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AUTOGRAPHS

Alice's Looking-Glass Adventures

Adapted and Directed for Audio
by Jeffrey Walker

From a play by Alice Gerstenberg

*Based on Lewis Carroll's book:
"Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass"*

Production Assistants: Melanie Landis
Jada Paul

Sound Consultant: Aiden Yancey

Music and Sounds Effects: Epidemic Sound AB

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AUTOGRAPHS

CAST / CREW MEMBERS

Chapter 1: The Adventure Begins

Narrator Meredith Endres
Narrator Erin Flick
Alice MacKenzie Waddell
Daphne Emma Devlin
Lewis Carroll Sean Smith
Red Queen Uma Karunakaran
White Queen Kailee St John
White Rabbit Siona Shishak
Humpty Dumpty Avery Boyd

Chapter 2: Alice In Wonderland - On the Beach with the Gryphon

Narrator Natalie Laclede
Narrator Ainsley McClure
Alice MacKenzie Waddell
Gryphon Sam French
Mock Turtle Samantha Verdi
White Rabbit Siona Shishak

Chapter 3: Alice in Wonderland - The Mad Tea Party and Croquet

Narrator Lauren Govert
Narrator George Spelvin
Alice Charlotte Chozick
Mad Hatter Lars Irvin
March Hare Luke Pietrykowski
Dormouse Landen Chanthaphanij
Frog Footman Porter Bertman
Duchess Tiffany Thomas
Cheshire Cat Dylan Tootle
Tweedle-Dee Jaylan Andrews
Tweedle-Dum Jack Larmoyeaux
Kings of Hearts Campbell Wood

CAST / CREW MEMBERS

Chapter 3: Alice in Wonderland - The Mad Tea Party and Croquet (continued)

Queen of Hearts	Isabelle Anderson
Knave of Hearts	Max Heltzer
White Rabbit	Siona Shishak

Chapter 4: Alice in Wonderland - The Knave and Alice on Trial

Narrator	Catherine Walt
Narrator	Ainsley McClure
Alice	Charlotte Chozick
Two of Spades	Tyler Pinkney
Five of Spades	Xavier Rose
Seven of Spades	Laya Karunakaran
White Queen	Kailee St John
Red Queen	Uma Karunakaran
White Rabbit	Siona Shishak
Knave of Hearts	Max Heltzer
Juror One	Porter Bertman
Queen of Hearts	Isabelle Anderson
King of Hearts	Campbell Wood
Mad Hatter	Lars Irvin
March Hare	Luke Pietrykowski
Dormouse	Landen Chanthaphanij
Court Officer	Kat Riner
Duchess	Tiffany Thomas
Daphne	Emma Devlin
Lewis Carroll	Sean Smith
Wonderland Court (additional voices)	Jaylan Andrews, Avery Boyd, Sam French, Laya Karunakaran, Jack Larmoyeaux, Tyler Pinkney, Kat Riner, Xavier Rose, Savannah Statham, Camila Terrazas, Sophia Tompkins, Dylan Tootle, Samantha Verdi
Production Assistant	Melanie Landis
Production Assistant	Jada Paul
Sound Consultant	Aiden Yancey

NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR



Thanks, Covid!

Well, maybe not a “real” thank you to the global pandemic that has touched all of our lives so indelibly since last March. (My thoughts are with anyone who has suffered loss due to the coronavirus.)

When we shifted to distance learning and an uncertain future nearly a year ago, we were all shell-shocked, to say the least. As time marched on and the “new normal” became staying in, staying distant, pre-ordering groceries, using Amazon more than anyone has a right to, and masking up, other things happened.

The arts, especially the performing arts, were hit hard. Yet, nearly all of us found comfort in streaming services, discovering new shows, and new pastimes. Live performances pivoted to Zoom formats, and artists worked with creators and others to stay active.

So did we, here at Edison High School, with our performing arts department. It took a while, but we have attempted to embrace these virtual outlets to keep our students in the spotlight, until we can safely return to in-person school and – hopefully! – in person performances.

