. This is his first show! Outside of school, Remmington likes to research various topics. When he finishes school he would like to be a Wildlife Biologist or actor. Remmington would like to thank Harley and his best friend for their support.



MILO HART (Fish Footman) is a 5th grader at St. Rose. He has performed in Newsies. Outside of school and performing, Milo likes to ski and play football. When he grows up, he would like to be a chemical engineer. Milo would like to thank his mom and grandma for getting him to practice, his sisters who are also in the show, and his family.



SYDNIE SCHOENING (Duchess) is a 7th grader at Howland, She has performed in All About That Baby, Little Drummer Dude, and most recently, The Christmas Carol. Outside of school and performing, Sydnie likes reading, singing, and hanging out with her family and dog. When she finishes school she would like to be an actress. Sydnie would like to thank Eden, Isa, her friends, and family for their support!



THEO HART (Cook/Card Gardener) is a 5th grader at St. Rose. She has performed in The Irish How They Got That Way, and Newsies Jr. Outside of school and performing, Theo likes to read, play, jump on the trampoline, and watch videos. When she grows up, she would like to be an actor. Theo would like to thank her mom, dad, Rachel, Tom, her sisters Mara and Kamdyn, brother Milo, grandma, and family for their support.



IZABELLA KREKUS (Cheshire Cat) is a junior at Ursuline High School. She has performed in Newsies Jr. (Wisel), Seussical (Cat in the Hat), Mary Poppins (Mary Poppins), and ensemble for Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat and Jesus Christ Superstar. Outside of school and performing, Izabella likes to play her guitar and drum kit, draw, write poetry, and hang out with friends. She would like to go to college to be a forensic pathologist or a criminal psychologist. Izabella would like to thank her mother and father for always supporting her in her theatrical endeavors.



MATT DUSTER (Mad Hatter) is a senior at MCCTC. They have performed in Willy Wonka Jr., Big Fish, Oliver, Moana Jr., and Jekyll and Hyde. Outside of school and performing, Matt likes to listen to music, cook, and play D&D. When they finish school they would like to be a professional chef or actor. Matt would like to thank their friends, family, and all of their past directors.



FINLAY ANDREI (March Hare/Frog Footman) is a sophomore at MCCTC. They have performed in Newsies Jr., We Will Rock You, Excalibur High, The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, Jekyll & Hyde, Elf The Musical, and It's A Wonderful Life - The Musical. Outside of school and performing, they like to read about history, music, science, and art. When they finish school, they would like to be a Norland nanny. They would like to thank their wonderful past directors and theatregeck mom for their support.



JUNIPER MEESE (Dormouse) is a 5th grader at Canfield Village Middle School. She has performed in The Muppet Show with her school's drama club. Outside of school and performing, Juniper likes to write stories, sing, draw, solve puzzles, cook, and listen to music. She would like to be an actor or writer when she grows up. Juniper would like to thank her mom, Melissa, for her support.



SYDNEY LITTLETON (Tiger Lily/Executioner) is a junior at Lowellville High School. She has performed in Puffs, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and Miracle on Easy Street. Outside of school and performing, Sydney likes to listen to music, watch movies, and edit videos. When she finishes school she would like to be a film editor. Sydney would like to thank her parents, her grandma, Eden, and Isa for this opportunity, and Ms. D for helping her rediscover her love of theater. Sydney would also like to dedicate her performance to her grandpa John

and Aunt Margie.



AUDRIE ROSTAN (Rose) is a 5th grader at Poland McKinley Middle School. She has performed in church programs and school plays. Outside of school and performing, Audrie likes to rollerblade, draw, crochet, play video games, and hang out with friends. She would like to be a teacher or digital animator when she grows up. Audrie would like to thank her parents, Eden and Isa, and her friends for their support.



NINA BOYER (Daisy) is a 4th grader at Girard. She has performed in The Nutcracker as a dancer. Outside of school and performing, she likes to swim and dance. Nina would like to thank her mom, dad, and brother for their support.



