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TCT Presents



Tupelo Community Theatre Summer Youth will present *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.*, June 16 and 17 at 7:30 p.m. and June 18 at 2:00 p.m. Join us at the Lyric for Alice's madcap adventures 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!

The cast of *Alice in Wonderland* stars Meredith McLaurin as Alice, Kameron Weeks as Small Alice, and Austyn Davis as Tall Alice. Narrating the show as the Cheshire Cat are Katelyn Stieg, Anna Pappa, and Shannon Shepard. Harley Nabors hurries through Wonderland as the White Rabbit, and Nathan Wallace (Mad Hatter) hosts a very merry unbirthday party with his friend Jake White (March Hare). Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum (Lacey Carroll and Josh Martin) get all tangled up while the Dodo Bird (Tyra Parks) tries to keep the Rock Lobsters under control. Throughout her journey, Alice's sister Mathilda (Katie Ray) and The Girls of the Golden Afternoon (Kaylie Crippin, Mary Clair Kelly, Larkin Robbins, Anna Robinson, and Layla Taylor) berate and insult her. Even the White Rabbit's Doorknob (Tyler Swinney) gives her a hard time! Luckily, the Caterpillar (Allie Nichols) makes Alice feel good about herself again! That is, until Alice has a run-in with the

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Queen and King of Hearts (Melodie Sanchez and Hamilton Lence) and the Royal Cardsmen try to take her away (Colm McCool, Peyton McLemore, Carter Nichols, and Tyler Swinney).

Wonderland is also filled with beautiful Flowers and wacky Rock Lobsters played by Emma Atkinson, Charlotte Armistead, Bonnie Catherine Baldwin, Zachary Barrington, Ashley Barron, Claudia Bounds, Anna Walker Davis, Mylie Haire, Queanna Hapton, Maddy Harris, Alexis Koonce, Madison McGuirt, Rees Meredith, Lilla Reed, Hope Smith, Katie Weathers, Lindsey White, Rachel Williams, and Jordan Wyms.

Alice in Wonderland is directed by Suzanne Oakley. Assistant Director is Dalton Russell, with Music Direction by Anna Morgan. Choreography is by Brittany Trimble and Suzanne Oakley. Set Design is by Clara Seitz, Dave Dawson, and Marianna Coffey. Light Design is by Ashton Cospelich.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students and younger. They may be reserved by calling the TCT box office at 844-1935. Don't be late and miss the chance to see this "wonderful" production!



Christmas in July Theatre Camp



“Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse!” Did you know that there is a redneck version of this beloved poem, as well as a pirate version?

This summer students will have an opportunity to enjoy an early holiday! TCT is once again offering a summer Theatre Camp for school age children. The theme this year is Christmas In July. Students will be able to explore the origins and uses of theatre, art, and music along with hands-on activities designed to enrich and entertain. We will study different customs and traditions associated with the holiday season.

TCT is pleased to have as camp counselors this year talented actress and director Suzanne Oakley for Music and Marianna Coffey, art instructor from Tupelo Middle School, for Art. Returning as camp director and drama instructor is Allana Austin, actress, director and theater teacher at THS.

TCT's Theatre Camp 2011 will be held the week of July 18-22. There will be two sessions each day. Students who will be in grades 1 through 4 in the fall will meet from 8:00-11:30 a.m. each day. Students who are rising fifth through eighth grade will meet from 1:00-4:30 p.m. There will be performances on Friday to showcase the students' work. The cost for the week is only \$100.

You may fill out the registration form below and return to the TCT office.

Contact the TCT at 844-1935 for more information.

TCT Theatre Camp ~ July 18-July 22, 2011

Camper's Name _____

M _____ F _____ Grade Next Fall _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____

Day Phone _____

T-Shirt Size (please circle one) Youth: S(6-8) M(10-12) L(14-16) Adult: S M L XL

Health related or other concerns regarding camper:

Deadline is July 1. Cost is \$100. Make check payable to TCT and mail to
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P. O. Box 1094
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Think Green!

In an effort to “think green” and allocate our marketing dollars wisely, TCT began encouraging patrons to receive TCT information via email almost two years ago. We’d like to thank the 800+ patrons who made the decision to do this. What does that mean for TCT and our environment? Our printed newsletter is made of paper, which of course, comes from trees. We want to save a few trees. It also costs lots of money to produce, print, and mail 2500 newsletters six times a year.

Many of you are already receiving our TCT E-News every few weeks with important updates and notices via e-mail. (If you do not currently receive e-



mails from TCT and would like to, just send us your e-mail address.) To take going green a step further, we are asking you to consider receiving all TCT information, including our newsletter, electronically. Just drop us an e-mail at 1tct@bellsouth.net to let us know your preference. For those who do not use e-mail or would just prefer a hard copy of the newsletter, we will be happy to continue mailing a copy directly to your home. If you need more information, call the TCT office at 662-844-1935 or e-mail us at 1tct@bellsouth.net.

TCT thanks you and Mother Earth thanks you!

Music Monet & Margaritas Success



The 2011 *Music, Monet, & Margaritas* street fiesta was a

great success again this year! In fact, it was biggest event ever with more than 225 guests enjoying the event that featured music by Jeff Houin and The Jam Band and food donated by Outback Steakhouse.

This year’s event raised more than \$10,000. The money raised funds many of TCT’s education programs and scholarships throughout the year. MMM was made possible by our sponsor, Strategic Wealth, as well as our

beverage sponsors Mitchell Distributing and Main Street Wine & Liquor. Thanks also to the Downtown Tupelo Main Street Association for the use of their tables and chairs. Many thanks to the hardworking members of the Lyric Krewe who helped set up, garner art donations, and staff the event throughout the night. And a special thank you to all the artists who donated work for this event – thanks to you, the 2011 silent auction was a huge success.

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Production Staff Needed

TCT's 2011-2012 season was announced in the last newsletter and dates are being set for the shows at this time. We need to staff each production. If you have interest in working on one of the productions for 2011-2012 as a director, music director, assistant director, stage manager, light, sound, or set designer – or any of the other dozens of jobs needed to make a show a suc-



cess – please contact the TCT office at 844-1935 TODAY!

TCT's five show season includes *Tuesdays With Morrie*, *A Christmas Story*, *Second Samuel*, *Tuna Does Vegas*, and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. As we strive to be "The Model for Volunteer Community Theatre" we need your help to make this happen. Be a part of our TCT family and volunteer today!