Which brings us to Lewis Carroll's little fairy tale. Several years back, I toyed with doing “Alice in Wonderland” onstage; it has such wild characters. But when we had to move to online instruction and potential performing, it struck me as a ripe possibility for a different kind of presentation – all audio. I am a big fan of podcasts and audiobooks and I thought it would be a great opportunity for the talented student-performers to work in this new (old) manner, bringing to life Alice and the citizens of Wonderland with only their voices. (Plus, how to costume this show from a distance, safely gave me nightmares!)

I am constantly impressed by the talents of my students; but I was even more impressed by their patience and resilience as we tried to master new tools, programs that were new to us, and the Rubik's cube of scheduling during a pandemic when we could only meet after school (or on weekends) and never in the same room at the same time! But, after a steep learning curve, we have a show. Like every show, the “magic” happened.

We hope you enjoy our audio adventure. And Alice's, too.

Mr. Jeff Walker

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Cheers to our King of Hearts!

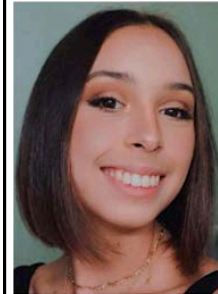
We're so proud of you,
CAMPBELL!!

We ♥ YOU!

Mom & Branson

Congrats to **JACK** & the entire cast & crew of Alice!

Laurie & Sean Underwood



Isabelle - you have always been the "Queen" of our hearts! This role is definitely different from your other "Alice in Wonderland" production! You started out as a pouty Princess and have now become a Queen to rule all! Congratulations on a great performance!

Love, Mom, Dad, and Evan



So proud of you
Uma and Laya,
You both are so awesome!
Love,
Bindu, Unni, Raj, and Indu

BREAK-A-LEG



Break a leg to **Sophia**,
our amazing juror!
We are proud of you!
*Mom, Wyatt,
Lilah & Zoey*

To Our Amazing "Alice,"
Congratulations on
another fantastic
performance. We are so
proud of you!
*Love,
Mom, Dad, Jackson & Tucker*



This year you've been so brave
The virus, you were able to stave.
With passion, not malice,
You'll be brilliant in Alice,
And will always be our favorite knave.

*Congratulations on another fantastic
Edison Theatre Company production!
We are endlessly proud of you.
Love, Mom, Dad & Z*



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Congrats Cast & Crew
Way to stick with it!

Congratulations, **Cathy**! Enjoy!
*Love,
Mom, Dad & Michael*

WHO'S WHO



Campbell Wood

as King of Hearts

Campbell is in the 11th grade at Edison. He has previously acted in Mamma Mia, Laramie Project, and One Acts at Edison, as well as Beauty and the Beast at Mark Twain Middle School. He is also involved in choir, and enjoys collecting records, driving around, and hanging out with friends. "RIP MF DOOM"



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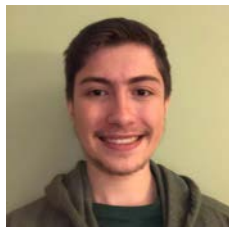
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Sophia Tompkins *as Wonderland Court*

Sophia is currently a sophomore. She has acted in Snow White Light, Chaos in Fairy Tale Forest, and A Midnight Summer's Dream. She has worked behind the scenes for Beauty and the Beast, Peter pan, and The Laramie Project. She is also involved in 4H, interact, student ambassador's program, newspaper, and theatre. She enjoys basketball, arts and crafts, and writing.



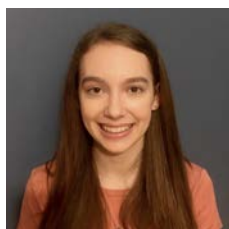
Dylan Tootle *as Cheshire Cat*

Dylan Tootle is currently a junior at Edison. He previously acted in the ensemble of Beauty and The Beast at Mark Twain Middle School, Mamma Mia! at Edison, and played Matt Michelson in The Laramie Project at Edison, as well. He also participates in track and choir, as well as theatre. Outside of school, he is a part of his local Boy Scout troop and enjoys writing and playing video games. "We're all mad here!" - The Cheshire Cat.



