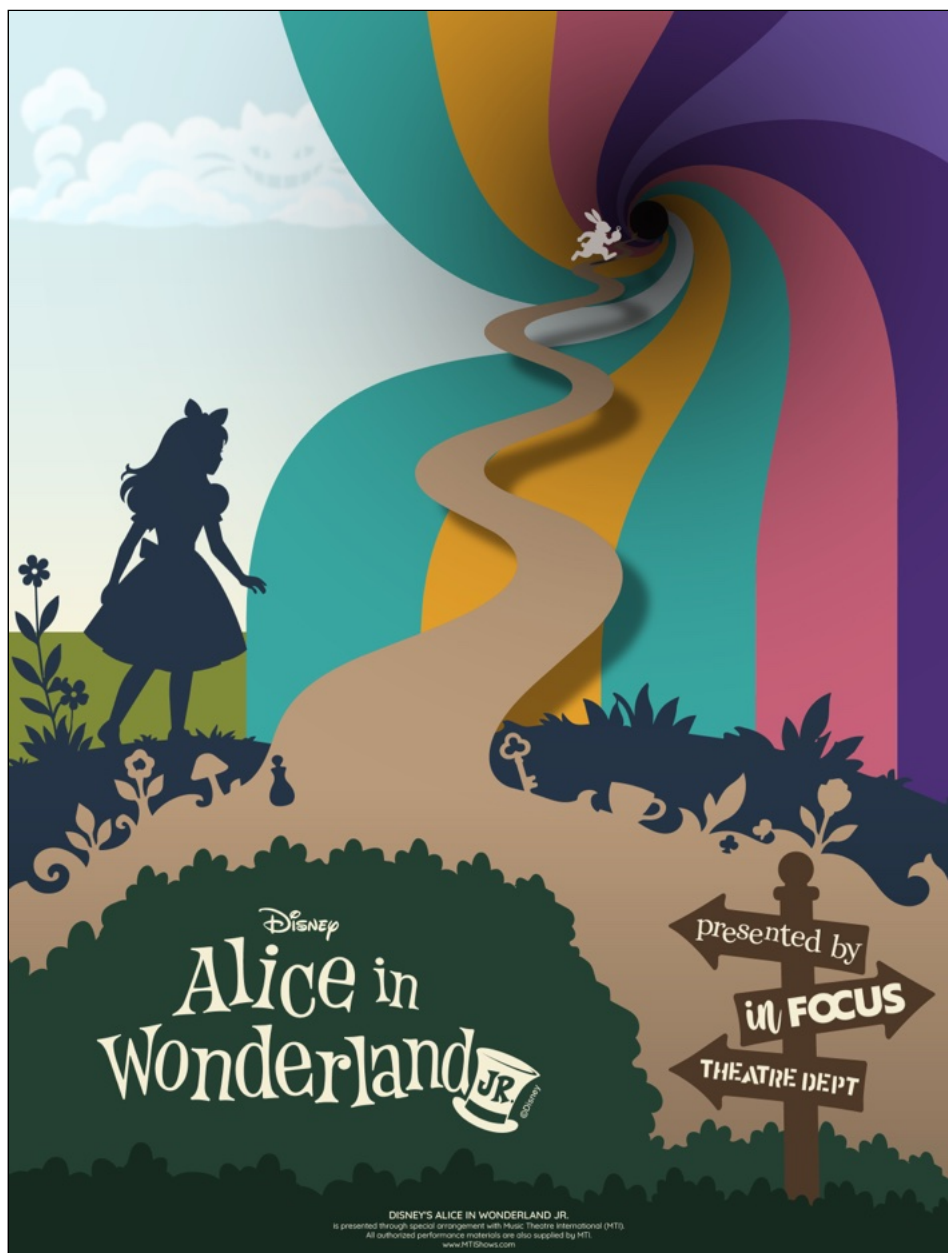


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Simpson Middle School | Leesburg, VA
July 31 - August 1, 2026



LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

I have been working on *Alice in Wonderland JR* just about every day since April 13th. (The day after we wrapped *Willy Wonka JR.*) I assumed that the message of this letter would hit me one day while working on the show. Here we are at noon on July 26th, five days before our show opens and it finally hit me.



Alice rediscovers Wonderland while being much older than the last time she went. She is confronted by several members of Wonderland who tell her she must abide by their rules if she wants fit in. No one in Wonderland accepts Alice for the way she is. Eventually, Alice stands up to the Queen of Hearts and tells her that she does not want to be anyone but herself. As we enter the real world, Alice brings that confidence with her. Alice's older sister accepts her for it, even inspired by her imagination and wanting to read her stories.

