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- “Dogdsonland” Ensemble
- “I’m Late” White Rabbit, Cheshire Cat, Ensemble
- “Very Good Advice” Alice, Mad Hatter, Queen of Hearts, Dodo Bird, Rose, White Rabbit, Caterpillar, Ensemble
- “Ocean of Tears” Dodo Bird, Rock Lobsters, Ensemble
- “The Caucus Race” Dodo Bird, Rock Lobsters, Sea Creatures, Ensemble
- “I’m Late (Reprise)” White Rabbit, Ensemble
- “How D’ye Do And Shake Hands” Tweedle Dee, Tweedle Dum, Alice
- “How D’ye Do And Shake Hands (Reprise)” Tweedle Dee, Tweedle Dum
- “The Golden Afternoon” Flowers, Small Alice
- “Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah” Caterpillar, Small Alice, Ensemble
- “Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah (Playoff)” Caterpillar
- “The Unbirthday Song” Mad Hatter, March Hare, Alice, Ensemble
- “I’m Late (Reprise)” White Rabbit, Mad Hatter, March Hare, Alice, Cheshire Cat, Ensemble
- “Painting the Roses Red” Royal Playing Cards, Alice
- “Painting the Roses Red (Reprise)” Royal Playing Cards, Alice, Queen of Hearts, King of Hearts, White Rabbit, Ensemble
- “Simon Says” Queen of Hearts, Alice, Royal Playing Cards
- “The Unbirthday Song (Reprise)” Ensemble
- “Whooooo Are Youuuuu” Alice, Ensemble
- “Alice in Wonderland (Finale)” Ensemble
- “Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah (Bows)” Ensemble

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Cheshire Cat #2	KATHRYN LAKE
Cheshire Cat #3	SYDNEY REYNOLDS
Mathilda	KATELYN RUPERT
Alice	LYANNA SMITH
Tall Alice	CHARIS MACE
Small Alice	EVIE SCHAFFER
White Rabbit	ELLIE YEATER
Door Knob	LANDEN STENGEL
Dodo Bird	SAMUEL WATTS
Rock Lobsters	ANNA EARL, AIDAN KLINGER, OLIVIA RABER, SADIE STERRETT, BASTET ZYLA
Sea Creatures	ALIVIA LOUGH, OLIVIA WELCH
Tweedle Dum	KATELYN M. THOMAS
Tweedle Dee	KATIE MICHAEL
Rose	MIA GESELL
Petunia	KENZIE SMITH
Lily	CASSIE HENNES
Violet	LAKEN JOHNSON
Daisy	GRACE SPROUT
Flowers	SOPHIA D'ERAMO, LILLIAN FLOYD, AVA COTTRILL
Caterpillar	ZACH GRAHAM
Mad Hatter	BRADEN DEGUZMAN
March Hare	RACHEL McCLUNG
Royal Cardsmen	ASHLYNN TAYLOR, MATTHEW THORNTON, NATHAN THORNTON, CLARE WALKER, DESTINY WILSON
Queen of Hearts	ATHENA ROOT
King of Hearts	TRAVIS COPEN

STAFF & CREW

Director	ROD ODEN
Assistant Director	RAQUEL JACKMOND
Musical Direction	DEBBIE DEWESS
Choreography	ERIN AUGENTSTEIN
Advisor	DAVID PRATHER
Production Assistant	CONNIE KNOTTS
Stage Manager	McKENZIE CAMERON
Costumer	MAGGIE ANGLE
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President's Letter



Oh, my! The adventures we've had here at the Actors Guild with our Guild Builders program and all the wonderful shows which have been staged by our talented young people through the years! Beginning with our first production in 1998, *Cecelia and the Blue Mountain Boy*, this is our 20th production! And, like Alice, we've had many wonderful adventures in our own “wonderland” here on Market Street, visiting multiple eye-opening and mind-expanding locations since then: 42nd Street, River City, Anatevka, Dogpatch, Narnia, Nottingham, Neverland, and many others on land and sea.

Each year we strive to introduce our newest cast to the wonderful world of theatre, educating them in all aspects of producing a show: acting, choreography, make-up, costumes, props, sound and lights, set design, marketing; the list could go on and on.

And, each year, just like Alice, who didn't stay in one place too long and was always searching for her next adventure, we constantly look for ways to improve and enhance this vital program. We are currently in a period of transition, hoping to offer more experiences for a larger group of young people, possibly a wider age range, possibly more than one production each season. We began this transition in June of 2016 by offering a two-week workshop experience open to all young people and we're happy to report that we had lots of excited “campers”, many who had been trying to become part of our program for several years.