THOMAS WILSON (Tweedle Dee/King of Hearts) is a freshman at Youngstown Early College. He has performed in Frozen Jr. and Lion King Jr.. Outside of school and performing, Thomas likes to play video games, hang out with friends, and read. When he finishes school he would like to be anything in the film industry. Thomas would like to thank his aunt for her connections, his mom and dad for always being here, and his grandmother for listening to him, and for their support.



DONOVAN STRINGER (Tweedle Dum/King of Hearts) is a freshman at Warren G. Harding. He has performed in Excalibur High (Sir Kay), Newsies Jr. (Specs/Teddy Roosevelt), and Fiddlesticks (various roles). Outside of school, Donovan likes to play the flute in the marching band, cook and sing. When he graduates he would like to be a Tweedle. Donovan would like to "thank my parents, friends, and family for their support."



ALEX COOK (Caterpillar/General) is a 5th grader at Canfield Village Middle School. She has performed in Willy Wonka Jr. (Yercua), Wizard of Oz Kids (Dorothy Gale), Annie Jr. (Molly), Aladdin Jr. (Rajah), Newsies Jr. (JoJo), and The Muppet Show (Miss Piggy). Outside of school and performing, Alex likes to sing, dance, cheer, read, and hang out with friends. When she grows up, she would like to be a dermatologist and be on Broadway. Alex would like to thank Eden, Isa, and her family for their support.



CAIA M COLMON (Card Gardener) is a 1st grader at Horizon Science Academy. This is her first show! Outside of school and performing, Caia likes to sing and dance, play Roblox, and bake with her mom. When she grows up, she would like to be a rock star! Caia would like to thank her mommy, grandma, and family for their support.



MARA HART (*Card Gardener*) is a 1st grader at St. Rose. This is her first show! Outside of school and performing, Mara likes to jump on the trampoline, play Roblox, and watch videos. When she grows up, she would like to be a veterinarian. Mara would like to thank her dad, mom, Rachel, Tom, her sisters, Theo and Kamdyn, and brother, Milo.



MARISSA McKENZIE (Queen of Hearts) is a freshman at Achievement House Cyber Charter School. She has performed in *The Crucible* at New Castle Playhouse and *The Addams Family* at Union Area High School. Outside of school and performing, Marissa likes to crochet, play piano, and read. When she finishes school she would like to be a director and professional actress. Marissa would like to thank Mary Ann Mangini and her mother for their support.



CONNOR FITZPATRICK (Knave of Hearts) is a 5th grader at Howland Intermediate. He has performed in Seussical Jr., Wizard of Oz, Aladdin Jr., Christmas Carol, Romeo & Juliet, Excalibur High, and Improv shows. Outside of school and performing, Connor likes to take voice lessons at Amanda Beagle Vocal Studios, write stories, and participate in various theater activities at Harts School for Performing Arts. When he grows up, he would like to be many things including an actor, author, and writer. Connor would like to thank his mom and dad for driving him to rehearsals, Aman-

da Beagle and Shiloh Hart for helping him with acting, and his family for their support.



ELLIE MOLITERNO (Ensemble) is a 5th grader at Girard. She has performed in The Wizard of Oz and Aladdin Jr.. Outside of school and performing, Ellie likes to play with friends, read books, and watch TV. She would like to be an actor or teacher when she grows up. Ellie would like to thank her family, Eden and Isa.



FALLON SULLIVAN (Ensemble) is a 1st grader at Austintown. This is her first show! Outside of school and performing, Fallon likes to do crafts and play with dolls. When she grows up, she would like to be a UFO Researcher. Fallon would like to thank her director, Eden, and stage manager, Isa. Fallon would also like to thank her parents for their support.



CORALINE COLLINS (Ensemble) is a 3rd grader.

This is her first show! Outside of school and performing, she
likes to craft, play, and spend time with family. Coraline would
like to thank her mom, dad, River, and the rest of her family for
their support.