While being a director, I have realized that there is much more to a show than the dancing, singing, and acting. The most rewarding part of directing has been seeing kids come out of their shell with confidence in who they are. It has been watching friendships form in real time. It has been seeing the cast create a space for each other where they can express themselves freely. That's what makes being a youth theatre director worth it.

To my students and their parents:

Thank you for trusting me as a teacher and director. It has brought me so much joy seeing all of your kids grow - not just as performers, but as people. I will always look forward to the next time we can play pretend together.

Your director,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeffrey Henderson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping line extending from the end of the name.

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PRESENTS

Disney
**Alice in
Wonderland** JR.

Music and Lyrics by
Danny Elfman,
Sammy Fain & Bob Hilliard,
Oliver Wallace & Cy Coben,
Michael Abbott & Sarah Weeks,
and Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston

Music Adapted and Arranged
and Additional Music and Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle

Additional Arrangements & Orchestrations by Patrick Sulken

Book and Additional Lyrics by David Simpatico
Based on the 1951 Disney film *Alice in Wonderland*
and the novels *The Adventures of Alice in Wonderland*
and *Through the Looking-Glass* by Lewis Carroll

Directed and Choreographed by
Jeffrey Henderson

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SONGS

Opening (Alice's Theme)	Company
In A World of My Own	Alice, Company
I'm Late!	White Rabbit, Company
Very Good Advice	Alice, Company
Ocean of Tears/Smallification	Dodo Bird, Company
The Caucus Race	Dodo Bird, Small Alice, Company
I'm Late! (Reprise)	White Rabbit, Company
How D'ye Do and Shake Hands	Tweedle Dum, Tweedle Dee, Alice
How D'ye Do and Shake Hands (Reprise)	Tweedle Dum, Tweedle Dee
The Golden Afternoon	Flowers
Adventure Is A Wonderful Thing	Caterpillar, Small Alice, Company
The Unbirthday Song (part 1)	Mad Hatter, Company
The Unbirthday Song (part 2)	March Hare, Alice, Mad Hatter, Company
I'm Late! (Reprise 2)	White Rabbit, Company
Painting the Roses Red	Royal Cards, Alice
Painting the Roses Red (Reprise)	Queen of Hearts, Cards
Simon Says (part 1)	Queen of Hearts
Simon Says (part 2)	Queen of Hearts
The Unbirthday Song (Reprise)	Mad Hatter, Queen of Hearts, King of Hearts, Company
Finale	Alice, Company

CAST

Cast Members

Alice	Mila Bovino
White Rabbit	Aaron Boesch
Cheshire Cat 1	Gemma Hartley
Cheshire Cat 2	Ellie Bergeaux
Cheshire Cat 3	Maizy Wright
Queen of Hearts/Doorknob	Amelia Taylor
Mad Hatter	James Murdock
Caterpillar	Camille Staton
Dodo Bird	Rocky Wright
Tweedle Dee	Kalila Kaptaine
Tweedle Dum	Luna Kaptaine
Small Alice	Blake Murdock
Tall Alice	Faith Vrabel
March Hare	Margaux Taylor
Rose	Avily Kaptaine
Lily	Ivy Boyd
Petunia	Willow Utley
Violet	Josie Utley
King of Hearts/Daisy	Lincoln Utley
Royal Advisor	Emma Henderson
Mathilda	Meg Bales
Friend 1	Kennedy Garwacki
Friend 2	Savannah Bergeaux
Flower/Royal Card	Ginny Bales
Flower Ensemble	Ginny Bales, Kennedy Garwacki, Meg Bales, Savannah Bergeaux, Faith Vrabel
Royal Cards	Meg Bales, Kennedy Garwacki, Savannah Bergeaux, Ginny Bales, Faith Vrabel, Ivy Boyd, Avily Kaptaine, Josie Utley, Willow Utley, Blake Murdock

