



by Jason and Becca Johnson-Spinos Based on the books by Lewis Carroll

Directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos Assistant Directed by Ryan Kimble

OCT. 20-29 Addison Theatre Centre Studio Theatre

There will be one fifteen-minute intermission

CAST

ALICE Beatrix Wezwick Kate Illian

WHITE RABBIT Kensley James Renee Neleson

QUEEN OF HEARTS Alicia Pallares Allison Wright

> MAD HATTER Chloe Miller Madeline Knoff

MARCH HARE Amber Kimble Kaz Hill

DORMOUSE Juan Erives Niam Sachdev

KING OF HEARTS Eli Gibson Holden James

CHESHIRE CAT Aisley Pickett Charlotte Million THE DUCHESS Mariana Lopes Sarah Asif

CATERPILLAR Kylie Bell Willa Jones

TWEEDLEDUM Anna Lyle Kate Sadogurskaia

> TWEEDLEDEE Olivia Stoner

CHARLOTTE/COOK/ NINE OF HEARTS Edelweiss Long Sofia Lopes

TIGER-LILY/ SEVEN OF HEARTS Jessie Brae Sta Maria Joslyin Lee

ROSE/FIVE OF HEARTS Elyza Ordono Louisa Rice

VIOLET/THREE OF HEARTS Alba Maldonada



Sarah Asif (The Duchess) is a 6th grader at Marion Elementary in Allen. This is her second theater performance. She previously performed in *Matilda Jr.* In addition to singing, Sarah enjoys writing. She hopes to use this opportunity with Outcry to gain experience and to meet new friends that share her interest in the performing arts.

Kylie Bell (Caterpillar) loves theater. However, when Kylie isn't on the stage, she loves to play softball (Go Panthers!), read, draw, play video games, and hang out with her friends. Kylie would like to thank Mr. J and Ms. Becca for welcoming her to the Outcry family with open arms and she would also like to thank the amazing cast and crew for making this show so much fun.

Juan Erives (Dormouse) has been at Outcry Youth Theatre for three years and has had the best time playing the Dormouse. Other roles he has played are Donald/Narrator in *The Little Princess*, Hidden Folk/Family Member in *Frozen Jr.*, Gander in *Charlotte's Web*, Fox 4 in *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and Michael in *Matilda Jr.* Juan would like to thank his little doggy Cosmo and no one else. Just kidding! Juan would like to thank Mr J, and his family (including Cosmo).

Eli Gibson (King of Hearts) is in 6th grade. This is his 6th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. His past roles have been Gurgle in *Finding Nemo*, Nigel in *Matilda Jr.*, Charlie in *Anne of Green Gables*, Mr. Bunce in *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and Drake in *Annie Jr.* Offstage, Eli likes to play Minecraft, tell jokes, and perform improv. He would like to thank Mr. J and Outcry Theatre for this opportunity and his family and friends for supporting his love of performing.

Kaz Hill (March Hare) is a 14-year-old aspiring actor. This is his second Outcry Youth Theatre production. He takes inspiration for his acting from high-emotion movies like *Saw*. In his free time, he likes drawing, singing, and spending time with his cats.



Kate Illian (Alice) is a 9-year-old 4th grader at Harrington Elementary. This is her 4th production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her previous roles include Annie in Annie Jr., Louise in Sunday in the Park with George, and Matilda in Matilda Jr. She loves to sing, dance, play piano, and veg out to episodes of Project Runway. Kate wants to thank Mr. J for trusting her with this role, her Mom for running lines, and her double, Beatrix, for her support.

Holden James (King of Hearts) is extremely proud to join the cast of *Alice in Wonderland*. This is his fifth show with Outcry Youth Theatre. One of his favorite shows was *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, directed by Mr. Jason Johnson-Spinos. When he's not at rehearsal, he loves to play video games and to spend time with his family. He would like to thank Jason Johnson-Spinos and the cast and crew for creating a fun, challenging acting experience.

Kensley James (White Rabbit) is excited to join the *Alice in Wonderland* cast. She is in the 6th grade, and she is enjoying the fast-paced world of drama. This is her fifth show at Outcry Youth Theatre. Her third and favorite performance was Tommy in *Matilda Jr.*, directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos. When not at rehearsal, she loves to spend time with her friends and family. She would like to thank Jason Johnson-Spinos for giving her the opportunity to perform as the White Rabbit in *Alice in Wonderland*.

Willa Jones (Caterpillar) is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Wilson Middle School. This is her second production through Outcry. Favorite past roles have been the Escapologist in *Matilda Jr.* (Outcry) and Neighborhood Citizen/High Schooler in *Hairspray* (NTPA). When not performing, Willa is active in Girl Scouts, studies voice, loves art, musical theater, and comedy. Willa would like to thank Mr. Jason and everyone at Outcry for this opportunity, and she looks forward to many more productions in the future!

