

HITSBILL



Alice by heart

Grades 7-12
Fall 2025

December 12, 7:00 p.m.
December 13, 7:00 p.m.

HITS Theatre
311 W. 18th Street, Houston, TX 77008

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HITS Theatre

presents



Alice
by
heart

Book by
Steven Sater and Jessie Nelson

Music by
Duncan Sheik

Lyrics by
Steven Sater

Director
BRENNAN ASHLEY

Music Director
KYLE KINDRED

Scenic Designer
SARAH DUGAIN

Costume Designer
CELESTE CERENIO

Stage Manager & Props Designer
KAREN CLAYTON

Choreographer
DANA LEWIS*

Lighting Designer
ASH PARRA and
JANESSA A.
HARRIS

* **SDC** The Choreographer is a member of the
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Disney's Alice in Wonderland JR. is presented through special arrangement with and all authorized materials are supplied by Music Theatre International, New York, NY (212) 541-4684 mtishows.com

CAST

Sarah Nelson.....	Alice
Gretchen Seghers.....	Alfred/White Rabbit
Audrey McCollom.....	Nurse/Queen of Hearts
Quinn Sutton....	Dr. Buttridge/King of Hearts/Jabberwock
Chloe Frazier.....	Tabitha/Cheshire Cat
Isla Hart.....	Nigel/Pigeon
Alexandra Michels.....	Dodgy
Gianna Primomo.....	Clarissa
Amelia Primomo.....	Harold Pudding
Julia Shahda.....	Angus/Caterpillar 2
Madeline Brownlie.....	Young Alice/Queen of Diamonds
Tom Peters.....	Young Alfred/Knave of Spades
Judah Gonzalez.....	Duchess/Mock Mock Mock Turtle
Alexandra Snyder.....	Knave of Hearts
Eli Brownlie.....	Doormouse
Layla Hindi.....	Mad Hatter
Lotus Wagner.....	Caterpillar 1
Betty Lark Sutton.....	Mock Turtle/Knave of Clubs
Abigail Gibbs.....	Mock Mock Turtle
Iris Burke.....	Mock Mock Mock Mock Turtle
Skylar Hicks.....	Magpie/Dance Captain
Sam Shahda.....	Duck
Olivia Payton.....	Dodo
Betsy Wright.....	Eaglet
Alexandra Mack.....	Canary/Alfred's Mother



**Sarah
Nelson**



**Gretchen
Seghers**



**Audrey
McCollom**



**Quinn
Sutton**



**Chloe
Frazier**



**Isla
Hart**



**Alexandra
Michels**



**Gianna
Primomo**



**Amelia
Primomo**



**Julia
Shabda**



**Madeline
Brownlie**



**Tom
Peters**



**Judah
Gonzalez**



**Alexandra
Snyder**



**Eli
Brownlie**



**Layla
Hindi**



**Lotus
Wagner**



**Betty Lark
Sutton**



**Abigail
Gibbs**



**Iris
Burke**



**Skylar
Hicks**



**Sam
Shahda**



**Olivia
Payton**



**Betsy
Wright**



**Alexandra
Mack**

MUSICAL NUMBERS

West of Worlds.....	Alice, Alfred, Tabitha and Company
Down the Hole.....	Alice, Alfred and Company
Still.....	Alice and Alfred
Chillin' the Regrets.....	Caterpillars and Alice
The Key Is.....	Alice, Alfred and Company
So.....	The Birds
Those Long Eyes.....	The Cheshire Cat, Alice, Alfred and Lobsters
Manage Your Flaming.....	Duchess, Cards, Queen of Hearts, King of Hearts and Queen of Diamonds
Sick to Death of Aliceness.....	Mad Hatter, March Hare, Doormouse and Alice
Some Things Fall Away.....	The Cheshire Cat
Brillig, Braelig.....	Jabberwock
Your Shell of Grief.....	Mock Turtles
Another Room in Your Head.....	Alice, Alfred and Company
Isn't it a Trial.....	Queen of Hearts and Company
Do You Think We Think You're Alice?.....	Company
I've Shrunk Enough.....	Company
Afternoon.....	Alice and Alfred
Winter Blooms.....	Company

SYNOPSIS

In the rubble of the London Blitz of World War II, Alice Spencer's budding teen life is turned upside down, and she and her dear friend Alfred are forced to take shelter in an underground tube station. When the ailing Alfred is quarantined, Alice encourages him to escape with her into their cherished book and journey down the rabbit hole to Wonderland.

As they travel through the tale, Alice by Heart explores the poignancy of first love, coming to terms with loss, and finding the courage to move forward. This world premiere musical encourages us all to celebrate the transformational power of the imagination, even in the harshest of times.



Videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

Director's Note

Alice by Heart has been one of my favorite shows since 2018. Grief is a heavy subject and this musical gives us a gentle, imaginative place to explore what it feels like when life spins wildly out of our control.

One of the things I love most about this piece is how each character and song mirrors a different stage of grief—denial, anger, bargaining, depression, acceptance. Wonderland becomes a kind of emotional map, where every encounter nudges Alice (and us) toward understanding what it means to hold on, let go, and keep going. It's messy, heartfelt, and human.

Watching this cast twist, tumble, and chaotically cartwheel through the scenes and beats of each moments has been so wonderful to watch. The show has grown and evolved with them, each rehearsal adding another spark of inspiration, wonder, and truth. They've made me fall in love with this story in a whole new way.

I'm so glad you're here. I invite you to open your heart, lean into the whimsy, and wander with us. May you find a bit of magic, a bit of healing, and maybe even a mischievous talking caterpillar or two along the way.

-Brennan Ashley

CREATIVE & PRODUCTION TEAM

DIRECTOR.....	BRENNAN ASHLEY
CHOREOGRAPHER.....	DANA LEWIS*
DANCE CAPTAIN.....	SKYLAR HICKS
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....	KYLE KINDRED
STAGE MANAGER.....	KAREN CLAYTON
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PROPS DESIGNER.....	KAREN CLAYTON
WARDROBE ASSISTANT.....	OLIVA CLAYTON
SCENIC CARPENTER.....	ASH PARRA
SCENIC ARTISTS.....	SARAH DUGAIN & MARY MCNEELY
LIGHTING BOARD OPERATOR.....	ASH PARRA
AUDIO ENGINEER.....	CHRIS AGUILERA
VOLUNTEER EXTRAORDINAIRE.....	ADAM GRAHMANN



HITS TEAM

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.....	DENNIS ARROWSMITH
DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTION & FACILITY.....	ASH PARRA
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATION.....	JANESEA A. HARRIS
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.....	BRENNAN ASHLEY
ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTION & FACILITY.....	KAREN CLAYTON
BOOKKEEPER.....	ADAM WAGNER

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A SPECIAL NOTE

Welcome to HITS Theatre and the Fall chapter of our Topsy Turvy Season!

We celebrate our young performers and a community that has stood beside HITS for 45 years. Your belief in our mission and your generous support make it possible for every student to grow, shine, and discover the magic of the arts.

Settle in, enjoy the performance, and join us again as the Topsy Turvy adventure continues this Winter!

— Katie Rushing, Board President

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Abigail Gibbs

Abby! From Celia Cruz to a sister gone way wrong to a mock mock turtle, it's been fun watching you grow as an actress these past 6 or 7 years.



Alexandra March

We love you, Alex! You're always our superstar!
Love,
Mama, Papa, Elliot & Barkley



Alexandra Michels

Alex, we are so proud of you and can't wait to see you in another wonderful play. You are our shining Star!! ❤️





Alexandra Snyder

We are so proud
of you, Alex!
Love, Mom, Dad,
and Trey



Eli Brownlie

From Chip to Mike TV
to Doormouse!
You always play characters
larger than life! Keep on
shining bright star!



Iris Burke

We are so
excited to see
you mock your
way to top turtle!





Isla Hart

We are so proud
of you Isla, we
can't wait to see
you on stage!



Judah Gonzalez

Slay the house
down Judah!!
Love, Mama &
Layla



Layla Hindliam

You continue to
amaze us.
We love you with
all our hearts!





questi ultimi
Ipsum faucibus vitae aliquet nec ullamcor
nullam. Urna *incidunt praesent sem*
sectetur ad
um

Madeline Brownlie

Diamonds are a
girls best friend.
Can't wait to see
you shine bright!



questi ultimi
Ipsum faucibus vitae aliquet nec ullamcor
vius nullam. Urna *incidunt praesent sem*
sectetur ad
lipi

Skylar Hicks

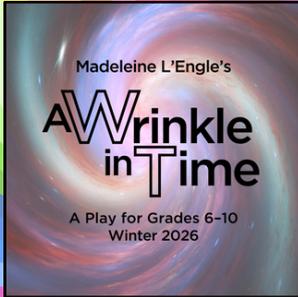
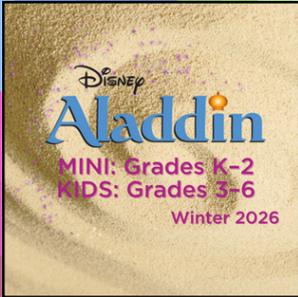
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Magpie!
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of you Skylar!



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