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Crew Members

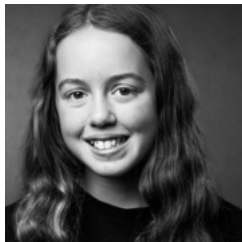
Producer	Renee Henderson
Director	Jeffrey Henderson
Choreographer	Jeffrey Henderson
Music Director	Ella Simpson
Associate Director	Becca Henderson
Assistant Director	Abby Henderson
Assistant Choreographers	Abby Henderson, Becca Henderson
Technical Director	Scott Henderson
Stage Managers	Renee Henderson, Emma Henderson, Abby Henderson, Becca Henderson
Child Wrangler	Emma Henderson
Set Design	Jeffrey Henderson, Scott Henderson, JD Boesch
Light Design	Jeffrey Henderson, Kieran Wehbe
Audio Design	Jeffrey Henderson
Prop Design	Jeffrey Henderson, Scott Henderson, Renee Henderson, Anne Utley, Michelle Staton
Costume Directors	Jeffrey Henderson, Renee Henderson
Costume Design	Anne Utley, Emiko Diro, Campbell Szczybor, Kayleigh Boyd
Seamstresses	Kelli Hartley, Anne Utley
Set Construction	Scott Henderson, JD Boesch, Jeffrey Henderson, Kelli Hartley, Gemma Hartley, Aaron Boesch, Mila Bovino
Light Operator	Kieran Wehbe
Spotlight Operators	Renee Henderson, Shepherd Moe
Sound Engineer	Scott Henderson
Audio Operators	Jeffrey Henderson, Scott Henderson
Stagehands	Taylor Bledsoe, Addison Canfield, Emma Henderson, Addie Rose Peter, Gabi Schoenfeld, Ella Taylor
Dance Captains	Izzy French, Abby Henderson, Becca Henderson, Hilana Leng, Gabi Schoenfeld
Concessions & Merchandise	Megan Boesch, Kelli Hartley

CREW

Crew Members (continued)

Publicity	Scott Henderson, Jeffrey Henderson, Renee Henderson
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Program Editor	Megan Boesch
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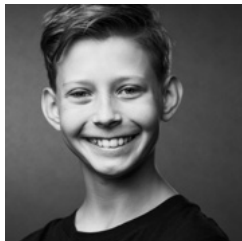
WHO'S WHO



Mila Bovino

as Alice

Mila is excited to be part of the second In Focus Theatre production! She is entering 6th grade and is homeschooled. She was previously Mr. Salt in Willy Wonka and has been dancing for 2 years. She is looking forward to everyone watching the show. She would like to say thanks to Jeffrey, all her theater friends, and the entire cast for making this show amazing!



Aaron Boesch

as White Rabbit

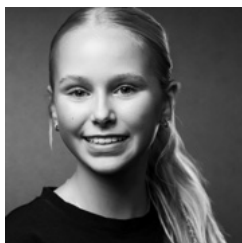
Aaron is thirteen years old, homeschooled and is a rising eighth grader. Aaron has been dancing with Jeffrey for six years and is excited to be playing the White Rabbit under Jeffrey's direction. This is Aaron's second production after playing Willy Wonka in In Focus' spring musical. If he ever stops dancing, it's likely in order to play the drums or to shoot archery. Aaron would like to thank the Hendersons for the opportunity to be involved in musical theater and Jeffrey for all the time he's spent teaching him.



Gemma Hartley

as Cheshire Cat 1

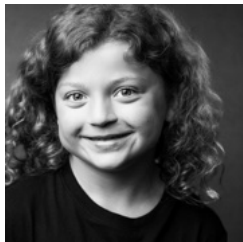
Gemma is super excited to be part of her second In Focus Theater show and can't wait to help bring the Cheshire Cat to life! A homeschooled sixth-grader, Gemma firmly agrees that *"we're all mad here"* in Wonderland and is ready for another wonderful theatrical adventure. When she's not on stage, she loves dancing, ice skating, and practicing gymnastics. She would like to thank Ms. Renee and Jeffrey for making this play happen.



Ellie Bergeaux

as Cheshire Cat 2

Ellie Bergeaux is 13 years old and attends Cornerstone Christian Academy. This is her theater debut, and she is excited to be performing as Cheshire Cat #2 in this summer's production. Outside of theater, Ellie enjoys figure skating and cheering on the CCA cheer team. She has had so much fun bringing the playful, mischievous Cheshire Cat to life and is thankful for the opportunity to try something new, build confidence on stage, and be part of such a fun cast.



Maizy Wright

as Cheshire Cat 3

Maizy loves to entertain, and she couldn't be more excited to be back on stage this summer with In Focus. She made her stage debut portraying Mr. Bucket as well as an Oompa Loompa in the *Wonka Jr* production. She is nearly 7 years old, she's homeschooled, and this summer, she joined a swim team for the first time. Maizy has been dancing with InFocus for over 2 ½ years, and loves learning from her teachers and working hard to keep you entertained!



Amelia Taylor

as Queen of Hearts/Doorknob

Amelia is excited to be part of *Alice in Wonderland*! She is entering 5th grade, and is homeschooled. Amelia has been dancing with In Focus for the past three years and loves being on stage. This is her second theater production, following her role as Violet Beauregarde in *Willy Wonka Jr*. Amelia would like to thank her family for their constant support, a special thank you to her older sister for faithfully running lines with her. She's had so much fun perfecting her royal commands and hopes you'll remember: "Off with their heads!"