Amber Kimble (March Hare) is 10 and is currently in 6th grade at Schimelpfenig Middle School. This is her fourth Outcry Youth Theatre show, and her third show with Mr. J. Her past roles include Young Elsa (*Frozen Jr.*), Bubbles/ Sheldon (*Finding Nemo Jr.*), and Kate (*Annie Jr.*). Outside of theatre, she loves reading, swimming, video games, and drawing. She would like to thank her family, friends, and everyone who has helped with the show.



Madeline Knoff (Mad Hatter) is a 13-year-old 8th grader who enjoys playing sports and the bassoon. Her favorite past roles with Outcry Youth Theatre include Gill in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, Miss Honey in *Matilda Jr.*, Celeste 2 in *Sunday in the Park with George*, Bean in *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and Grand High Witch in *The Witches*. She is grateful for the love and support from her family and friends, and she would like to thank Mr. Jason and the cast and crew for this extraordinary adventure. "Time for Tea!"

Joslyin Lee (Tiger Lily/Seven) is in the 5th grade at Hughston Elementary School. This is her first performance with Outcry Youth Theatre. She saw her sweet friend Kylie's last play and was hooked. Joslyin loves spending time with friends, playing soccer, doing all kinds of art, and loves music. Joslyin would like to thank her mom and dad for bringing her to rehearsals and signing her up. She also wants to thank Mr. J as well as the cast and crew for putting in so much time and effort.

Edelweiss Long (Charlotte/Cook) is a 13-year-old eighth grader at Inspired Learning Academy. This is her second Outcry Youth Theatre show. Past favorite roles include villager in *Beauty and the Beast*, student in *Junie B. Jones*, Lola in *Dear Edwina*, and Mrs. Puff in *The SpongeBob Musical*. Edelweiss would like to thank Mr. Jason for giving her the opportunity, all of the parent volunteers for their hard work, and her family for supporting her in everything she does.

Mariana Lopes (The Duchess) is a 12-year-old in 7th grade at Willow Springs Middle School (Lovejoy district). She loves watching movies, swimming in her pool, listening to music, hanging with friends, and going to the beach. This is her second play with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her first role was the Acrobat in *Matilda Jr*. She is becoming more and more comfortable acting and hopes to be able to participate in other plays with Mr. J.

Sofia Lopes (Charlotte/Cook/Nine) is a 9-year-old in 4th grade at Jenny Preston Elementary School (Allen district). She loves swimming, playing pretend with her friends, and going to the beach. This is her first play ever and she cannot wait to perform for the audience. Since her first tryout, she has been very comfortable with acting, and she hopes to be able to participate in other plays with Mr. J.



Anna Lyle (Tweedledum) is in 5th grade at Hamilton Park Pacesetter Magnet Elementary School. This is her third production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Sergei in *Matilda Jr.*, Mabel in *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and Ophelia in *Get Thee to a Nunnery* for the Dallas 24-hour Video Festival. When not on stage, she likes to cheer and craft. She would like to thank her friends and family.

Alba Maldonado (Violet/Three) is 7 years old and in 2nd grade at MST Richardson. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theatre, where she played Minnie May in Anne of Green Gables. She loves to travel, read, and her favorite subject is math. When she isn't on stage you can find her playing roblox, rummaging through her mother's makeup bag, or snuggling with her father watching Netflix. She wants to thank Mr. J for the opportunity, patience, and direction, and the entire production team.

Chloe Miller (Mad Hatter) is in 7th grade at Westwood Junior High. This is Chloe's second production with Outcry Youth Theatre. She had an amazing time with OYT playing Amanda in *Matilda Jr*. In Chloe's free time, she plays viola in orchestra and tennis, but her favorite is playing video games with her friends. Chloe would like to thank her family and friends for their love and support and Mr. J for his encouragement and amazing opportunities at Outcry.

Charlotte Million (Cheshire Cat) is a 3rd grader at Saigling Elementary. Charlotte previously appeared in Outcry's *Matilda Jr.* (Hortensia) and in productions at Saigling Elementary (*Junie B. Jones Jr.*, Bobbie Jean Piper) and Shine (*Aristocats*, Berlioz; *Annie*, Ensemble). Charlotte enjoys drawing, crafts, cooking, reading, and playing with her four dogs. Charlotte would like to thank her moms for encouraging her, Outcry, especially, for that first Summer Camp that sparked the theater love, and all the volunteers.

