

WONDERLAND

A Dance Performance Inspired by Alice in Wonderland

Presented by Steps Ahead Dance

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Graduating Students: Paige • Colbie • Jordyn

DIRECTORS' NOTE

Bryony and I are thrilled to share our vision of Wonderland with you today at the Cowichan Performing Arts Centre. We are beyond grateful for this opportunity—where art, storytelling, and education collide once again—as we celebrate our 28th year in the Cowichan Valley at the helm of Steps Ahead Dance.

Thank you for joining us on this whimsical journey as we explore ideas of rules, time, and authority, while celebrating joy, imagination, and the love of dance. We are incredibly proud of our dancers and deeply thankful to our families, faculty, and community for their continued support.

With gratitude,
Bryony & Lorraine Blake

CAST

Alice	Paige
White Rabbit	Colbie
Caterpillar / Dormouse	Jordyn
Queen of Hearts	Colbie
Cheshire Cat	Emma
Mad Hatter	Madeleine
March Hare	Janelle
Tweedles	Julia, Malea
King of Hearts	Avery
Knave of Hearts	Stefan

ACT I

The Garden

Flowers — Grade 6 Ballet (Choreography: L. Blake)

Falling Down the Rabbit Hole

Down the Rabbit Hole — Grade 2 Tap (B. Blake)
Welcome to Wonderland — Grade 1 Tap (B. Blake)
The Key — Grade 4 Ballet (L. Blake)

Ocean of Tears

Alice's Tears (L. Blake)
Fish — Junior Contemporary (J. Langelier)
Ocean Eyes — Acro 3–5 (M. Rae)

The White Rabbit

White Rabbit – Help! (Colbie Hall)
I'm Late, I'm Late — Senior Tap (B. Blake)
With a Little Help — White Rabbit (C&H; Newcombe)
Anxiety — Intermediate Contemporary (J. Langelier)

The Dark Woods

Woodland Fairies — Grade 3 Ballet (L. Blake)
Chess — Senior Open Ballet (C. Ammerman)
Wannabe — Intermediate Jazz (M. Rae)

Cheshire Cat & Dormouse

Kittens — Grade 1 Ballet (B. Blake)
Cats — Senior Contemporary (J. Langelier)
Dormouse Waltz — RAD Adaptation
Dormice — Primary Ballet (L. Blake & N. Glover)

The March Hare

The March Hare and Friends — Intermediate Ballet (H. Newcombe)

INTERMISSION

ACT II

Caterpillar

Smoke — Senior Hip Hop (B. Blake)
Mushrooms — Junior Hip Hop (B. Blake)

The Tea Party

Tea for Two — Hare, Hatter and Tweedles (B & L. Blake)
Unbirthday Party — Junior Stage & Ensemble (J. Langelier)

Palace of the Queen of Hearts

Tweedles Take Alice (L. & B Blake)
Cards — Intermediate Street (B. Blake)
Red Queen and Ladies — Grade 2 Ballet (B. & L. Blake)
Toxic – Red vs Black — Senior Jazz (J. Langelier)
Flamingos — Jr. Acro (J. Langelier)
Hedgehogs — Primary Acro (M. Rae)
Knave of Hearts with 'Tarts' — Pre-Primary Ballet (L. Blake & N. Glover)

The Trial & Finale

Queen of Hearts with Frog Footmen — First Steps (L. Blake & N. Glover)
The Trial — Senior Stage (B. Blake)
Finale — Full Company

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Thank you for joining us in Wonderland.