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DUNCAN SHIEK

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STEVEN SATER

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CHOREOGRAPHED BY KADY RICHEY

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Jason Hart

Alice By Heart was first commissioned and produced
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A workshop production of *Alice by Heart* was presented by New York
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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



ALLIE COX
Alice Spencer

Allie is beyond excited to be playing Alice in *Alice by Heart*. She has recently appeared in *Hadestown* (Ensemble), *The Crucible* (Mercy Lewis), *Pippin* (Featured Dancer/Ensemble), and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Marcy Park). She was also on her high school's dance team and a member of the show choir groups. Allie is very thankful for this opportunity and loves everyone who has supported her or cheered her on throughout her high school theatre career. She hopes you all enjoy the show!

Dayo is a junior at Danville High School and is excited to take on the role of Alfred in *Alice by Heart*. Some of his favorite past roles include Evelyn Oakleigh in *Anything Goes*, Hades in *Hadestown*, and John Proctor in *The Crucible*. He would like to thank the Richeys for always being his biggest supporters, his mother for her constant motivation, and his friends for making this show such an amazing experience.



DAYO WHITE
Alfred/White Rabbit/March Hare



ANDREA DOWNING
Tabatha/Cheshire Cat

Andrea is thrilled to be part of this production of *Alice by Heart* as Tabatha/Cheshire Cat. Her past productions include *Hadestown* (Eurydice) at DHS, *Pippin* (Leading Player) with DLO, *Catch Me If You Can* (Ensemble and Featured Soloist) at DHS, and *Anything Goes* (Ensemble) with DLO. She's grateful to be performing her final teen show alongside some of her favorite people—and in one of her favorite shows!

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



SARAH TABELS

Red Cross Nurse/Queen of Hearts

Sarah is an incoming senior at Danville High School. She has participated in DLO's summer youth shows since 2021 and has been involved in show choir and theatre for seven years. Some of her favorite roles include Elsa in DLO's Frozen (2021), Aunt Polly Harrington in Red Mask's Pollyanna (2022), Persephone in DHS's Hadestown (2025), Elizabeth Proctor in DHS's The Crucible (2025), and the Queen of Hearts in DLO's Alice by Heart (2025). She hopes you enjoy the show and dedicates her performance to her older brother, Matthew, who has always made sure she got where she needed to be—even when it inconvenienced him. "I love ya, man!"

Bella Norton is currently a junior at DHS and is involved in Show Choir, Pompettes, and Theater Club. She's excited to return to the DLO stage this summer in Alice by Heart. Some of her most notable roles include Princess Anna in Frozen Jr., Mal in The Descendants, Mrs. Mayor in Seussical, Fastrada in Pippin, Brenda in Catch Me If You Can, and most recently, Little Red in Into the Woods.



BELLA NORTON

*Clarissa/Queen of Diamonds/Caterpillar
2/Canary/Mock Mock Mock Turtle*



BROOKLYN WARFIELD

*Harper Pudding/Mad
Hatter*

Brooklyn Warfield has been involved in theatre for about six years. Notable roles she has played include Annie in Annie (2020), Dorothy in The Wiz (2022), Mary Warren in The Crucible (2024), and, her personal favorite, Hermes in Hadestown (2025). She is thrilled to be playing the Mad Hatter in DLO's Alice by Heart this summer!

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



AINSLEY MCLAUGHLIN
Angus/Caterpillar/Magpie/Mock
Mock Mock Mock Turtle

Ainsley is a senior at Danville High School and is very excited to be part of this production of *Alice by Heart*. Some of her favorite past roles include Rebecca Nurse in *The Crucible* and Fate 3 in *Hadestown*. She would like to thank the production team for making this show possible, and her friends and family for always supporting her. She hopes you enjoy the show!