We have formed a new committee of members who are excited about the future of the program, eagerly brainstorming ways to fulfill the desires of young people who want drama in their lives. And, we LOVE to provide drama!!

Alice in Wonderland perfectly illustrates the type of show we love to offer to our young people and to our audiences: a classic, important piece of literature still relevant today, filled with many opportunities for the drama we love, but also for the all-important educational component. We hope you enjoy today's trip to Wonderland and that you'll look forward to even greater adventures for our Guild Builders of the future.

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Who's Who in the Cast & Crew

TRAVIS COPEN (King of Hearts) is making his stage debut in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* at the Actors Guild. He enjoys doing the following things when not performing: animation, drawing and spending time with his niece Shyanne. Travis is thrilled to be able perform for you and would like to thank his parents Galen and Connie Copen, his siblings Ty Starkey, Trace, Dj and Izzy Copen, and his brother-in-law Rodney Starkey for this wonderful opportunity. Enjoy the show!

AVA COTTRILL (Flower Ensemble) is making her stage debut in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* at the Actors Guild. She loves to sing, dance, read and go outdoors and play with her dog, Aspen when not performing. She also loves animals. It's her dream to become an animal photographer. Ava is excited to perform for you and would like to thank her mom, dad and the Guild Builders for this opportunity. Enjoy the show!

SOPHIA D'ERAMO (Flower Ensemble) is delighted to be performing in her first production, *Alice in Wonderland JR.*, at the Actors Guild. She is in the 4th grade at Parkersburg Catholic Elementary School, where she enjoys studying science, drawing and singing in the school choir. When not performing, she swims with the Parkersburg YMCA Sharks, takes private voice lessons and sings with the Smoot Theatre Children's Chorus. Sophia is excited to perform for you and would like to thank her parents, brother and extended family for their support in this endeavor.

BRADEN I. DEGUZMAN (Mad Hatter) is very excited and honored to be cast in the Guild production of *Alice in Wonderland JR.* Braden is currently a

sixth grader at Edison Middle School. Braden's second time ever on stage, he was last seen as "The Black Sharpie" in his class TREK production of *The Secret Life of the White Crayon*. In his free time, Braden loves anything Harry Potter or Star Wars, spending time with his friends, and loving his family. Braden would like to thank his mother and family for their support and dedication of his acting desires.

GRETCHEN DOWLER (Cheshire Cat #1) is a freshman at Parkersburg Catholic High School where she has appeared in *The Hamlet Thrill-mageddon* and *The Brothers Grimm Spectaculathon*. This is her sixth and last year in the Guild Builders program. She has also been on the mainstage in *Scrooge! The Musical*. Gretchen enjoys singing, dancing, and surfing the internet. She has helped with the Guild's hospitality night for several productions. Gretchen is thrilled to be a part of this show and would like to thank her friends, family, and her uncle Bill for their support.

ANNA EARL (Rock Lobster) is making her stage debut in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* at the Actors Guild. When not performing, Anna likes to spend her time singing, playing cello, reading and helping her mom to foster and volunteer with homeless animals at the Humane Society of Parkersburg. Anna is excited to perform for you and would like to thank her parents, Mom & Dad, etc. for this opportunity.

LILLIAN FLOYD (Flower Ensemble) is very excited to be in the Guild production of *Alice in Wonderland JR.* She has been in several Missoula Children's Theater productions at the Smoot Theatre and is making her Guild debut.

When not on stage, Lillian enjoys singing with the Smoot Theater Children's Chorus, running cross country and track, swimming, and Girl Scouts. She would like to thank her family for all their support and love!

AMELIA "MIA" GESELL (Rose) is so excited to make her stage debut in *Alice and Wonderland JR.* In addition to performing, Mia loves to play the clarinet and cello. She also loves baking, candle making, and other arts and crafts. Mia is very excited to perform and would like to thank her mom, dad, and family for their love and support!

ZACK GRAHAM (Caterpillar) is very excited to be in the Guild Production of *Alice in Wonderland JR.* He was last seen in *Seussical JR.* at the Guild in Parkersburg. Some of his favorite roles include Horton in *Suessical JR.*, Eddie the Plumber in *Haphazardly Ever After*, Pete Cannon in *Death of a Dead Guy*. When not on stage, Zack enjoys weightlifting and playing video games. He would like to thank his family for all their love and support.