Renee Neleson (White Rabbit) is in 8th grade at Pearson Middle School. This is their third stage production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Previously Renee performed in OYT stage productions of *Matilda Jr.* (Sergei) and *Annie Jr.* (Bert Healey), as well as video productions of *Myths of the Games Keeper* (Kris) and OYT's *Murder Mystery* (Ann Colton). When not on stage, Renee enjoys sewing, animation, and baking. Renee would like to thank their parents for all of their love and support.



Elyza Ordono (Rose/Five) is eight and in 3rd grade at Boyd Elementary School. This is her fifth production with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her past favorite roles are Princess Jasmine in *Aladdin*, Sheep in *Charlotte's Web*, Molly in *Annie Jr.*, Fox Child 4 in *Fantastic Mr. Fox*, and Minnie May in *Anne of Green Gables*. She loves playing with her sister and making videos with friends. She would like to thank her family, Tanaya, Jenelle, Zaedey, Jessie, Mr. Jason, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Raecher, Ms. Perrault, Mrs. Dobson, Titos and Titas.

Alicia Pallares (Queen of Hearts) is 12 years old and is a 6th grader at Evans Middle School in McKinney. She is excited to be in her third major production with Mr. J and Outcry Youth Theatre and would love to thank him for this amazing opportunity! Former shows include Anne of Green Gables (Teen Ruby), Matilda Jr. (Mrs. Wormwood), and she is currently Munchkin #2 in Evans MS Wizard of Oz production! When not performing, Alicia loves to sing, read, draw anime, and practice gymnastics.

Aisley Pickett (Cheshire Cat) is a 12-year-old in 7th grade at Curtis Middle School. She enjoys drawing, playing ice hockey, and acting. This is her second play with Outcry Youth Theatre. One of her previous roles was Acrobat in *Matilda Jr.* She hopes to be able to continue to participate in plays with Mr. J!

Louisa Rice (Rose/Five) is 9 years old and in 4th grade at Gulledge Elementary. This is her first theatre production with Outcry Youth Theatre, or any, for that matter. She loves to read, roller blade, build legos, and craft during her free time. Louisa would like to thank Mr. J for teaching her acting skills and for providing an opportunity to be on stage.

Niam Sachdev (Dormouse) is 9 and a 4th grader at Harrington. This is Niam's fourth production with Outcry. Favorite past roles include Nemo (*Finding Nemo*), Bruce (*Matilda*), and Jasper (101 Dalmatians). He takes dance at Tuzer Ballet and performs in their annual Nutcracker. He enjoys film acting classes with Performer's Edge and is represented by the Horne Agency. He is on student council and loves science fair! He would like to thank Mr. Jason, all of the volunteers for their help, and this amazing cast!



Kate Sadogurskaia (Tweedledum) is in 5th grade at Saigling Elementary School. This is her second production with Outcry Youth Theater. When not on the stage, she likes to dance, hang out with friends, and travel. She would like to thank Mr. Jason for giving her such an amazing opportunity to participate in this play. And, of course, she is grateful to her Mom and Dad.

Jessie Brae Sta Maria (Tiger Lily/Seven of Hearts) is in 4th grade at Vaughan Elementary School. Her previous roles include Annie Jr. as an orphan, Fox Child 3 in Fantastic Mr. Fox, and Anne of Green Gables as Young Ruby. Jessie likes to sing, dance, and act. Offstage, Jessie loves to play with her best friends: Elyza, Elisse, Jenelle, and Zaedey. Jessie wants to thank her family, friends, and everyone for their support. Thank you to Mr. Jason for the opportunity to be a part of this play.

Olivia Stoner (Tweedledee) is 9 years old and in 4th grade at Centennial Elementary. This is her second theatre production. Outside of theatre, she loves dancing, playing Roblox, swimming, and basketball. She would like to thank her parents for supporting her on this new journey and everyone at Outcry.

Beatrix Wezwick (Alice) is in fifth grade at Richardson Heights Elementary. This is her ninth show with Outcry Youth Theatre. Her favorite past roles include Tommy in *Matilda Jr.*, Young Diana in *Anne of Green Gables*, and Louise in *Sunday in the Park with George*. She is devoted to Girl Scouts and is a part of the local media team for the organization. Beatrix would like to thank her friends and family and beloved cat, Neptune, for the love and support, and Mr. J for trusting her with this very special role.

Allison Wright (Queen of Hearts) is a 7th grader at Curtis Middle School. This marks her 6th show, following her stellar portrayals of the eccentric Mr. Wormwood in *Matilda Jr.* and the spine-chilling Bruce in *Finding Nemo Jr.* Allison's versatility will continue to shine as she takes on the role of Hannah in *Puffs* at Outcry in November. Offstage, she lends her voice to the Cantabile choir, part of the Greater Dallas Choral Society. We thank Mr. J for his unwavering support, ensuring our success in every show!