Aidan Cox (Dogy/Duchess) has been lighting up the stage for years, with a deep love for all things performance. A proud participant in both Danville High School and DLO Musical Theatre productions, Aidan's resume includes standout roles *The Diviners* (buddy layman), *Hadestown* (ensemble), *The Crucible* (Reverend Parris), *Pippin* (ensemble/featured dancer), The 25th annual Putnam county spelling bee (Leaf Coneybear) and *Anything Goes* (ensemble). Offstage, Aidan's choreography skills have taken center stage. They've choreographed the DLO kids' shows for the past three years—including *The Lion King Jr.*, *Finding Nemo Jr.*, and the current production of *Willy Wonka Jr.*—and also lent their creative movement to *Catch Me If You Can* and *Hadestown*.

Aidan was a dedicated member of the DHS Pompettes dance team, serving as captain for two years and choreographing many crowd-favorite routines. They also spent all four years in show choir, stepping up as dance captain for three of them. When they're not dancing or singing, you can probably find them out on the pickleball court.

Whether it's on stage, in rehearsal, or on the dance floor, Aidan brings passion, creativity, and a whole lot of sparkle to everything they do. Aidan is excited for his last DLO Teen show and hopes you enjoy the show!



AIDAN COX
Dodgy/Duchess

Erin (Nigel/Dormouse) is thrilled to be back on the DHS stage! She has appeared in DLO's productions of *Pippin* (Theo), *Descendants Jr.* (Maleficent), *Seussical the Musical* (JoJo), and *The Lion King Jr.* (Scar), as well as *To Kill a Mockingbird* (Scout) with The Jaguar Players. She's so excited to be performing again with such an incredible cast. Thank you for supporting our show—she hopes you enjoy it!



ERIN COX
Nigel/Dormouse

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



ERIC BIGGS

*Dr. Butridge/King of
Hearts/Jabberwock*

Eric Biggs, the demented Dr. Butridge and the crazed Jabberwock, is over the moon to be starring in this summer's DLO teen show. Joining theater just a year ago, he's very happy to be acting alongside people whom he now considers his closest companions. There isn't a better way he'd prefer to spend his summer.

Amelia Rome is thrilled to play Young Alice and the Duck in *Alice by Heart*. A passionate performer, Amelia has been active in theatre and musicals for several years, appearing in numerous school and community productions. Some of her favorite roles include Zazu in *The Lion King Jr.*, Gurgle in *Finding Nemo Jr.*, and, most recently, Alice in *Alice in Wonderland Jr.* Amelia has been singing since she could talk and absolutely loves being on stage. She will soon begin her freshman year at Danville High School, where she looks forward to joining the DHS Show Choir and continuing to grow as a performer.



AMELIA ROME

Young Alice/Duck



MAKYNNA RICE

Mock Turtle/Pigeon

Makynna is a rising junior at Champaign Central High School and is thrilled to be playing the Mock Turtle and the Pigeon in her first production with DLO! You may have previously seen her as Lydia in *Beetlejuice Jr.* and Eurydice in *Hadestown: Teen Edition* in Champaign. She would like to thank her family, friends, and vocal coach for their support. She hopes you enjoy the show!

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



MAYLEA ENGLISH
*Mock Mock
Turtle/Dodo/Alfred's Mother*

Maylea English (Mock Mock Turtle/Dodo/ Alfred's Mother) is thrilled to bring the whimsical world of Alice by Heart to life! Some of her favorite past roles include the Lead Fate in Hometown, Rose Bailey in It's a Wonderful Life, and ensemble in Catch Me If You Can. She has also served as Dance Captain for two show choir groups. Maylea is so excited to perform in this beautiful and imaginative production!

Arlana Bradford plays the Knave of Spades in Alice By Heart. Her previous roles include a worker in Hometown and Tituba in The Crucible. She would like to thank her mom and Mrs. Lewis for being her biggest supporters and constant sources of help.



ARLANA BRADFORD
Knave of Spades



LILI O'HERRON
Knave of Hearts

Lili is a freshman at Danville High School and is incredibly excited to play the role of the Knave of Hearts in Alice by Heart! Some of her past roles include Ann Putnam (The Crucible), Matilda Bailey, Zuzu Bailey, and Mrs. Hatch (It's a Wonderful Life), as well as a member of the ensemble in Hometown. She would like to thank the Richeys for always being there for her, her friends for making this show so fun to be a part of, and especially Andrea Downing for being her biggest cheerleader, always supporting her, and helping her grow in this role.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



CORA HELFERICH
Knave of Clubs

Cora just graduated from Danville High School and is thrilled to be part of her final teen show. She has been an active member of DLO since she was 7 years old and currently serves as the Teen Representative on the DLO Board. Some of her favorite productions she has performed in include *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, *Pippin*, *Hadestown*, and now *Alice by Heart*. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she does!