CASSIE HENNES (Lily) is making her stage debut in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* at the Actors Guild. She likes to do the following things when not performing: play soft ball, hang out with friends and attend church activities. She wishes to share that she is active in her youth group at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Barlow. Cassie takes drama and voice at Warren High School and is very excited to perform for you. She would like to thank her mom, dad and friends for their support in this endeavor.

LAKEN JOHNSON (Violet) is making her stage debut in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* at the Actors Guild. When she is not performing she enjoys playing softball, running track, singing in the school

choir and helping with community service projects. Laken is a national champion cheerleader for the Ohio Valley All Stars and also enjoys participating in pageants, she is currently the 2016 Pre-Teen Miss Holly Days. Laken is excited to perform for you and would like to thank her parents and Actors Guild for this opportunity.

KATHRYN LAKE (Cheshire Cat #2) is an eleven year old fifth grader at Vienna Elementary. Kathryn is making her stage debut at the the Actors Guild. She loves school and also does cheer for the Vienna Wildcats. I live in Parkersburg.

ADAIN KLINGER (Rock Lobster)

ALIVIA LOUGH (Caucus Race Creature) is very excited to be in this production. She was last seen doing a reading of *Jabberwocky*, by Lewis Carroll at the South Parkersburg Library. Alivia's favorite portrayed character was one of three Cheshire Cats, in Missoula Children's Theatre production of *Alice in Wonderland* at the Smoot Theatre. When not on stage, Alivia enjoys playing board games, helping around the house, and spending time with her family and friends. She would like to thank her acting coach Jeff for all of his guidance, and her family for all their support and love!

CHARIS MACE (Tall Alice) is excited to portray Tall Alice in her fifth year of Guild Builders. Charis has performed as a Bird Girl in *Seussical JR.*, Fairy in *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, orphan in *Annie JR.*, and ran spotlight for *Flat Stanley JR.* Other than theatre, Charis enjoys writing stories, taking photos, dancing with the MOVV, and blogging. She wants to thank her family and friends for their support, the audience for coming to see the show, and the staff and cast who helped bring this production to life.

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RACHEL MCCLUNG (March Hare) is excited to take part in this production. She recently made her Actors Guild debut in the role of urchin/turkey boy in *Scrooge the Musical*. She also enjoyed her roles as a tarantula and parrot in Missoula Children's Theater productions and participating in Vaudeville Visions at the Smoot. When not onstage Rachel enjoys reading and spending time with her family. She would like to thank her parents and even her annoying brothers for all their support.

KATIE MICHAEL (Tweedle Dee) is a thirteen year old Wood County Christian School student. Katie has two sisters. She takes singing lessons and has participated in several acting workshops and classes. This is her fifth Actors Guild production. I've been in four others: *Annie JR.*, *Pinnocchio JR.*, *Seussical JR.*, and *Tom Sawyer*. Katie is very excited to be in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* and am thankful to have had this opportunity.

OLIVIA RABER (Rock Lobster) is very excited to be in the Guild production of *Alice in Wonderland JR.* She was last seen in *Scrooge! The Musical* at the Actors Guild, which was her stage debut. When not on stage, Olivia enjoys reading, singing, and thinking up impossible things. She would like to thank her family and friends for all their support and love.

SYDNEY REYNOLDS (Cheshire Cat #3) is in 8th grade at Blennerhassett Middle School. He participates in their theatre group doing shows such as *Lion King JR.* where he played Timon and *Elf JR.* as Buddy the Elf. Along with newspaper and political classes he is a member of the student council board at Blennerhassett where he holds the board position of Public Communications. He has played such roles as Sid Sawyer in *Tom Sawyer the Musical* and Mr. Mayor in *Seussical JR.* Sydney

hopes you enjoy and remember we're all a little mad here!

ATHENA ROOT (Queen of Hearts) is ecstatic to be playing her role in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* This is her fourth year with the Guild Builders program. She had ensemble roles in last year's *Seussical JR.*, Arancia the Fairy in *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, and ensemble roles in *Annie JR.* She placed 2nd in this year's WTAP Parkersburg Homecoming talent show as well as 2nd in 2015 and 1st place in 2014 for singing. She sings for the BMS choir and is secretary of Student Council. She would like to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication!

