

**Community Players proudly presents**



Alice's Adventures in Wonderland  
Adapted by Tim Kelly

Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Services, Inc., Englewood, Colorado

Community United Methodist Church, 20 N Center, Naperville, IL

Friday, April 22 @ 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 23 @ 7:30 pm

Friday, April 29 @ 7:30 pm, Saturday, April 30 @ 3:00 pm

Tickets: \$10 adults, \$5 child, \$25 family ticket [living in the same house]

**Call 630.983.8707 for reservations!**

# CAST

(in order of appearance)

Alice .....	Beth Weiner
Alice's Sister .....	Shannon Craig
White Rabbit .....	David Hollander
Mouse/Dormouse .....	Sarah Hollander
Mock Turtle .....	Ken Cox
Dodo Bird .....	Amy Folkedahl
Lory .....	Danica Lantz
Red Queen .....	Beth Buffington
Card Soldier #2 .....	Bryan Craig
Knave of Hearts .....	Grant Purdy
Card Soldier #1 .....	Ryan Gillen
Queen of Hearts .....	Debbie Craig
Caterpillar .....	Dale Zimmerman
Frog Footman .....	Oliver Taylor
Fish Footman .....	Eddie Green
Duchess .....	Michelle Barton
Pepper Cook .....	Mary Markwell
Cheshire Cat .....	Rachel Rubino
Tweedledee .....	Dave Jenkins
Tweedledum .....	Jim Williams
March Hare .....	Ed Green
Mad Hatter .....	Graham Wills
Daisy .....	Madeleine Behr
Rose .....	Corinne Buffington
Lily .....	Liz Maxian
White Queen .....	Avery Sipla
White Knight .....	Garth Lawson
Humpty Dumpty .....	Nate Burke
King of Hearts .....	Dean Craig

# CAST BIOGRAPHIES

(in alphabetical order)

**Michelle Barton (Duchess)** is a Kindergarten Teacher at the College of DuPage. Being involved in Community Players Productions gives her a chance to "play". Thanks to Jim for letting her indulge in "play" time!

**Madeleine Behr (Daisy)** is in her 1st show with Community Players. She attends Lincoln Junior High and enjoys sports like soccer, basketball, swimming and water polo.

**Beth Buffington (Red Queen)** always enjoys her time with Community Players. She has especially enjoyed sharing rehearsals with her favorite flower—Corie. She thanks Tommy for letting her play—again!

**Corinne Buffington (Rose)** When not being planted, she enjoys running, biking, and playing flute & piccolo for Crone's 8th grade Wind Ensemble, & Flute Ensemble, and next year... Neuqua Valley's Concert Band 1! ☺

**Nate Burke (Humpty Dumpty)** is in his fourth performance with the Community Players. When not teetering on a wall, he works for a local Internet Service Provider and is involved with many activities at Church.

**Ken Cox (Mock Turtle)** is making his fifth appearance with Community Players. Today you will learn why he doesn't sing in a choir. When not crooning tunes about soup, he programs, teaches, and works at the church.

**Bryan Craig (Card Soldier #2)** has been in 2 shows in his short time with Community Players. First he was in *Oklahoma* when he was 6. Then more recently he was in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. Attack!

**Dean Craig (King of Hearts)** is a software developer at Lucent Technologies. He has been involved in over 20 productions of Community Players. Its been fun being in Alice with his family.

**Debbie Craig (Queen of Hearts)** has enjoyed being in such a fun production with her family. She also has been honored to be Amy's Assistant Director for the show. When not on stage, she is a physical therapist in School District 204.

**Shannon Craig (Alice's Sister)** is back on stage after performing Abbott & Costello's *Who's on First?* two years ago. She is a senior at Neuqua Valley & will be attending Hope College in Holland, Michigan in the fall.

**Amy Folkedahl (Dodo Bird)** is having a blast in her first show with Community Players. Thanks for the support from her parents, Amber, and her friends from Mr. Burghardt's acting class at NNHS.

**Ryan Gillen (Card Soldier #1)** Ryan is ecstatic to be back on stage in his 3rd Community production. Previous credits include *HMS Pinafore* and *Let's Murder Marsha*. Engarde!

**Ed Green (March Hare)** is, by day, a video editor and multimedia author, and by night, a guitar-playing, acting, and directing entertainment juggernaut. He has enjoyed doing yet another show with his equally talented son, Eddie. Thanks to June for, once again, allowing me to spend so much time away from home.

**Eddie Green (Fish Footman)**, a 7th grader at Still Middle School, is very excited about being in *Alice*. You may remember Eddie from *Macbeth* and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. When not on stage he enjoys video games, football, and writing.

**David Hollander (White Rabbit)** loves working with all of these talented people. Dave tries to balance the challenges of teaching, coaching, and keeping Ed Green entertained. Is it any wonder I'm always late?!

**Sarah Hollander (Dormouse/Mouse)** is performing in her 6th show with Community Players. Her other hobbies include singing, reading, and basketball. She attends 6th grade at Lincoln Junior High. ☺

**Dave Jenkins (Tweedledee)** has been with Community Players since 1997 and has enjoyed every minute of it. Every play has been a great experience. Thanks to his son, Pvt. Dave Jenkins, Jr. for all his support.