Eva is a rising sophomore at DHS, and she is playing Eaglet in DLO's *Alice by Heart*. Eva has been in over 35 productions, and her favorite has been DLO's *Pippin*.



EVA HARPER
Eaglet



ETHAN LOMAX
Wonderlander

Ethan is a soon-to-be junior at Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin Cooperative High School. He is excited to be part of *Alice by Heart* as a member of the Ensemble. His previous roles include Papa Bear, Peter Pan, and a Duloc Puppet in BHRA's *Shrek: The Musical*, his first production. He would like to thank his parents for their constant support, his friends for sharing in his excitement, and his own personal growth for giving him the courage to pursue theatre—his best decision yet.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CREATIVE TEAM



JORDAN RICHEY
Director

For the past three summers, I have had the privilege in serving DLO not only as a board member, but mainly as the director of the summer teen production. The choice of *Alice by Heart* was not one out of my own personal preference, but that of the students who have continually shared their passion for this show over the past year. I could not be any more grateful for their willingness to share this show with me and trusting me to helm it for this summer's production. I am immensely proud of these students, as they continually step up to all the challenges live theatre has to offer and consistently showcase what I believe is the best talent in our area. Thank you for joining us. I hope you enjoy the show.

Cameron Cornell is a composer, director, actor, and teacher based in Champaign, IL. He has worked as accompanist for *The Wedding Singer* (Parkland College), *Gutenberg! The Musical!* (DLO), and as piano conductor for Centennial High School's spring musical.

Performance highlights include the world premiere of *Flight* at Chicago's Beverly Arts Center and Memphis with the 2013 Illinois All-State Theatre Festival. He was named Baritone of the Year for the 2014 Illinois All-State Choir. Cameron and his wife, AJ Cornell, are currently producing their original musical *Let Me Fly*. He thanks this amazing cast, Jordan and Kady Richey, and especially AJ for her constant love and support. Follow their journey @letmeflyshow or reach out at cornellperformance@gmail.com



CAMERON CORNELL
Music Director



KADY RICHEY
Choreographer

Kady Richey is a pediatric speech-language pathologist and serves on the DLO Musical Theatre board and the Illinois High School Theatre Festival planning committee as Associate Director of College Auditions. Kady also serves as the Assistant Director for the DHS Theatre Department and DHS Show Choir program. She's thrilled to return for her third summer choreographing DLO's teen production. Choreography credits include *Pippin*, *Anything Goes*, *The Addams Family*, *A Christmas Story*, *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and *Stages Through the Ages*. Favorite onstage roles include *The Baker's Wife* (*Into the Woods*), *Olive* (*Spelling Bee*), *Julie* (*Carousel*), *Gertrude* (*Seussical*), and *Sophie* (*Mamma Mia*). Kady thanks you for supporting youth theatre and encourages you to keep showing up for the arts in our community.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CREATIVE TEAM



HALEY YOUHAS
Stage Manager

Haley is currently a history teacher at Danville High School. After a long day of teaching, Haley loves to perform and help behind the scenes. The last show Haley performed in was *Goosebumps The Musical: Phantom Of The Auditorium* (Mrs. Walker). Recently, Haley helped stage manage *Willy Wonka Jr.* and is happy to be returning to help stage manage *Alice By Heart*! Thank you to the amazing production team, volunteers, and the cast for all of your hard work. Enjoy the show, everyone!

Abby is entering her junior year at Illinois State University, where she is majoring in Organizational Leadership Communication with a minor in Theatre. She was last seen choreographing the *Hunchback of Notre Dame*. After a few years away, she's thrilled to be back and part of bringing this production to life. She hopes you enjoy the show and you escape the blitz and find wonder.