Jason Johnson-Spinos (Director/Choreographer) is a teacher, director, playwright, actor, filmmaker, and designer. A graduate of Elon University, Jason has designed Off-Broadway for *Texas in Paris* and *Lonesome Blues*. He was a theatre teacher at Universal Academy - Coppell, where his UIL One Act Play advanced to the 2017 State Championship. Recently, he did the graphic design for the newly opened Deep Ellum Community Center. Much love to everyone who helped make this show possible.

Ryan Kimble (Assistant Director/Assistant Stage Manager) is a 17-year-old high-school graduate from Plano Senior. This is his 10th show with Outcry, and his first as AD/ASM. Some of his favorite past roles include Warbucks (*Annie Jr.*), Mr. Isaacs (*Dorian Gray*), and Polonius (*Hamlet*). He would like to thank Mr. J for this amazing opportunity, and he would like to thank everyone who worked so hard on this show to make it such a fun and magical journey down the rabbit hole. Break a leg, everyone!



CREW

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UPCOMING PRODUCTION



Or: Seven Increasingly Eventful Years at a Certain School of Magic and Magic by Matt Cox

Performs **November 10-19** Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos

For seven years a certain boy Wizard went to a certain Wizard School and conquered evil. This, however, is not his story. This is the story of the Puffs... who just happened to be there too. A tale for anyone who has never been destined to save the world.

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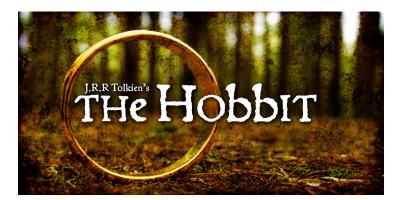


Music and Lyrics by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley Adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy Allen McDonald

> Performs **January 18-21, 2024** Addison Theatre Centre, Main Stage directed by Becca Johnson-Spinos music directed by Cindy Johnston

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka follows enigmatic candy manufacturer, Willy Wonka, as he stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whomever comes up with these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. Four of the five winning children are insufferable brats: the fifth is a likeable young lad named Charlie Bucket, who takes the tour in the company of his equally amiable grandfather. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules in the factory... or suffer the consequences.

UPCOMING AUDITIONS



by **Edward Mast** Adapted from **J.R.R. Tolkien**'s novel

Ages 7-15 Auditions December 6 & 9 Performs March 15-24, 2024 Addison Theatre Centre, Studio Theatre directed by Jason Johnson-Spinos

This adaptation of Tolkien's classic novel is a suspenseful, fastpaced journey through the sometimes dark, sometimes charming, always compelling world of Middle Earth. Bilbo Baggins is a comfortably well-off hobbit with a love for rousing adventure stories. Real adventures, however, are definitely not his cup of tea. So when Gandalf the wizard knocks at Bilbo's door, bringing with him Thorin Oakenshield, 11 ragged looking dwarfs and a contract for an adventure to recover the lost treasure of Lonely Mountain, Bilbo could not be less interested—at first. But Bilbo's love of a good story gets the better of him, and before he knows it, he is off on a perilous quest over mountain and under hill through caves and forest and slimy dark places.



Outcry Reads is a yearly series of four readings of new plays by DFW playwrights. Local actors are cast, and an Outcry staff member directs the readings. Readings take place at the Outcry Theatre Rehearsal Location in Plano. Readings are free to attend, with limited seating for up to 20 audience members. A talkback follows the readings, moderated by the director, where the audience members and actors can discuss the play with the playwright.

Upcoming Reading

THE WËRSPIRIT by Ethan Taylor Friday, December 8, 2023

Submission Guidelines

- All submitting playwrights must live in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and be able to attend the reading and the rehearsal that will take place the previous Friday.
- Playwrights will need to provide a list of what they would like to learn from the talkback, including specific questions they would like answered.
- Submissions are accepted on a rolling basis.
- Playwrights may only submit one play per season.
- Only non-musicals will be considered.
- Plays must be between 45 and 135 minutes.

Submit your play today at outcrytheatre.com/outcry-reads

MISSION STATEMENT

Outcry Theatre strives to draw youth and young adults from Plano and the surrounding areas to the theatre as both audience and participants, integrating the arts into their lives, and encouraging them to become lifelong artists and arts appreciators.

ABOUT OUTCRY THEATRE

Outcry Theatre utilizes bold artistic vision, highly physical staging, and an energetic and visceral performance style. With rigorous rehearsals, tenacious attention to detail, and unwavering dedication to excellence, Outcry Theatre focuses on developing stellar performances and exceptional storytelling.

Outcry Theatre serves the Plano community and surrounding DFW area through professional productions, readings of new works by local playwrights, and the Outcry Youth Theatre program, educating students ages 5-18.

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