Samantha Verdi *as Mock Turtle*

Samantha is currently a senior. She has previously been in the ensemble for Edison's production of Mamma Mia!. She is a full IB student, a Model United Nations member, and an Interact Club member. In her free time, she likes to read, write, draw, and play video games. She hopes you enjoy the show!



MacKenzie Waddell *as Alice*

MacKenzie is currently a sophomore. She has worked backstage in The Day the Internet Died and Bad Ideas for Bad Television shows in 8th grade at Mark Twain MS and was cast in The Laramie Project at Edison HS. She is a part of the Student Ambassador Program and the Edison Book Club. She is also a competitive cheerleader and loves reading, writing, and photography.



Catherine Walt *as Narrator*

Catherine is in the 10th grade. She has previously acted in The Laramie Project at Edison. She is also involved in the Student Ambassadors program, interact club, and speech and debate. She enjoys playing the viola and painting.

BREAK-A-LEG



Kailee – So proud of you on and off the stage. Be true to who you are, and you'll go far!

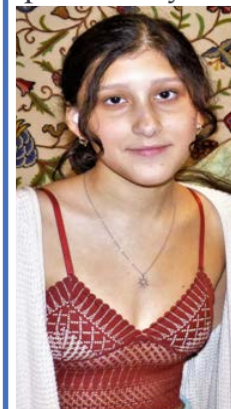
Love, Mom & Dad



Camila you are amazing! You make us proud every single day.

Love, Mom and Dad

Cheers to the White Rabbit and all the cast! You're amazing, **Siona**, & we're so proud of you!



*Love,
Mom,
Dad &
Lily*

DYLAN

– So proud of you –
Remember not all that wander are lost – Snarf!
M&D

Thanks Mr. Walker
for your tireless efforts to keep the drama
program going during COVID!

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Isabelle Anderson *as Queen of Hearts*

Isabelle is currently in her senior year. She has previously been in every production at Edison since her freshman year, playing Rebecca Hilliker/Judge in The Laramie Project, Jane Seward in Dracula, stage-managing "Off Road" in the 2020 One Acts, and acting in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Cinderella, and Mamma Mia! Alongside her participation in theatre, she is the vice president of ITS, vice president of the Interact Service Club, a county-wide Student Advisory Committee member, and has been a Cappies critic for the past three years. She also enjoys reading every book on the US Reconstruction era that she can get her hands on. She'd like to dedicate this performance to Mr. Walker, whose commitment to bringing theatre to life and giving his students joy has been inspiring to watch during this pandemic, and thanks him for not only this show but for the last four years.



Jaylan Andrews *as Tweedle-Dee*

Jaylan is currently a freshman. He has previously acted in Hoodie / The Quiz That Almost Killed and Lion King Jr. He partakes in theatre, track, and enjoys cooking.



Porter Bertman *as Juror One*

Porter is currently a freshman. He has previously acted in Peter Pan at Twain, Peter Pan at MVCCT, and Shrek: The Musical at MVCCT. He is also in the Yearbook club, tries to do all they can for theatre, and loves to do anything that involves music.



Avery Boyd *as Humpty Dumpty*

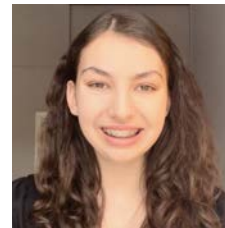
Avery is currently a freshman at Edison. He has been doing theatre for 3 years and has performed in 2 plays. He is in the Swim team, SGA, and MSA. He loves to watch movies and play video games. He would like to dedicate this performance to all the theater lovers.