ABBY STRAIN
Assistant Stage Manager



WHO'S WHO IN THE WRITING TEAM



STEVEN SATER
Author, Lyricist

Steven Sater won Tony Awards for Best Book and Best Score, as well as the Grammy Award, both the NY and UK Drama Critics' Circle, and the Olivier Award for Best New Musical for Spring Awakening. A revival of Spring Awakening, produced by Deaf West Theatre, was Tony-nominated for Best Musical Revival. The recent Almeida Theatre revival received the London Critics' Circle Theatre Award for Best Musical. In November 2021, the original Broadway cast reunited for a one-night benefit, which is now the subject of the HBO documentary, Spring Awakening: Those You've Known. Sater's other musicals include Alice by Heart (National Theatre of London, MCC Theater, novel version from Razorbill/Penguin Random House); The Nightingale (La Jolla Playhouse); Prometheus Bound (A.R.T.); Nero (Magic Theatre, NYSAF, forthcoming in London); and Some Lovers (music by Burt Bacharach, The Old Globe, Grammy-nominated album from Broadway Records). His pop songs have been recorded by artists such as Michael Bublé, Dionne Warwick, and Leslie Odom Jr. TikTok: @steven_sater. Instagram: @stevensater

DUNCAN SHEIK is a Grammy and Tony Award-winning artist who launched his career in 1996 with his Grammy nominated self-titled debut album. Sheik is the composer for the critically acclaimed musical Spring Awakening, which went on to win eight Tony Awards in 2007, including awards for Best Orchestrations and Best Original Score. The album earned Sheik a Grammy Award for Best Musical Show Album. In years since, Sheik has released multiple albums, most recently Claptrap in 2022 and American Psycho: Original London Cast Recording, with lyrics and music written by Sheik, premiered in the U.S. on Broadway in 2016 after a sold-out London run. His most recent theater projects include Alice By Heart, The Secret Life of Bees, Because of Winn Dixie, Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice, Nero, and Noir.

Theatre credits include; Spring Awakening (2006) Tony Awards for "Best Original Score" and "Best Orchestrations," 2008 Grammy Award for "Best Musical Show Album", The Secret Life of Bees (Almeida Theatre in London April 2023, Atlantic Theatre Company 2019), Noir (The Alley Theatre 2022), Nero (London 2023), Memoirs of An Amorous Gentleman (In Development), Alice by Heart (MCC Theater 2019), Because of Winn-Dixie (Goodspeed Opera House 2019, Alabama Shakespeare Festival 2017, Delaware Theatre Company 2015), Bob & Carol & Ted & Alice (The New Group 2020), Whisper House (London 2017, Old Globe Theater 2011), American Psycho (2016).

Recordings include; Claptrap (2022) American Psycho Original London Cast Recording (2016), Legerdemain (2015) Covers 80s (Sneaky Records 2011), Whisper House (Sony 2009), Spring Awakening (Original Broadway Cast Recording) (2006), White Limousine (Rounder 2006), Daylight (Atlantic Records 2002), Phantom Moon (Nonesuch 2001), Humming (Atlantic Records 1998), Duncan Sheik (Atlantic Records 1996).



DUNCAN SHEIK
Composer



JESSIE NELSON
Author

Jessie Nelson wrote the musical Waitress with music and lyrics by Sara Bareilles. The show played on Broadway for 4 years and moved to the West End in London. Sara and Jessie went on to create the show Little Voice which they Executive Produced with JJ Abrams for Apple TV. Jessie wrote, directed and produced Corrina Corrina and I Am Sam starring Sean Penn, who received an Academy Award nomination for his performance. Among her other directing credits are Curb Your Enthusiasm and Love, the Coopers with Diane Keaton. Her writing credits include Step Mom and The Story of Us. She produced Fred Claus and Danny Collins. In London, Jessie directed Alice By Heart which she co-wrote with Steven Sater with music by Duncan Sheik at the National Theater Connections Program and again at MCC in NYC. She began her career as an actress at the Public Theater working with the award-winning experimental theater Mabou Mines and at the New York Shakespeare Festival. She wrote the children's book Labracadabra. She has been the artistic Director of the Sundance Screen Writers Lab.