James Murdock

as Mad Hatter

James is thrilled to be playing the Mad Hatter in *Alice in Wonderland Jr*. This is his second theater production, and he has loved bringing this wonderfully wacky character to life. James is a homeschooled fifth grader who enjoys playing baseball, training in jiu-jitsu, swimming, and spending time with his family. He loves adventure, making people laugh, and trying new things. James would like to thank his directors, castmates, and family for their encouragement and support. He hopes you enjoy tumbling down the rabbit hole and into Wonderland!

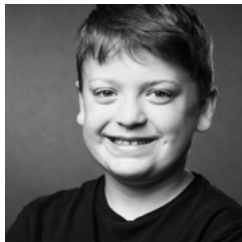


Camille Staton

as Caterpillar

Camille is a rising 8th grader and is homeschooled. She has been in a production of *Mary Poppins* playing a Chimney Sweep, she has been dancing since she was four years old, and assisted teaching ballet. She is very excited to be playing the Caterpillar and to be able to sing her solo in front of an audience.

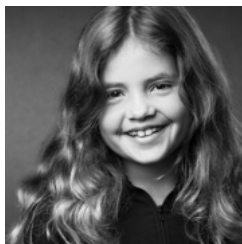
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Rocky Wright

as Dodo Bird

Rocky is excited to be back on the stage for Alice Jr. He made his stage debut in the spring as Charlie Bucket in In Focus's production of Wonka Jr. Rocky enjoys Star Wars (especially the Clone Wars), playing board games, and crafting. He has been dancing for a year and a half, and recently began piano lessons as well. He hopes to be an engineer for NASA someday, and he really hopes you enjoy the show!



Kalila Kaptaine

as Tweedle Dee

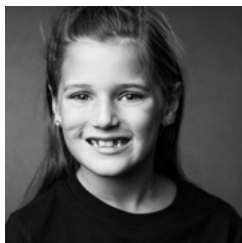
Kalila is a rising fourth-grade homeschooler who has appeared in five theater productions and is also a competitive dancer. She's thrilled to step into the who is who world of Tweedledee, showing that the best adventures often come in matching pairs. Kalila loves performing and is grateful for the chance to make unforgettable memories on stage.



Luna Kaptaine

as Tweedle Dum

Luna is a rising fourth-grade homeschooler who has performed in five theater productions and is also a competitive dancer. She can't wait to dive into the charming chaos of Wonderland as Tweedledum, where a little silliness goes a long way. She loves making audiences smile and is thankful for the friendships and fun along the way.



Blake Murdock

as Small Alice

Blake is excited to be making her theater debut as Small Alice in *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* She is a homeschooled second grader who loves gymnastics, dance, swimming, and playing with her friends. Blake enjoys trying new things, being creative, and making people smile. She is thrilled to be part of her first production and would like to thank her directors, castmates, and family for all their support. She hopes you enjoy your trip to Wonderland!

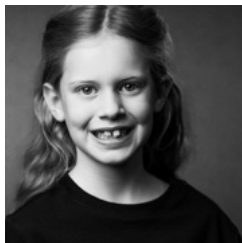
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Faith Vrabel

as Tall Alice

Faith is 12 years old and a rising 7th grader. She is very excited to be performing as Tall Alice in her 1st show with In Focus. Faith has also performed in Finding Nemo, Willy Wonka, Newsies, Moana, and Matilda! Her favorite role was Hei-hei in Moana. Faith has danced with former Studio Bleu and also, In Focus! She thanks the whole In Focus team for their dedication, support and kindness.



Margaux Taylor

as March Hare

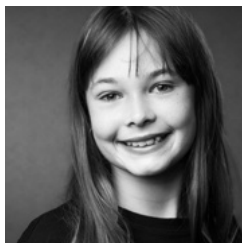
Margaux is very excited to perform in Alice in Wonderland Jr. At just 7 years old, she has already developed a passion for performance, having participated in dance since the age of four. Her favorite memory from performing in Willy Wonka Jr. is dancing and acting on stage. She is excited to bring the March Hare character to life and wants to thank her family and friends for their support. She would like to thank her castmates and their directors for all their hard work to produce this show!



Avily Kaptaine

as Rose

Avily is a rising sixth-grade homeschooler and passionate performer who has appeared in six theater productions. She is also a dedicated dancer, bringing energy and heart to every role she takes on. In this production, she's delighted to bloom as Rose and shuffle into the Royal Court as a card. Proof that Wonderland loves surprises. She's excited to keep growing on stage and share a little theatrical magic.