**Danica Lantz (Lory)** is in her 1st performance with Community Players even though she has been acting and singing her whole life. She attends 7th grade at WJHS and enjoys all theatre related things and playing piano.

**Garth Lawson (White Knight)** is enjoying playing a knight. In the past Garth has played a policeman, an American Indian, a Japanese houseboy, a fireman, a barber, a bartender, and a disciple of Christ.

**Mary Markwell (Pepper Cook)** is having fun cooking up soup, after a long hiatus from Community Players. In the real world of Middle School, she teaches 6th grade math and science in Plainfield.

**Liz Maxian (Lily)** has been having great time in her first Community Players show. She enjoys drawing, painting, running, and playing the violin and piano. She is a freshman at Naperville North.

**Grant Purdy (Knave of Hearts)** is in his second performance. He was also in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. When he isn't stealing tarts he goes to Elmwood Elementary School and plays baseball and other sports.

**Rachel Rubino (Cheshire Cat)** loves acting, singing, dancing, playing piano, and has a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. She attends Jefferson Junior High School and also loves writing long stories.

**Avery Sipla (White Queen)** is enjoying her first play; she has formerly been seen in many musicals in the community. Her day job is teaching ballet and Program Coordinator for the Naperville Park District.

**Oliver Taylor (Frog Footman)** has performed on the Community Players' stage since 1982. He taught language arts and math at WJHS in Naperville for 33 years. Thanks to his family for the support.

**Beth Weiner (Alice)** is having a great time in her second Community Players show. When not busy falling down random rabbit holes, she enjoys playing the clarinet, reading, writing, and track. She is in 7th grade at Washington Jr. High School.

**Jim Williams (Tweedledum)** is enjoying playing a stumble-bum after appearing in various nefarious roles with Community Players. Outside of Wonderland, he engages in the practice of law. Thanks to his wife for her support.

Fanatic vampire hunter Van Helsing in *Dracula*; insane judge in *10 Little Indians*; hanged for witchcraft in *The Crucible* – **Mad Hatter** is saner than average for **Graham Wills**. He only directs peaceful shows, like *Macbeth*.

**Dale Zimmerman (Caterpillar)** was an attorney with the U.S. Railroad Retirement Board for 37 years, and is now thoroughly enjoying retirement. He has been in numerous Community Players' productions —most recently as Ernest in *Bedroom Farce*.



# CREW



**Producer** .....David Hollander  
**Director** .....Amy Hollander  
**Assistant Director** ..... Debbie Craig  
**Set Design** .....Ken Cox  
**Costume Design** .....Amy Hollander  
**Lighting Design** .....Graham Wills  
**Props** .....Kay Lawson  
**Stage Crew** ..... Ken Cox, Dean Craig,  
Keri Hartman, Nathan Hollander,  
Kyle Markwell, Megan Salkeld  
**Lighting** ..... Suzanne Wills, Mary Elliott  
**Sound** .....Tim Elliott  
**Fight Choreographer** .....Jim Best  
**Publicity** .....Nancy Abernethy, Oliver Taylor  
**Program Design** .....Suzanne Wills  
**Logo/Poster Design** .....Beth Buffington  
**Tickets** .....Ken Cox  
**House Manager** ..... Karen Binder  
**Set Construction** .....Ken Cox, The Cast,  
Laura Cole, Justin Craig, Keri Hartman,  
Nathan Hollander, Kyle Markwell, Kaitlyn Melehan,  
Anne Weiner, Bill Weiner  
**Costumes** ..... Amy Hollander, Debbie Craig,  
Nancy Abernethy, Michelle Barton, Madeleine Behr,  
Beth Best, Beth Buffington, Corie Buffington,  
Shannon Craig, Keri Hartman, Sarah Hollander,  
Patti Hollingsworth, Kay Lawson, Mary Markwell,  
Liz Maxian, Pat Maxian, Kaitlyn Melehan, Suzanne Wills  
**Box Office** ..... Pat Maxian

There will be a 15 minute intermission  
between Acts 1 and 2

Cookies and bottled water will be available for a  
donation in the lobby

*Note: strobe effects will be used in the show.*



## DIRECTOR'S NOTE

*Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and its sequel *Through the Looking Glass* were written by Lewis Carroll in the 1860s. The odd and colorful stories of Alice and her encounters with the various fantastical creatures in Wonderland are classic children's literature. The original illustrations by John Tenniel brought these characters to vivid life for his contemporaries. In 1951 Walt Disney's version brought the story to another generation using songs and technicolor animation to take children and adults alike to Wonderland.

Tonight we hope to take you to our own version of Wonderland. Take a moment to look at the program and see just how many people contributed to this vision. As Director, I owe each and every one of them a heartfelt thank you. I chose to direct this play inspired by the talent of our wonderful multi-generational family of Community Players. I knew they could bring Wonderland to life and introduce the magic of this story and of live theater to a whole new generation. It is a tradition to use a quote from the show in these notes. I am afraid I must quote my mother instead. To all the cast and crew, "I'm so proud!"

*Amy Hollander*