CREATIVE TEAM:

DIRECTOR: JORDAN RICHEY

MUSIC DIRECTOR: CAMERON CORNELL

CHOREOGRAPHER: KADY RICHEY

STAGE MANAGER: HALEY YOUHAS

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER: ABBY STRAIN

COSTUMES: JERRY STRAIN & KADY RICHEY

PRODUCER: SUZZEN ROSE

SET: HEATHER MIYAGI, LEE BRIDGMAN, SUZZEN ROSE, PAUL STRAIN, ABBY STRAIN, JORDAN RICHEY, DAYO WHITE, EVA HARPER, LILI O'HERRON, BROOKLYN WARFIELD, SARAH TABELS, ERIC BIGGS, AIDAN COX, JERRY STRAIN, & CAST

LIGHTS: JORDAN RICHEY

SOUND: NIKIYA TAKEMOTO

GRAPHIC DESIGN/MEDIA: KADY RICHEY

SPOT OPERATOR: MILES BAYSINGER

COMBO:

CELLO - DAVID GOLDENBAUM

PERCUSSION - PAUL NAU

CLARINET - JAMES RHYNE

TRUMPET - MARK LINDVAHL

GUITAR 1 - ANTHONY WANTLAND

GUITAR 2 - ERIC PETERS

KEYBOARD - CAMERON CORNELL

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MUSIC NUMBERS:

ACT 1:

West of Words.....	Alice, Alfred, & Company
Down the Hole.....	Company
Still.....	Alice & Alfred
Chillin' the Regrets.....	Caterpillar, Caterpillar 2, & Company
The Key Is.....	Alice, Alfred, & Company
So.....	Magpie, Eaglet, Duck, Canary, Dodo, Pigeon, & Alice
Those Long Eyes.....	Cheshire Cat, Alice, & Alfred
Manage Your Flamingo.....	Duchess, Knaves, & Company
Sick to Death of Alice-ness.....	Mad Hatter, Dormouse, March Hare, & Alice
Brillig Braelig.....	Jabberwock, Alice, & Company

There will be a 15 minute intermission between the acts.

ACT 2:

Some Things Fall Away.....	Cheshire Cat
Your Shell of Grief.....	Mock Turtles & Alice
Another Room in Your Head.....	Alice, Alfred, & Company
Isn't It a Trial?.....	Queen of Hearts, Caterpillar, Queen of Diamonds & Company
Do You Think We Think You're Alice?.....	Company
I've Shrunk Enough.....	Alice, Alfred, Cheshire Cat, & Company
Still (Reprise).....	Alice & Alfred
Afternoon.....	Alice, Alfred, & Company
Winter Blooms.....	Alice, Tabatha, & Company
Bows.....	Orchestra

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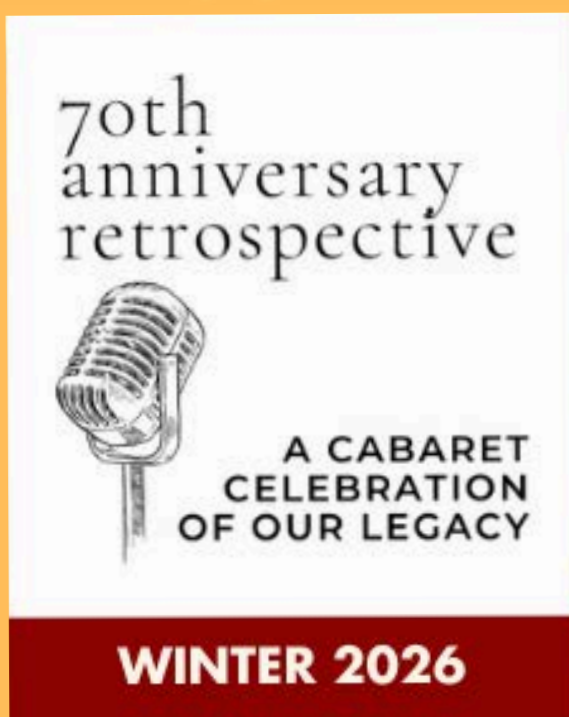
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