Ivy Boyd

as Lily

Ivy is thrilled to tumble down the rabbit hole in her very first musical theater production as Lily, in Alice in Wonderland Jr! Ivy is 10 years old and entering fifth grade. She spends most of her time as a competitive dancer but couldn't resist taking a detour to Wonderland. She hopes this is the first of many adventures on the stage. Ivy sends a huge thank you to the director, cast, crew, and her family for helping her "bloom" in this role!

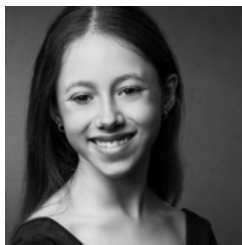
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Willow Utley

as Petunia

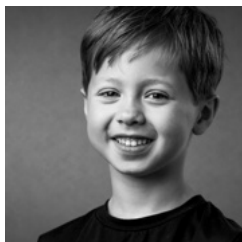
Willow is a 4th grader and homeschooled. She's been a competition dancer for 7 years and this is her 9th theater production. She would like to say a big thank you to all those who have helped make this possible!



Josie Utley

as Violet

Josie is a 6th grader and homeschooled. She's been a competition dancer for 8 years and this is her 9th theater production. She is so thankful for all the staff and volunteers who have helped bring this show to life!!



Lincoln Utley

as King of Hearts/Daisy

Lincoln is a homeschooled 1st grader. Lincoln has done competitive dance since the age of 2 and loves the stage. He would like to thank all of the amazing people involved in this show. This is his fourth production and first show with his role model, Mr. Jeffrey!



Emma Henderson

as Royal Advisor

Emma is excited to be part of her first In Focus Theatre production! She is 14 years old, entering 10th grade, and is homeschooled. She has been a dancer for 13 years and has done five previous theatre productions. Her favorite role so far was playing a wolf who attacked the Beast (played by her brother Jeffrey) in Beauty and the Beast, Jr. Emma loves dancing and teaching all of her In Focus students. She is excited to serve the King of Hearts and hopes a lifetime of being his buddy has prepared her well for this role. She thanks Jeffrey, all the leadership, and the entire cast for making this show possible!

WHO'S WHO



Meg Bales

as Mathilda

Meg is sixteen years old. She is homeschooled and a rising junior. She really enjoys reading Shakespeare with her group, learning piano, maxing out her library card, and playing Dungeons & Dragons. Her short stories have won several contests. She is very excited to perform in Alice in Wonderland Jr for her first stage production.



Kennedy Garwacki

as Friend 1

Kennedy is excited about her theater debut! She is 12 years old and is a rising 7th grader at her homeschool, Guard Your Heart Academy. Kennedy loves swimming, making friends, drawing, painting with her Mimi and reading. She looks forward to performing in her first theater show and gaining more confidence and courage to continue her journey on stage.



Savannah Bergeaux

as Friend 2

Savannah is 11 years old and attends Cornerstone Christian Academy. She discovered her love for theater while participating in the Junior Theatre Club at CCA this past year and was excited to continue performing in this summer production. Savannah has also danced for many years with the Loudounettes at Dance Academy of Loudoun. She is thrilled to be part of the cast as a Friend, Flower and Royal Card and is thankful for the opportunity to make new friends and grow as a performer.



Ginny Bales

as Flower/Royal Card

Ginny Bales is eight years old. She is homeschooled and entering third grade. This is her first stage production, but she already loves dance, soccer, church choir, and riding anything with wheels. Her summer is the best because she got a new kitten.

ALICE IN WONDERLAND JR.

From meeting Alice at Disney to becoming part of Wonderland yourself...what a fun adventure! We are so proud of you and can't wait to watch you shine as the Queen of Hearts.

Break a leg! We love you!
Dad, Mom, and Ella



Break A Leg, Gemma!



**Your family is so proud
of all your hard work!**

Emma,

**He's had you wrapped around his little finger since
day one! Break a leg to the King and his Royal Advisor!**



Break a Leg, Blake!



Your determination, kind heart, and humble spirit make you shine wherever you go. You let your actions speak for themselves, and we couldn't be prouder.

Go shine, our sweet Alice!

Love, Mom, Dad, James, Liam & Ava

James,

We hope you always stay curious enough to explore, brave enough to try, and kind enough to lift others along the way. Have fun in Wonderland - we love you!



Love, Mom, Dad, Blake, Liam & Ava

**We are so excited for your
return to Wonderland
and so proud to see you
sharing your love, creativity, and joy
with a whole new generation of performers!**



**Love,
Grammy & Papa**

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