

Our Remaining 2007-2008 Season

The Canterville Ghost

directed by John Hesselberg

Shows: Nov. 30, Dec. 1-2 & 7-9

A thoroughly American family moves into a haunted 16th century English manor where the resident specter has to cope with those who refuse to be haunted.

Neil Simon's *God's Favorite*

directed by Garrett Wallace

Auditions: Oct. 14 & 16

Shows: Jan. 25-27 & Feb. 1-3, 2008

Transferring the setting of the Book of Job to the Long Island mansion of a businessman, his wife, a prodigal son, and a pair of kookie twins, Neil Simon has created a hugely funny play while maintaining the integrity of the lesson.

Southern Discomfort

directed by Jeff Hensley & Beth Martin

Auditions: Jan. 13 & 14, 2008

Shows: Mar. 7-9 & 14-16, 2008

Twelve short scenes and monologues create a vivid emotional tapestry, with scenes ranging from gentle comedy to intense drama. We see the entire human experience through the unique perspective of America's southern states.

Gold in the Hills 2008

an 1890's melodrama produced by Walter Johnston

Auditions: Jan. 5, 2008

Shows: Mar. 28, 29 & Apr. 4, 5, 11, 12; Jul. 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26, 2008

Gold in the Hills, the Guinness Book of World Records longest-running melodrama, has shown since 1936. It is set in the 1890s and features a relentless hero, a winsome heroine, a ruthless villain, and the wilder side of city life in the infamous New York Bowery.

The Importance of Being Earnest

directed by Jim Miller

Auditions: Feb. 16 & 17, 2008

Shows: May 9-11 & 16-18, 2008

To avoid social obligation, Jack Worthing invents the irresponsible Earnest, whom he pretends to be when he is out of town. Jack falls in love with a young lady who loves the name Earnest, and he must contend with his deception.

Fairy Tale Theatre 2008

produced by Jo Beth Britt & Richard Van Den Akker

Auditions: Apr. 12 & 13, 2008

Shows: Jun. 26-29, 2008

Fairy Tale Theatre is open to actors and actresses ages seven through eighteen. Children gain experience in theatre skills such as learning lines, costumes, set construction, and backstage tech.

2007-2008 – Our 72nd Season

Vicksburg Theatre Guild's

production of



Music and Lyrics by

Sammy Fain & Bob Hilliard,

Oliver Wallace & Cy Coban,

Allie Wrubel & Ray Gilbert,

Mack David, Al Hoffman & Jerry Livingston

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by

Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted 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 by

Kathryn Resio & Ann Claire Fordice

September 14-16 & 21-23, 2007

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Vicksburg, Mississippi

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From the Directors

The excitement of a play like Disney's *Alice In Wonderland Junior* stems from being multi-dimensional. In a drama, actors act to tell a story. At concerts you hear lots of music and sounds. In a parade, there is a great deal of excitement. In *Alice In Wonderland Junior*, you receive the reward of this whole experience from the sum of all of these parts.

When we chose to direct *Alice in Wonderland Junior*, we knew that this multi-dimensional aspect would be a challenge for the cast, for the artists, and for our entire team. We were a little hesitant and unsure if we could succeed. But, because of past experience in working together and with a support team of very talented crew members, cast, and parents, we would be up for this challenge.

We have strived to give our community an opportunity to see and hear something special. *Alice In Wonderland Junior* is a spectacle of theatricality. We hope that it will create for all a childhood feeling of wonderment. For, after all, the Greek root of the word theatre stems from the word wonder.

Ann Claire Fordice and Kathryn Resio



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Cast & Staff Biographies (continued)

Tessa Elizabeth Scandizzo (*Queen of Hearts*) is 15 and attends Saint Aloysius in the 11th grade. Tessa enjoys theatre, choir, horses, band, and school clubs as well as acting, singing, and riding horses. Tessa has appeared in *Hee Haw Hayride*, *High School Musical*, *Gold in the Hills*, *Thumbelina*, and *Dragons of Spring* at VTG and St. Al's. Tessa someday dreams of being on Broadway. She is from Ohio and loves her family, her pets, Daily Nuggets, and being Queen.

Haley Sellers (*Tweedle Dum*), a WC Viking, is no stranger to the VTG stage. She has appeared in Fairy Tale Theatre and many main stage plays such as *Bugsy Malone*, *The Sound of Music*, and most recently *A Heart Divided* as well as the New Stage Theatre summer theatre camp. During her spare moments of free time, Haley loves to read, write, anything to do with music and acting, spending time with family, causing havoc and tomfoolery with her buddies, attempting sports, and chasing butterflies.