KATELYN RUPERT (Mathilda) is very excited to be in the Guild production of *Alice in Wonderland JR.* She was last seen in *Haphazardly Ever After*, produced by Theater Explorers 719 in Ravenswood. Some of her favorite roles include Toots Monahan in *Death of a Dead Guy* and Christine in *All I Need for Christmas*. Katelyn attends Ravenswood High School. When not on stage, she enjoys competition baton twirling and hanging out with her friends. She would like to thank her mom and dad for all their support and love!

EVIE SCHAFFER (Small Alice) is delighted to be joining the cast of *Alice in Wonderland JR.* as Small Alice. Evie was last seen in *Seussical JR.* at the Actors Guild and Blennerhassett Middle School. She has also been seen in *Pinocchio JR.* Evie attends Edison Middle school where she is active in band and choir. She also enjoys gymnastics and volunteering with youth worship at church.

LYANNA SMITH (Alice) is very excited to perform in her first Guild production. She was last seen in *Charlotte's Web* at MOVV as Wilbur. Some of her favorite



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roles include Jiminy Cricket in *Pinocchio JR.*, Little Cossette in *Les Misérables*, and Winthrop in *The Music Man*. She has also performed in productions of *Fiddler on the Roof JR.*, *Beauty and the Beast JR.* and last years *Oklahoma!* at People's Bank Theatre. When not on stage Lyanna likes to play tennis and draw. She would like to thank her family, friends, and teachers for their continuous love and support!

KENZIE SMITH (Petunia) is making her Guild production debut in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* She is so excited to be performing here in her first speaking role. She has been in several productions at the MOVP including *Fiddler on the Roof JR.*, *Beauty and the Beast JR.* and as Little Fontine in *Les Misérables*. She was in *Oklahoma!* and *Pinocchio JR.* at the People's Bank Theatre. When not on stage Kenzie enjoys riding her horse TimTom, volleyball, and reading. She would like to thank all her friends, family, and teachers for their love and encouragement.

GRACE SPROUT (Daisy) is making her stage debut in *Alice and Wonderland JR.* at the Actors Guild. She enjoys playing basketball and spending time with friends and family when not performing. She is a fifth grader at Parkersburg Catholic Elementary School. Grace is excited to perform for you and would like to thank her parents, grandparents, sisters and aunts and uncles for their love and support. She would like to dedicate this performance to her angel Grandma Winnie.

LANDEN STENGEL (Door Knob) is appearing in his fifth Guild Builder performance. He is fifteen and a ninth grader at Parkersburg High School. He performed in *Seussical JR.*, *My Son Pinocchio JR.*, *Annie JR.* and *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.* Landen

attends Grace Baptist Church. He loves movies, watching and collecting. His favorite sport is soccer and he loves to cheer for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He's also a huge NASCAR fan and roots for Tony Stewart.

SADIE K. STERRETT (Rock Lobster) is an eleven year old fifth grader at Williamstown Elementary. This is Sadie's first performance with the Guild Builders. Sadie has studied dance at the Mid Ohio Valley Ballet Company for two years and has performed in *The Nutcracker* for the last two seasons. Sadie's other interest include tae kwon do, volleyball, 4-H, and horseback riding. Sadie is very excited to be working with the Guild Builders.

ASHLYNN TAYLOR (Royal Cardsmen #1) is making her stage debut in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* at the Actors Guild. Ashlynn likes to dance, sing, and read when not performing. Ashlynn is an eighth grader at Edison Middle School. She would like to thank her mom, dad, and best friend Charis for this opportunity.

KATELYN THOMAS (Tweedle Dum) is a seventh grade homeschooler. She has been in several other plays, including *Annie JR.*, *My Son Pinocchio JR.* and *Seussical JR.*, all through Guild Builders. Her favorite roles are Orphan Kate in *Annie JR.* and Who Child in *Seussical JR.* She is super excited to perform as Tweedle Dum and is looking forward to the performances. Katelyn would like to thank her family for their support!

CLARE WALKER (Royal Cardsmen #4) is in her fourth year of Guild Builders having been a Roustabout and Town Child in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* and a part of the ensemble cast of *Annie JR.* She has appeared in a variety of other local productions: *The Music Man JR.* and

School House Rock Live JR. at MOVP and Theatre de Jeunesse's *The Pirates of Penzance*. She has also served in many technical roles including MOVP's production of *I Hate Hamlet*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *The Hobbit*. Clare participates in Williamstown Elementary School's cello program and school choir.