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Sean Smith *as Lewis Carroll*

Sean Smith is a sophomore at Edison. He has been doing theatre in and out of school for about 8 years, and has enjoyed every moment of it! This is his second year performing with Edison Theatre. He has also performed in Edison choir, as well as the collaborations between choir and theatre. Theatre and music is so rejuvenating to the point where it is the only thing that gives him joy. He knows that we are struggling, we have a pandemic, political issues, racial injustice, and so much more. We wish that it didn't happen or that we didn't have to experience these things. But JRR Tolkien once wrote; "So do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us."



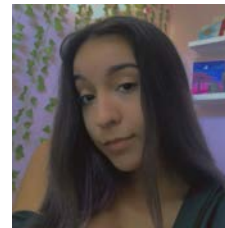
Kailee St John *as White Queen*

Kailee is currently a junior. She has previously acted in Mamma Mia, Dracula: An Undead Romance, The Laramie Project, Mamma Mia and Footloose at Hayfield, Alice in Wonderland and The Lion King at Westridge, and The Little Mermaid at Lee. She is also a member of the ITS leadership council. "We have all gone a little mad in quarantine."



Camila Terrazas *as Wonderland Court*

Camila is currently a senior at Edison. She has previously acted in A Midsummer Night's Dream, Cinderella, Mamma Mia and The Laramie Project, all at Edison High School. She also participates in the Edison Dance Team, Edison Choir, Edison Drama and ITS. She loves dancing and karate. "Dobby is a free elf!"



Tiffany Thomas *as Duchess*

Tiffany is a sophomore at Edison. She has been in smaller plays from elementary and middle school, and was also a part of the Metropolitan Fine Arts Productions in Enchanted and Willy Wonka. She is in DECA, The Environmental Club, helps with SGA, and LatinX Club. She very much enjoys singing, hanging out with her friends, playing with her pets, and reading poetry. She is so thankful to have been a part of this production and to have been given this creative role!

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Tyler Pinkney

as Two of Spades

Tyler is a freshman at Edison. He was previously in Peter Pan and The Lion King at Mark Twain. He also is a part of the orchestra.



Kat Riner

as Court Officer

Katarina is currently a senior. They have previously acted in Follies. They are a part of the Annual Homecoming crew and has participated in various school-wide art projects. They are also a digital artist and animator.



Xavier Rose

as Five of Spades

Xavier is currently a sophomore. He was in a play in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade. He has also been in drama class for two years. He is interested in scouts, boxing, and writing stories. "There are no good guys or bad guys, only humans."



Siona Shishak

as White Rabbit

Siona is currently in the 10th grade. She was previously in Beauty and The Beast and Peter Pan at Mark Twain, and The Laramie Project and the One Acts at Edison. She is also in Adv Mixed Choir, Model UN, Student Ambassador Program, and the EWC. She enjoys skateboarding, cooking, journaling, and meditation.

WHO'S WHO



Landen Chanthaphanij

Dormouse

Landen is currently a senior. He has been a part of every production, musical, and One Acts festival at Edison since August 2017. He enjoys drawing and would like to dedicate his performance to the sexiest man he knows, Campbell Wood.



Charlotte Chozick

as Alice

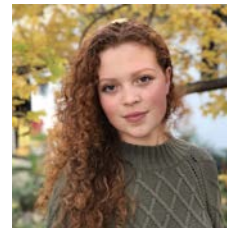
Charlotte is currently a sophomore. She was previously involved in the Laramie Project at Edison, Rock of Ages and Mamma Mia! At Hayfield, Peter Pan at Mark Twain. She also participates in swim, choir, and the Edison Writing Center. She also enjoys making arts and crafts, and (safely) hanging out with friends.



Emma Devlin

as Daphne

Emma is currently in her senior year. She has previously acted in Mamma Mia! and The Laramie Project at Edison. Besides participating in shows, she is the president of the French Honor Society, participates in swim and choir, and is a part of Edison's Interact club. Outside of school, she is an avid reader and baker.



Meredith Endres

as Narrator

Meredith is currently a senior. She has been a part of shows from the Little Theatre of Alexandria, Young People's Theater, Metropolitan Fine Arts Center, and the Omata Opera Company. She is the president and founder of Interact and the president of HOSA, as well as a part of STEM, IB, LHS, and NHS. She'd like to dedicate this show to the class of 2021 and their ability to adapt and thrive.



