



Market House Theatre

October 2010 Off Stage Noises

We don't just entertain... We change lives!

Market House Theatre presents Disney's **Alice in Wonderland Jr.** on **October 14-17 and 23 & 24.** This comic musical based on the classic Disney movie will be brought to life onstage by a cast of youth ages 8 to 17 at the downtown Paducah theatre.



makes his second MHT appearance in the role of the Mad Hatter with **Tanner Hagood** in his first MHT role as the March Hare.

Maria Miller plays the overbearingly comedic Queen of Hearts, with Hickory resident **Buddy Jackson** as the meek

Join Alice's madcap adventures in Wonderland as she chases the White Rabbit, races the Dodo Bird, gets tied up with the Tweedles, raps with a bubble-blowing Caterpillar, and beats the Queen of Hearts at her own game! This fast-paced show features updated dialogue and new arrangements of such classic Disney songs as "I'm Late," "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah," and "The Unbirthday Song."



Maria Miller as the Queen of Hearts and Leiren Jackson as Alice

King of Hearts. Snooty flowers include **Maggie Malone, Sarah Byassee, Natalie Shadrick, Emma Johnson, Kara Donnelly, Meg Hancock, Caroline Meiners,** and **Khristan White.** Kara and Khristan are making their first MHT appearance. Newcomers **Rachel Alford** and **Jacob Weitlauf** play the Doorknob and the Dodo Bird, respectively.

Completing the cast as the chorus of kids, playing cards and lobsters

The show is packed with outrageously colorful characters played by a mix of MHT veterans and newcomers. Benton native **Leiren Jackson** makes her MHT debut in the title role of Alice. The Cheshire Cats are played by MHT veterans **Brenna Adams, Shelbe Overby** and **Michael Ellen Walden.**

Jamie Hagood plays the cool Caterpillar with **Emily Yocum** in the dual roles of Alice's older sister Mathilda and Rose, a preppy flower. **Zane Birdsong** makes his MHT mainstage debut as the hyperactive White Rabbit, with Benton native **Judd Cavitt** and Paducah's **Eileen Doan** as Tweedle Dum and Tweedle Dee. **Derek Estes**

are: **Jamie Black, Sydney Robertson, Will Clark, Belle Salchli, Laney Yancey, Reagan Johnson, Kelly Black, Ryan Bass,** and **Kate Story.** Sydney, Will, Laney, Reagan, Ryan, and Kate are all making their first MHT mainstage appearance. Will and Laney are Symsonia residents while Reagan hails from Vienna, IL. **April Cochran,** MHT's Education Director directs, with **Cindy Miller** as music director. **Sara Hughes** is the assistant director, with **Jade Cochran** as youth assistant.

Performances are Oct. 14-17 and Oct. 23-24, with showtimes at 7:30 p.m. on Thurs. and Fri. and 2:30 p.m. on Sat. and Sun. There are also 6 school matinee performances. Tickets for the general public performances are \$8 for children and \$12 for adults. For more information, contact Market House Theatre at (270) 444-6828 or check out MHT's website at www.mhtplay.com. Bring the whole family to this joyous, colorful and super-charged performance!

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Tour guide Elisabeth (Marsha Cash)

DOWNTOWN GHOST TOURS: OCTOBER 1-2, 8-9, 15-16

Late one evening while walking past the St. Clair courtyard at Max's on Market House Square, you feel a cool breeze on the back of your neck. Your companion feels nothing. Have you just experienced one of Paducah's renowned spirits playing with you? Join interpreters from Market House Theatre as they explore the legends and lore associated with the spirits which haunt the downtown Paducah area. Tickets are available at the box office (270.444.6828). **Tours depart ON TIME, so please arrive 30 minutes early.** Tours depart rain or moonshine from the Studio Theatre at 120 Market House Square.



Lantern Lit Walking Tours: 6:30, 7:30, and 8:30 p.m. Included will be the classic stories of Devil Winston and Popular Foot, along with a few new stories uncovered since last year. Maximum tour group size of 15 people. Tickets are \$15 per adult, \$5 per child (12 and under).



Ghost BusTours: 7:00 and 8:00 p.m. Are you ready? Really ready for an unforgettable ride through Paducah? Your amplified guide will share tales as the 13-passenger bus moves slowly through the downtown area, along the riverfront, through Lowertown, and finally at the Hotel Metropolitan. Tickets are \$18 per adult, \$7 per child (12 and under).

