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WONDERLAND



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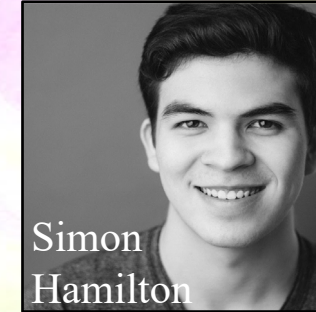
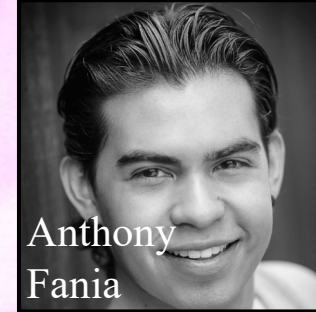
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THE CAST



Alice.....	Jennifer Fischer
Chloe.....	Vaani Jain
White Knight.....	Aidan Stallworth-Glitz
Queen of Hearts.....	Denise Carey
Mad Hatter.....	Fola Walker
White Rabbit.....	Megan Thompson
Cheshire Cat I.....	Anthony Fania
Cheshire Cat II.....	Simon Hamilton
Caterpillar.....	Emmanuel Ebba
Morris the March Hare.....	Michael Gearty
The Girl.....	Ella DeAntonio
Man.....	William Kamps
Ensemble.....	Lucinda Fisher Alvarez, Sheilla Kraft, Emily Moran, Jay Moschella, Ethan Shaev, Kori Wright
Goblin.....	Aaron Ferrara

CAST PHOTOS



MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT ONE

1. Overture
2. Home
3. Worst Day of My Life
4. Down the Rabbit Hole
5. Welcome to Wonderland
6. Drink Me
7. Advice From a Caterpillar
8. Go With the Flow
9. One Knight
10. The Mad Tea Party
11. The Mad Hatter
- 11A. More Mad Tea Party
- 11B. The Queen is Coming
12. Hail the Queen
- 12A. Unhail the Queen
14. A Nice Little Walk
15. Through the Looking Glass

ACT TWO

16. Through the Looking Glass (Reprise)
17. Off With Their Heads
18. I Am My Own Invention
19. Once More I Can See
20. Together
21. Love Begins
22. I Will Prevail
23. Heroes
24. Finding Wonderland
25. Bows/Exit Music





PIT MUSICIANS

Conductor: SHANNON FERRARA

Reed 1: JESSE ARGENZIANO; Reed 2: MITCHELL MARTIN

Trumpet: DUSTIN CIANO; Horn: E.J. FERRARA; Trombone: TERRY CHESNOVITZ

Keyboard 1: LAURIE GOUGHER & PETER DE METS

Keyboard 2: MICHAEL WISNOSKY; Keyboard 3: EVELYN BALZER;

Drums: BEN GOLDMAN; Percussion: SAMUEL FERRANTE;

Guitar: RICH PHILLIPS; Bass: JACKSON SIEGEL

Rehearsal Accompanists: EVELYN BALZER, ANTHONY WONG



WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

DENISE CAREY (Queen of Hearts) is so happy to be playful again with this amazing company! Other Kelsey appearances: *The SpongeBob Musical*, *Groundhog Day*, *Hello Dolly*, *Oliver!*, *Joseph ... Dreamcoat!* Thank you all for supporting live theatre!!

ELLA DEANTONIO (The Girl) is overjoyed to return to the Kelsey Theatre! Past credits include: *Campfire Chronicles* (Petunia Peacock), *The Magical Library of Miss Miriam Buttersham* (Dorothy), *Jungle Book* (Mowgli), *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* (Edmund), and *Frosty & Rudolph* (Joy). Ella would like to thank Playful Theatre Productions, family, friends and teachers for their support and guidance! This experience has been a “nice little walk!”

EMMANUEL EBBA (Caterpillar) is excited to return for his third show at Kelsey Theatre. Emmanuel would like to thank his family and friends for their support throughout the rehearsal process, and to the production team of *Wonderland* for this opportunity.

TONY FANIA (El Gato Uno) is grateful to be performing for the second time at Kelsey Theatre! When not performing, he enjoys choreographing for both Melvin H. Kreps and Hightstown High School. Tony sends love to his parents, Samantha, Greg, and furbabies Misty, Madison, and Diaval.