Morgan Teller (*Dodo Bird*) is nicknamed Lizzie and is in the 8th grade at St. Aloysius. She has been in many theatrical productions such as *Bugsy Malone*, *Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine*, and many more. She was a Miss Mississippi Junior Dancer and has attended a musical theatre camp in Nashville. Morgan is fascinated by Sniglets and loves Broadway musicals. She also enjoys reading in her spare time. Morgan intends to pursue commercial advertising with Linny and Linnie in the Czech Republic.

Emily Tingle (*Cheshire Cat #2*) is 9 and attends Bowmar Elementary School in the 4th grade. Emily enjoys piano and golf as well as gardening and reading. Emily has appeared in *Snow White* and *Twinderella* at VTG's Fairy Tale Theatre. Emily loves her cat, Rocky, and enjoys plays. She loves art and is very creative. She also enjoys playing with her little brother and sister.

Caroline Williams (*Cheshire Cat #3*) is 10 and attends Warrenton Elementary in the 5th grade. Caroline enjoys soccer, dirt-bike riding, and playing outside as well as skating, painting, and singing. Caroline has appeared in *Dragons of Spring* and *Brothers Grimm: Out of Order* at VTG's Fairy Tale Theatre. Caroline loves acting and seeing the audience interested in the play.

Thanks to **Ameristar**, our newest Corporate Member, for providing tickets to those who would otherwise not be able to attend our shows.

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Cast & Staff Biographies (continued)

Michael Foley (*White Rabbit*) is 11 and attends St. Francis Xavier in the 6th grade. Michael enjoys football, soccer, basketball, being a St. Michael alter server, and theatre as well as tennis reading, golf, swimming, video games, and performing. Michael has appeared in *Wooing Wed Widing Hood*, *Twinderella*, *Thumbelina*, *Snew White*, *Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine*, and *Can't Stop Singing* at VTG and Warren Central High School. Michael has a twin brother named Matthew and they look nothing alike. His whole family loves the performing arts, and he loves to perform.

Erin Fordice (*Small Alice*) is 10 and attends Immaculate Heart of Mary in the 4th grade. Erin enjoys dance and Girl Scouts as well as collecting beads. Erin has appeared in *Bugsy Malone* and *Wooing Wed Widing Hood* at VTG. Erin likes to dance because it's the gift God gave her and she likes it a lot. She likes Girl Scouts because it helps her to be a better person and it's fun.

Theresa Frost (*Cheshire Cat #1*) is 11 and attends Vicksburg Intermediate in the 6th grade. Theresa's family consists of parents Maria and Johnny Frost and siblings Oscar, David, and Jay Jay. Theresa enjoys Girl Scouts as well as reading, riding, acting. Theresa has appeared in *The Cow Who Couldn't Say Moo* at Vicksburg Intermediate. Theresa is funny, nice, and is in GATES.

Christopher Green (*King of Hearts*) is 11 and attends South Park Elementary in the 6th grade. Christopher enjoys soccer and Boy Scouts as well as running, biking, hiking, and swimming. Christopher has appeared in *Bugsy Malone*, *Twinderella*, *Bed Bugs*, and *Fairy Tale Courtroom* at VTG. Christopher was a Prince in the Miss Mississippi Pageant this year.

Stephen Hensley (*Mad Hatter*) is 15 and attends Warren Central High School in the 9th grade. Stephen has taken piano (three years) from Barbara Tracy and enjoys reading, Tae-Kwon-Do, and playing Dungeons and Dragons. Stephen has appeared in Fairy Tale Theatre for several years, *Gold in the Hills*, and various other main stage productions at VTG.

Jasmine Jackson (*Caterpillar*) is 9 and is a 4th grade Honor Student at Gary Road Intermediate School. Jasmine enjoys Youth Choir, Company Show Choir, singing, and acting as well as basketball, soccer, baseball, skating, and fishing (with Dad). Jasmine has appeared in *The Music Man, Jr.*, *Trial of the Big Bad Wolf*, *My Sister the Dragon*, and *Beannie and the Bamboozling Book Machine* at Center Stage in Brandon, Black Rose Theater in Brandon, and in VTG's Fairy Tale Theatre. Jasmine has been singing since the age of 2, performing for family and friends since 3, and performing on a live stage since 7. She is currently taking piano lessons and has also taken acting, guitar, and voice lessons in the past.

Julia Lee (*Twedle Dee*) is 16 and attends Porter's Chapel Academy in the 10th grade. Julia enjoys acting as well as fishing, playing with her animals, crystallizing bugs, and camping. Julia has appeared in *Gold in the Hills*, *Hankerin' Hillbillies*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Stone Soup*, *Brothers Grimm: Out of Order*, and *Thumbelina* at VTG and Porter's Chapel Academy. Julia is an aspiring actress. She loves to talk so much that she sometimes finds she talks to herself. She loves writing and having burping contests with her dad.