Oak Grove Cemetery



*An Evening of Mystery
and Moonlight*

Friday, October 22, 2010

A special, one-of-a-kind fundraising event. Guests will be greeted at the cemetery gates and escorted to tent-covered waiting areas for pre-tour **seasonal treats**. After a stop at the renovated mausoleum for a presentation featuring the **Mystery of Todd Duff**, your amplified guide will then lead you into the darkness, sharing the facts, legends, and lore associated with the famous and infamous who now reside at Oak Grove Cemetery. In the calm and quietness of the evening, do you hear other voices beside that of your guide? Listen carefully! **Tours begin at 7:00, 7:45, and 8:30 p.m.** and are each limited to 30 people. **Tickets are \$30** and must be purchased in advance at the box office (444-6828). Tours depart rain or moonshine from the entrance at 1613 Park Avenue.

Moonlight Walking Tours

October 23, 28, and 29



You may have walked the cemetery during the daylight hours, but it takes on an entirely different feel after dark. Join us at Oak Grove Cemetery (1613 Park Avenue) for a lantern lit stroll of the roads and paths that meander through the old part of the cemetery dating back to 1847. Stopping frequently, your amplified guide will share facts and legends of the famous and infamous residents who now reside at Oak Grove Cemetery. **Tours begin at 7:00 and 7:45 p.m.** and are each limited to 30 people. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children (12 and under) and are available at the MHT box office (444-6828). **Tours depart ON TIME, so please arrive 30 minutes early.** Tours depart rain or moonshine.

Remember, Oak Grove Cemetery never sleeps. We will leave the light on for you.



SPOTLIGHT ON...

THEATRE IN SCHOOLS

With just a wiggle and gesture, a group of 4th graders at Clark Elementary move from a lawn sprinkler to a washing machine. Two 5th graders at Ballard Elementary twist from the letter “L” into an “S.” A class of preschoolers in Carlisle County freeze like statues until April Cochran, Education Director for Market House Theatre, claps for them to strike another pose.

April leads MHT’s Theatre In Schools Program that provides performing arts instruction to schools throughout the Purchase region for grades preschool through high school. Her interactive classroom workshops, customized to meet academic requirements, get students accustomed to and comfortable with their peers. Lone Oak Elementary, Concord, McNabb, Murray Elementary and Paducah Middle are also regular participants.

“Skills like problem solving, creative expression, speech fluency, focus, vocal expression and teamwork are so valuable to young students,” says April. “Our Theatre In Schools program provides that outlet in a fun, kid-friendly environment. These classes encourage kids to get out of their seats and be active while covering Kentucky core content areas in arts and humanities.”

“It warms my heart to see these children grow to appreciate the arts,” says Sara West, principal at Clark Elementary. “Students can express themselves while developing an open-mind.”



Clark Elementary Gifted Talented Students perform *U.S. Constitution-Revivor!* in the school library for 3rd and 4th graders.

In addition to doing classroom workshops, April directs plays and musicals at area schools. Last year April directed *Mastering Math* with selected 5th grade students and *Geology Rocks!* with 4th grade students at Lone Oak Elementary. These plays covered core content from other curriculum, and drama was used as a teaching tool.

April also directed Clark’s gifted and talented students in *U.S. Constitution-Revivor!*, as well as 3rd, 4th and 5th graders in *Willy Wonka Jr.*, the after-school spring musical. At the end of the year, the entire 5th grade participated in producing *The Case of the Missing Paragraph*. Concord Elementary’s 5th produced *The Incredible Westward Movement*,” while a selected group of 5th graders from Ballard also put on that show.

“April’s continued involvement has made a positive impact on our students,” said Ms. West. “You can see their confidence rise, their creativity explode and their ability to focus become very strong.”

Theatre in Schools is sponsored by International Specialty Products, as well as parents, PTOs, and teachers at each individual school.



We applaud April, the participating schools, and the talented students for their involvement in and support of the performing arts. For more information on the Theatre In Arts Program or sponsorships, call the theatre at 270.444.6828.

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Mad Hatter Tea Party October 17



Meet Alice and her zany friends from Wonderland at our **Mad Hatter Tea Party** at **1:15 p.m. Sunday, October 17th!!!** Enjoy tea, cookies, fun, games, and more at this special fundraising event, to be held in the Studio Theatre Classroom. **Tickets are \$25 per person and include a ticket with priority seating for the 2:30 p.m. matinee that day!!!** Seating is limited, so call the box office at 270.444.6828 today!

Holiday Magic

Not too many more flips of the calendar pages and the holidays of November and December are here, a time for the gathering of families, friends, and coworkers to share in the magic of the season. This year, **make your event sparkle with Master Magician Todd Duff!** From November 1 through December 23, Todd has volunteered to donate all proceeds from bookings to Market House Theatre. A minimum donation for Todd's services will be \$250 per event, based on availability. Contact Todd Duff directly at 270.556.2016 for more information or to book his attendance at your holiday gathering. You may also visit his website at ToddDuff.com.