AARON FERRARA (Goblin) is participating in his third show at Kelsey with PTP. Previous shows include: *The SpongeBob Musical*, *Groundhog Day*, and *Seussical*. Aaron is a percussionist, a black belt in Tae Kwon Do, and has also helped work offstage in a variety of capacities since he was 4.

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JENNIFER FISCHER (Alice) is always in her happy place performing with the lovely people of Playful Productions. Past favorite roles include: *Beautiful* (Carole King), *Falsettos* (Trina), and *Man of La Mancha* (Aldonza). Thank you to Shannon, Frank, EJ, and Evelyn for teaching me all the things. Thank you, Joan for being such a good teacher and Jim for being a great practice dance partner. My biggest thanks to John for always being my biggest supporter even when I lack belief in myself. Looking for voice lessons? Check out jenniferfischermusic.com.

LUCINDA FISHER ALVAREZ (Ensemble) is excited to be back with Playful Productions. She graduated from FDU with a BA in Acting. She is a teacher at Delaware Township School where she advises Middle School and Elementary School Drama Club, NJ Jr. Thespians, & Dance Academy. She teaches private dance, acting, singing, piano, & tutors. Additionally, she teaches at Kidz Gym & Dance, is the Summer Theater Director at Perkiomen School, evaluates for Rising Stars (Papermill Playhouse) & Central Jersey Marquee Awards & is the Festival Director for NJ Junior State Thespians. She directs/choreographs for local theaters and most recently directed Disney's Descendants at Newtown Arts Company. Past favorite roles include: *Seussical* (Gertrude McFuzz), *Hairspray* (Tracy), ...*Spelling Bee* (Rona), *Matilda* (Miss Honey), *Carousel* (Carrie), & *The Fantasticks* (Luisa). Shout out to my wonderful husband who puts up with my impossible schedule and always supports me.

MICHAEL GEARTY (Morris the March Hare) is thrilled to be returning to the Kelsey Theatre with Playful Productions for their fall production of *Wonderland!* Past musical credits in the Bucks County and New Jersey areas include: *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder* (D'Ysquith Family), *Sweeney Todd* (Adolfo Pirelli), and *The SpongeBob Musical* (Plankton). He would like to thank everyone involved with Playful Productions for reaching out and bringing him onboard!

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SIMON HAMILTON (El Gato Dos) is ecstatic to be working with Playful Theatre Productions again after so many years! Simon is a graduate of AMDA and an accomplished tap dancer, singer, and archer. Previous onstage credits include: *Memphis*, *Boy from Oz*, *Miss Saigon*, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, among others. He recently delved into the creative side of theatre, having choreographed *The Prom*, *Kinky Boots*, and *School of Rock*. He thanks the cast and crew for all their hard work and dedication to the show. Much love to his friends and family for their constant support!

VAANI JAIN (Chloe) is stepping through the looking glass and straight into her 12th production, She is absolutely thrilled to be playing Chloe in *Wonderland* under the brilliant direction of Frank! She's a big musical theatre kid, so obviously she loves belting notes, dancing in grocery aisles, and putting on a dramatic performance. You might recognize her from past favorite roles like Annie in *Annie*, or from her adventures in *Matilda*, *Snow White Christmas*, and *The Jungle Book*, but working with Frank and this incredibly talented cast has been an especially magical trip down the rabbit hole. Get ready for an unforgettable adventure, hold onto your top hats, and I hope you LOVE THE SHOW!!

WILLIAM KAMPS (The Man) In the fall of 2006, brand new to the Kelsey stage, William performed in a quirky Wildhorn musical under the direction of Frank Ferrara. 20 years later...nothing has changed. To Frank & Shannon - thank you for so many memories over that time; looking forward to 20 more years of collaboration & friendship. Thank you also to Nancy, Ruth, and everyone else in the production (especially his fellow EWRSD friends/colleagues) for sharing your talent and creativity. Next up, William will be right back here playing Edward Rutledge in Theater to Go's production of *1776* in November. All my love to Lauren & our crazy teenagers.