We would like to thank Dorothy Brasfield, Mattie Cook, Marie Cunningham, Natalie Elwart, Debra Franco, and our husbands, Don and Dan.

A special **THANK YOU** to all of the parents of our cast and crew. Without your help, cooperation, funding and children, this production, most definitely, would not have been possible.

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Vicksburg Theatre Guild's
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Disney's Alice In Wonderland, Junior

CAST

Alice Marie Booth
Mathilda Megan Melton
Cheshire Cats..... Theresa Frost, Emily Tingle, Caroline Williams
White Rabbit Michael Foley
Mad Hatter..... Stephen Hensley
Queen of Hearts..... Tessa Scandizzo
Dodo Bird..... Morgan Teller
Caterpillar..... Jasmine Jackson
Doorknob..... Gage Quimby
Grown Alice Piper Booth
Small Alice..... Erin Fordice
Tweedle Dum Haley Sellers
Tweedle Dee..... Julia Lee
Rose..... Allie Willis
Lily..... Katelyn Brock
Violet..... Mia Wamsley
Petunia..... Olivia Lee
Daisy..... Madison Willis
March Hare..... Jai Dobson
King of Hearts Christopher Green
Two of Clubs..... Noah Van Den Akker
Three of Diamonds..... Chance Williams
Ace of Spades..... Mason Quimby
Chorus Erin Jackson, Cobi Phillips,
Alaina Fordice, Staci English, Courtney Sanders

PRODUCTION STAFF

Directors Kathryn Resio, Ann Claire Fordice
Set Designer Don Resio
Set Artist..... Leah Johnson
Stage Managers David Johnson, Don Resio
Sound..... Jason Fairchild, Wes Johnson
Rehearsal Sound..... Kimberly Melton
Lights..... Jeff Hensley
Props..... Terri Booth, Stacy Teller
Make-up Wilda Williams

PRODUCTION STAFF (continued)

Set Construction..... Don Resio, David Johnson, Jack Burns,
Bob Alvarado, Jeff Hensley, Wes Johnson,
Melinda Morang, Richard Van Den Akker, Ty Wamsley
Set Decorators..... Bob Alvarado, Anna Booth, Jane Brock,
Katelyn Brock, Tracy Chaney, Erin Fordice,
Alaina Fordice, Brandy Fowler, Debbie Fowler,
Joy Hooper, Jasmine Jackson, David S. Johnson,
Kimberly Melton, Amy Melton, Megan Melton,
Gage Quimby, Leslie Tedder, Noah Van Den Akker,
Lisa Wamsley, Mia Wamsley
Backstage Crew Bob Alvarado,
Alaina Fordice, Kimberly Melton,
Kimberly Stokes, Ryan Van Den Akker
Costumes..... Janet Birch, Anna Booth, Jane Brock,
CeCi Frost, Ruby Givens, Joy Hooper,
Richard Van Den Akker, Lisa Wamsley
Special Effects Debbie Green, Greg Green,
Eddie Melton, Ty Wamsley
Parent Coordinator Amy Melton
Opening Reception Jodie Johnson,
Marie Cunningham, Karen Wojtala
Program..... Mike Calnan

Cast & Staff Biographies (in alphabetical order)

Marie Booth (Alice) is nicknamed Linny and is a sophomore at St. Aloysius High School. She has been acting since she was seven, has been in 14 theatrical productions, and hopes to continue in many more. Her passions are photography, singing, and athletics. She hopes to one day travel with her friends Linnie and Lizzie to the Czech Republic and be involved in commercial advertisement.

Piper Booth (Grown Alice) is nicknamed Linnie and has participated in many magnificent theatrical productions, her favorite being *Beanie and the Bamboozling Book Machine*. She attends St. Aloysius and loves taking part in tomfoolery activities, as well as dancing, acting, and making commercials. She is intrigued by sniglets and has a few strange phobias. Piper dedicates this show to Alices everywhere.

Jai Dobson (March Hare) is 14 and attends Vicksburg High School in the 9th grade. Jai enjoys cheer and band as well as acting, helping others, and reading. Jai has appeared in *Stone Soup*, *Bugsy Malone*, *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe*, *Gold in the Hills*, *Wooing Wed Widing Hood*, *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof*, *Thumbelina*, *Snow White*, *Don't Say MacBeth*, *Guilty as Charged*, and *Fairy Tale Courtroom* at VTG and Bowmar Baptist Church. Last summer, Jai helped direct *Brothers Grimm: Out of Order*. She attends Bowmar Baptist Church.