LOUIS ZIAS (Ensemble) is a 2nd grader at West. This is his first show! Outside of school and performing, he liked to play soccer. When he grows up, he would like to be a doctor. Louis would like to thank his family for their support.



MAVEN BURICK (*Ensemble*) is a 1st grader. She has performed in *The Princess with No Name*, *A Mad Tea Party*, and *The Nutcracker Ballet*. Maven would like to thank Mom, Dad, and her family for their support.



EMELIA CVENGROS (Ensemble) is a kindergartener at Champion. This is her first show! Outside of school and performing, Emelia likes to play outside with her friends, play piano, and do gymnastics. When she grows up, she would like to be a vet, a teacher, a scientist, and a horse rider. Emelia would like to thank her family for their support.



ADRIEN BONNER (Ensemble) is a kindergartener at McGuffey. This is his first show! Outside of school and performing, Adrien likes to sing at church, watch TV, and eat peanut butter & jelly. When he grows up, he would like to be a builder. Adrien would like to thank Grammy for their support.



Juniper,

Your hard work and dedication to this show is inspiring. I'm so proud of you and I love you so very much.

Mom

Congratulations to Trudi, the greatest actress and singer we know! Love, Grandma & Grandpa

EDEN LESNANSKY (*Director*) is so happy to welcome you all to Wonderland! She is incredibly honored to be directing for the first time with such amazing people. Eden has been an active member of The Youngstown Playhouse Youth Program through learning, performing, and teaching. Some performance and backstage credits through the Playhouse and other local theaters include Excalibur High, Robinhood, Treasure Island, Peter Pan, Journey to Ohio, Misery, and more. A few teaching credits include "Tiny Talents" and "Signing and Song" through The Youngstown Playhouse and Stambaugh Auditorium. Eden has continued her love for magic and theatre through performing for Heroes and Tiaras. An Honors student at Youngstown State University, Eden works as a consultant at the Writing Center. Through this job, she performed Love is an Open Door using American Sign Language at the 2023 International Writing Centers Association Conference, Eden would like to thank her family, production team, crew, and cast for their above-and-beyond work and support of her insane ideas, as well as those who gave her the opportunities to grow as a creative artist. She would also like to thank Jim Canacci for inspiring her and showing her what a great director can do. Finally, Eden thanks the Tweedle Dum to her Tweedle Dee, Isa Foltz, for being the best partner in crime. Thank you all and enjoy your trip into Wonderland!

LILLIAN GERST (Second Alice/Student Director) is a sophomore at Canfield High School and has had a love for theatre and being on stage since she was a young child. Although this is her first time as a student director, she considers The Youngstown Playhouse a second home as she has spent many years there in various productions. She first appeared onstage at the age of 4 in the Akron Children's Hospital American Girl doll fundraiser. By 5, she was a mini rascal with Easy Street Productions in their Miracle on Easy Street Christmas show which she continued to perform in as a rascal until 2019. Her past shows at The Youngstown Playhouse include The Little Prince, Treasure Island, Robin Hood, Frozen Jr., and Gone Away Place. She has also appeared in The Velveteen Rabbit, The Little Mermaid Jr. (CVMS Drama Club), Matilda (Easy Street Productions), Journey To Ohio (Kent State Trumbull), and Freaky Friday (Stage Left Players). Along with her love for theatre, Lillian also enjoys singing and music. She has taken voice and piano lessons with Rick Blackson and participated in her school's choir for over four years. She is currently in her high school's all-female select choir, "One Octave Higher." Along with Alice In Wonderland, Lillian will soon be performing in the Canfield High School choir's annual Dinner Theater fundraiser in the select ensemble. She will also be in Newsies for the Canfield Players this upcoming March in multiple featured roles. In addition to theatre and singing, Lillian is also on her high school soccer team and has been playing the sport for 10 years. Lillian would like to thank her amazing cast mates for being fun and easy to work with, her past directors for teaching her everything she knows, and her current director and stage manager for giving her this opportunity to not only be in this show but to also serve as student director. Lastly, she would like to thank her wonderful family and friends for always supporting her and encouraging her to work hard.