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SHEILLA KRAFT (Ensemble) is ecstatic to be making her debut with Playful Theatre Productions in *Wonderland*. Other productions at Kelsey include: *Something Rotten!*, *Catch Me If You Can* and *Aida*. She is a founding member of Thank You 5 Productions at Kelsey Theatre. Favorite credits include: *Miss Saigon* (North American Tour, Big League Theatricals), *Children of Eden* (GB), *Pippin* (SGP), *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Stagecrafters, Phoenix Productions) and *Once On This Island* (Villagers Theater). When not at the theater, she attends boyband concerts, and is a mom of two not-so-little girls. Love to Cassie and Evie, and to Matthew for so much patience and support.

EMILY MORAN (Ensemble) is excited to be returning to the Kelsey stage with Playful Theatre Productions! As a performer, she has appeared in numerous productions across NJ, including: *Beauty and the Beast*, *The Producers*, *Something Rotten*, *Titanic*, *West Side Story*, *CATS*, *American Idiot*, *The Addams Family*, and served as Dance Captain for *Groundhog Day*, *Big Fish*, *Sunset Boulevard*, and *Catch Me If You Can*. Over the past three years she has choreographed numerous musicals including: *Once: A Musical Fable*, *Beautiful*, *The Fantasticks*, *Nunsense*, *Sister Act*, and *South Pacific*! Much love to her Mom, Dad, and husband Tim for their love and support!

JENNA “JAY” MOSCHELLA (Ensemble, Makeup Design) is elated to be back with Playful and all of the wonderful people who make it so special! Jay was last seen at Kelsey Theatre in *Young Frankenstein* and most recently played Elvira in *Blithe Spirit* at ActorsNET. Favorite Kelsey credits include: *Bright Star* (Lucy Grant), *Something Rotten* (Chef, Featured Ensemble), and *Sunset Boulevard* (Mary, Doctor). Other theatre credits include: *Now and Then* (Abby), *Probably Doomed: A Happily Never After Cabaret*, and *One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest* (Sandy).

ETHAN SHAEV (Ensemble) is so ecstatic to be part of *Wonderland*! You may have recently seen him in Theater To Go's production of *Seussical*! Ethan would like to thank his family and friends for their countless support. He would also like to thank the cast and crew for such an amazing experience. He would also like to thank Playful Theatre Productions for these amazing opportunities!

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AIDAN STALLWORTH-GLITZ (Knight) You might know him from other Playful Productions, including: *Groundhog Day* (Ned), *Big Fish* (Karl), *SpongeBob: The Musical* (Squidward), and *Falsettos* (Mendel). Grateful as always to C/N/G/L!

MEGAN THOMPSON (White Rabbit) is thrilled to be back with Playful! Usually found offstage teaching theater classes, directing, and providing technical support to productions in the East Windsor Regional School District. Also serving on the NJ Thespians state board to help plan the annual statewide high school theater festival. Previous onstage credit: *The SpongeBob Musical* (Electric Skate.) A major thank-you to the entire Playful team for welcoming me back to the stage and being such a joy to work with. Shout-out to mom, dad, and Ally for all the love and for sparking the theater bug in me so long ago. Biggest thanks to Logan, for all of the unconditional support and for being the best at-home rehearsal partner there is.

FOLA WALKER (Mad Hatter) is an actress, singer, and dancer with a passion for bringing authentic, compelling characters to life. Her professional performance experience includes: Disney Cruise Line aboard the Fantasy and Wonder, performing iconic characters such as Rafiki and Princess Tiana on the Fantasy's MainStage, and headlining a one-woman dinner show on the Wonder. She has performed at regional theatres for summer stock, as well as principal work with Introspective Movement Project under Sonia James Pennington. Known for her versatility, strong work ethic, and vibrant presence, Fola is dedicated to storytelling across film, television, and theater.

KORI WRIGHT (Ensemble) is thrilled to be a part of this wonderful production. She made her debut at the Kelsey Theatre last year, in the production, *The SpongeBob Musical*. She is happy to be back again and is so excited to be a part of bringing *Wonderland* to life!