Erin Flick

as Narrator

Erin is currently a sophomore. Erin has previously played Peter Pan in Mark Twain's production of Peter Pan and acted in Edison's production of The Laramie Project. Erin is also a member of the STEM program.

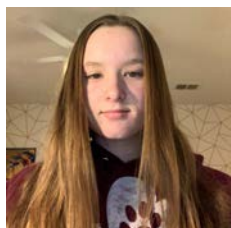
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Sam French

as Gryphon

Sam is currently a junior. She has previously played Romaine Patterson in Laramie Project and some other roles in One Acts. She also does tech and is a part of the makeup crew for theatre. She enjoys watching movies and playing among us. "Shout out to my mom, she's really cool!"



Lauren Govert

as Narrator

Lauren is currently a junior. She has previously acted in Mamma Mia!, The Laramie Project, and One Acts. She is a part of the swim team and is a member of Best Buddies.



Max Heltzer

as Knave of Hearts

Max is currently a junior. He has previously played Sir Toby Belch in Twelfth Night, Oberon in Midsummer Night's Dream, and Shadow in Peter Pan. He is also a member of the Interact club.



Lars Irvin

as Mad Hatter

Lars is currently a junior. He has previously played Austin in The Other Room, Fred Phelps in The Laramie Project, Waiter in Murder at the Banquet, and was a part of the ensemble for The Brothers Grimm Speculation and Beauty and The Beast. Other than being involved in theatre, he enjoys painting, drawing, and crafting.

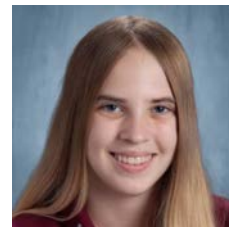


Laya Karunakaran

as Seven of Spades

Laya is currently a freshman. She is a part of the Interact Club, Science Olympiad, Girls Who Code, and Yearbook. She participates in Bharatanatyam (Indian Classical Dance), piano, and guitar.

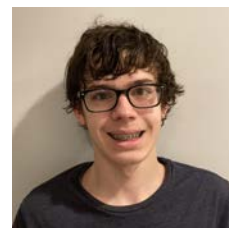
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Natalie Laclede

as Narrator

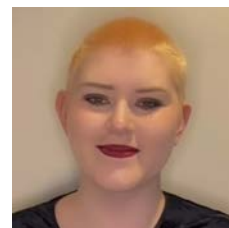
Natalie is currently a freshman. She has previously played Fiona in Shrek the Musical Jr. and Mayzie in Seussical the Musical at Holy Spirit School, and Mary Poppins in Mary Poppins Jr. at the Little Theater of Alexandria. She is also a member of Erudite and enjoys creative writing, script writing, and singing.



Jack Larmoyeaux

as Tweedle-Dum

Jack is currently a freshman. He has previously acted in Glasgow Middle School Theatre Productions. He is also on the Indoor Track Distance team.



Ainsley McClure

as Wonderland Court

Ainsley is currently a junior at Edison. She has previously acted in the Ensemble in Get Smart and Beauty and the Beast at Mark Twain Middle School, ensemble in Mamma Mia at Edison, and pit for Dracula and The Laramie Project at Edison High School. They are also Captain, and former nationals qualifier, of Edison's competitive quiz bowl team, they are in the Edison Orchestra, French Honor Society, and Tri-M. She loves watching anime, reading classical literature, and exploring new genres of music. "Dedication is a talent all on its own." -Alphonse Elric



Jada Paul

as Production Assistant

Jada is currently a junior. She has previously acted in productions at Holmes Middle School, played Alli in Mamma Mia! and Mel in "Off Road", and has participated in every One Act festival since her freshman year. She is the historian for ITS, participates in choir, and is a member of the Student Ambassador Program. She enjoys makeup, listening to music, hanging out with friends, and online shopping. She'd like to thank God, her family, and her friends for supporting her.