SAMUEL WATTS (Dodo Bird) returns to Guild Builders in this year after previously playing Jojo in the ensemble cast of *Seussical the Musical JR.* and a town child/boy 2 in Idyllia in *My Son Pinocchio JR.* Other theatrical experiences include *The Pirates of Penzance* as the Mini Pirate King/Mini Major General. He has also participated in Camp Vaudeville at the Smoot Theatre and multiple church and school productions. Samuel currently sings with the Smoot Theatre Boys Ensemble and enjoys barbershop quartet. Samuel is ecstatic about acting and is very excited to perform in this year's production.

OLIVIA WELCH is making her stage debut in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* at the Actors Guild. She likes doing the following things when she's not performing: go to school, cooking, and doing crafts. Olivia is excited to perform for you and would like to thank her family, staff, and cast members for their love and support!

DESTINY WILSON is making her stage debut in *Alice in Wonderland JR.* at the Actors Guild. She likes to do the following things when not performing: hang out with her friends, listen to music and play various video games. Destiny is excited to perform for you and would like to thank her parents, Casey and Crystal Guice, for all their love and support.

ELLIE MARIE YEATER (White Rabbit) is an 8th grader from Williamstown, who is honored to tackle the role of White Rabbit and to make *Alice in*

Wonderland JR. her 16th show. Most recently she was in the Guild's *Scrooge the Musical* and *Oklahoma!* at The People's Bank Theatre in Marietta. A 2016 OCTA award winner for singing, she is one of two Red Beret Ambassadors for the state WV which has a mission for spreading kindness and speaking out against bullying. In her spare time Ellie enjoys reading, singing, pageants, playing her ukulele, and spending time in her glampier.

BASTET ZYLA (Rock Lobster) began acting in PHS productions of *Alice in Wonderland* (Flower Child) and *Night of the Living Dead* (Zombie). She then took several roles in the Smoot's Missoula productions, Camp Vaudeville, and Imagination Factory program (Wicked Witch). She's an eight year dance student at MOVB and has been in its productions of *The Nutcracker* and *The Little Mermaid* and was in Guild Builders' *Seussical JR.* (Jungle Creature). Bastet sings with the VanDevender choir and Ladies' Ensemble, and she was recently featured in Arcadia. She is an avid writer and devoted fan of her cats, Fibonacci and Curie.

ROD ODEN (Director) is very excited to be directing *Alice in Wonderland JR.* for the Guild. A former middle and high school drama/stagecraft educator, Rod has a strong passion for the artistic development of youth. Rod's last direction was earlier this year in the Actors Guild's, *The Mousetrap*. Some of Rod's other youth directions include *Annie*, *Blithe Spirit*, *The Importance of Being Earnest* to name a few. Rod is so appreciative of his better half's love and support on this journey.

RAQUEL JACKMOND (Assistant Director) has been an active member of the Guild since 2014. She currently serves

as the chairman of Play Reading. She has performed on the Guild stage in *The Mousetrap* as Miss Casewell, *August: Osage County* as Ivy, *Moonlight and Magnolias* as Miss Poppenghul, and *9 to 5* in the ensemble. Before coming to the Guild she had music directed *The Little Shop of Horrors*, and *Annie* in Manistee, MI. Raquel has also performed in shows from LA to Michigan. She would like to thank her partner in crime Rod for always supporting her.

MCKENZIE CAMERON (Stage Manager) is a tenth grader at Warren Local

High School, where she is an honor roll student and sings in their choir and excels at art. This is her first show as stage manager. McKenzie's previous acting experience includes *The Hobbit* at the Mid-Ohio Valley Players, the Actors Guild plays: *Pinocchio JR.*, *Annie JR.*, *The Musical Adventures of Flat Stanley JR.*, and *Kilroy Was Here*. She also has done tech for *Seussical the Musical JR.* and *Scrooge the Musical*. McKenzie thanks her parents for their help with her busy schedule and taking her to the many rehearsals.

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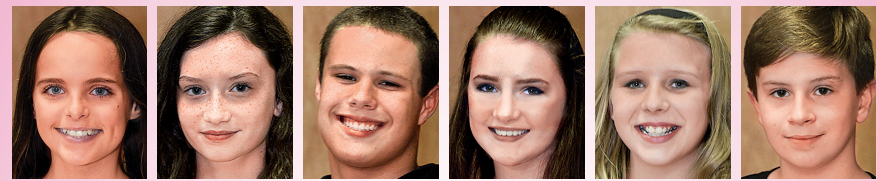
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