WHO'S WHO IN THE CREW

EVELYN BALZER (Asst. MD) is a 2026 Ithaca College graduate with a B.M. in music education. New to the Princeton area, they are originally from Seneca Falls, NY and performed on stage in many shows in the Finger Lakes region, including: *Rent* with Theatre444. Wonderland marks their first production as a pit musician and assistant music director. Thanks to the Playful team for accepting them with open arms, to the Ferraras for their unwavering support in every facet, and to E.J. for their love and guidance as they navigate a new chapter of life together.

E.J. FERRARA (Asst. MD) is a spawn of Frank & Shannon Ferrara, so naturally she's often found in the theater. After 10 years of performing in various musicals, she found herself gradually spending more time in the pit. During her time at Ithaca College, she played in the pit for *Into The Woods*, *Le Dernier Sorcier*, *Pirates of Penzance*, *Hunchback*, & *Little Women*. She has enjoyed this process of learning, preparing for future MD opportunities, & is already preparing her next theater project. Aside from theater, E.J. is a new member of the Princeton Brass Band, gives private lessons, and pet sits a myriad of creatures - living the "dream life." She sends thanks to all musical guides, friends, family, kitties, and especially her father, who accidentally didn't get mentioned in the last bio.

FRANK FERRARA (Director) returns to Playful for the four hundred and thirty third consecutive year; most recent directing credits include: *The SpongeBob Musical*, *Groundhog Day*, *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, *Once...*, *Falsettos*, *Sunset Boulevard*, *Titanic*, *Big Fish*, *The Addams Family*, and *Les Misérables*. With Nicholas Cheng as cheng / ferrara productions: *The Wedding Singer*, *Assassins*, *The Full Monty*, *Dracula*, *The Last Five Years*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, and others. Onstage: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (Bottom; S70); *Titanic* (Etches; Villagers); *Legally Blonde* (Callahan; Playful); *Into the Woods* (Steward; Pennington); and many others. Thanks to everyone he always thanks.

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SHANNON FERRARA (Musical Director) has done lots of various and sundry jobs around Kelsey since 2000. Musical Direction: *The Spongebob Musical*, *Groundhog Day*, *Beautiful*, *Once...*, *Titanic*, *Big Fish*, *Hunchback...*, *Addams Family*, *Les Misérables*, *Big River*, *The Wedding Singer*, *...Spelling Bee*, *Ragtime*, *Into the Woods*, and many others. On stage: *City of Angels*, *Urinetown*, *Seussical*, *Assassins*, *The Full Monty*, *...Drood*. Shannon is a middle school band director, a freelance (French) horn player, parent of two awesome humans, E.J. & Aaron, and wife to another awesome human, Frank.

KENDAL PLUMSTEAD (Assistant Director) is so beyond excited to be working on *Wonderland* and to help bring this amazingly wacky show to life! She is currently studying art education with a theatre minor at TCNJ and hopes to become an art & theatre teacher. Kendal also loves being on stage! Her favorite role is Julia Leverett in *Lend Me a Tenor*, with a close second being a Krabby Patty in *The SpongeBob Musical* (yes, really). She truly wants to thank Playful Theater Productions for allowing her this opportunity!

JOAN SCHUBIN (Choreographer) is thrilled to return to Playful Productions. Previous choreography credits include: *The SpongeBob Musical*, *Legally Blonde & Groundhog Day* (Princeton HS), *Honk*, *Once on this Island*, *James & the Giant Peach*, *Anything Goes*, *Beauty & the Beast*, and *Thoroughly Modern Millie*. She is also an award-winning director and theater teacher at Timberlane MS in Pennington. Thanks and appreciation to the Playful team and her students. Love always to Jim & James.

SHAWN SIMMONS (Scenic Designer) is an NJACT Perry Award Winner with 8 nominations and 1 win. He is a production assistant & scenic designer at Kelsey. Past designs include: *Clue*, *Oklahoma*, *Disney's Tarzan*, *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner*, and NJ premieres of *Groundhog Day: the Musical* and *Beautiful*. On stage: *Clue: the Musical* (Prof Plum), *Groundhog Day* (Fred/Healer); *RENT* (Roger) and multiple operas at the Trenton War Memorial. He will also be in the upcoming production of *1776* as Jefferson!

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