JIM CANACCI (Lighting Designer) has been involved with lighting design for middle -school, high-school, university, and community productions for nearly 35 years, yet this is the first time he's designed lights for a main-stage production at The Youngstown Playhouse. He is no stranger to Youth Theatre productions, and he is so proud to be working with Eden Grace on this production. It is always gratifying to see our own Youth Theatre performers succeed and give back to the community. Jim is an English professor at Kent State University Trumbull and also does work through his production company, Canacci Consulting Ltd. He lives in Youngstown with his wife, Kris Harrington, and is the proud father of two daughters, Gillian and Miranda, who both performed in Youth Theatre productions at TYP.

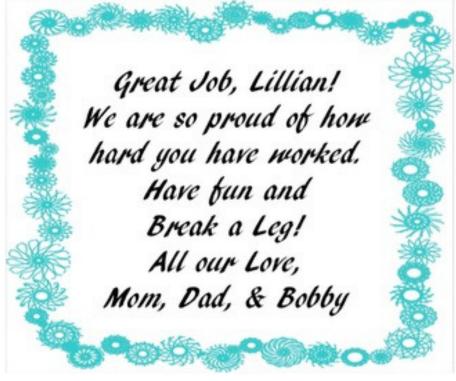
CAROLYN COLLEY (*Costume Designer*) is thrilled to get to work behind the scenes costuming for her first time! She recently played Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors* here at the Playhouse, and is currently Fraulein Kost in Millennial Theatre Company's production of *Cabaret* at Hopewell Theater. Since she fell in love with theater as a youth herself, she's so grateful to be a part of creating an inspiring, fun, and safe environment here, for youth to have the opportunity to fall in love with theater.

ISA FOLTZ (Stage Manager) is incredibly excited and honored to be stage managing her first show at The Youngstown Playhouse (TYP)! While this may be her first time stage managing at this venue, she is no stranger to the backstage world. Originally from Sharon, PA, Isa graduated from Sharon High School in 2016, having been a part of their stage crew for two years. In 2020, Isa graduated with a BA in Theater Technology and Design from Gannon University (GU), with a focus on Stage Management. Past productions include White Snake, Heathers, A Medieval Christmas Banquet, One Man, Two Guvnors, Almost, Maine (Stage Manager, GU), and The Wolves (Assistant Director, GU). Isa also spent a semester studying abroad in Limerick, Ireland at Mary Immaculate College (MIC) in the Contemporary & Applied Theater Arts program. While there, she participated in shows both within and outside the college. Past productions include Lovers (Stage Manager, MIC), A Chorus Line (Crew, MIC), and Bread Not Profits (Crew, Gúna Nua Theatre Company). Isa currently works as production staff at Stambaugh Auditorium and the Deyor Performing Arts Center and backstage at our very own YP, both crewing and serving as a scenic artist/set carpenter for many Main Stage and Moyer Room shows. Some past productions she has served on include Spongebob, the Musical (crew, Millennial Theater Company at TYP), Excalibur High, Newsies, Jr., The 39 Steps, Misery (crew, TYP), and Little Shop of Horrors (Scenic Designer, Audrey 2 puppeteer, TYP). Is a would like to thank this amazing cast and crew for their hard work and dedication, Johnny Pecano, Leslie Brown, and Schultzie for their constant and unwavering support, and above all, her fearless leader Eden Lesnansky, the best partner in crime anyone could ask for. Break a leg, everyone!

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Thomas,
We are so proud of you!
Papa Tom, Great Naña,
Granny & Papa,
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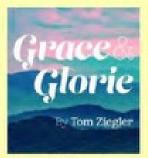
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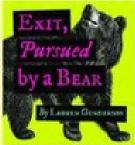
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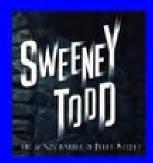


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