

Alice Tumbles into Wonderland for a Rock & Roll Adventure, Nov. 17

A Glittering Treat for the Holidays

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[Bay Area Children's Theatre](#) (BACT) invites families to tumble into Wonderland with Alice to meet all of Lewis Carroll's irresistible characters in a lively rock & roll musical that re-imagines Carroll's beloved tales. But beware! Everything will get "curi'user and curi'user," as Alice questions who she is and what her destiny will be.

Wonderland: Alice's Rock & Roll Adventure plays weekends, November 17 – January 6, at BACT's Berkeley Theatre Center, 2055 Center Street, Berkeley, CA 94704 and then moves to San Francisco and Sunnyvale. ((See detailed dates, times, and places below.))

TICKETS: \$17 - \$28

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Wonderland: Alice's Rock & Roll Adventure brings to life in music and dance a plucky young girl's wacky encounter with an anxious White Rabbit and his zany friends in the off-kilter kingdom of the dreaded Red Queen and the fearsome Jabberwock. Youngsters will be dazzled by the glittering costumes with a Victorian steam punk edge and the rainbow-hued set, parts of which will grow and shrink on demand. Adults will especially delight in the music, reminiscent of '80s rock, and witty lyrics by Michael Mahler and Rachel Rockwell.

Is Alice's adventure a dream? Director Hannah Dworkin won't say, but she is interpreting the story "through the lens of personal empowerment." And she guarantees it will be "tons of fun!"

Recommended for ages 5 – 12.

DATES, TIMES, PLACES

Berkeley:

Dates – Saturdays and Sundays, November 17 – January 6

Time – Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Place - BACT's Berkeley Theatre Center, 2055 Center Street, Berkeley, CA 94704

San Francisco:

Dates – Saturdays and Sundays, January 12 - 27 (no performances Saturday, January 19)

Time – 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 4 p.m. (no 1:30 p.m. performance on January 26)

Place - Children's Creativity Museum Theater, 221 4th Street, San Francisco, CA 94103

Sunnyvale:

Dates – Saturdays and Sundays, February 2 – 10

Time – Saturdays at 10:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Place - Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

((high-res .jpg attached of Amanda Nguyen as Alice and Andrew Mondello as the White Rabbit.
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About Bay Area Children's Theatre

Established in 2004, Bay Area Children's Theatre, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, serves 125,000 children and adults throughout the Bay Area, with main stage performances in Berkeley, San Francisco and Sunnyvale; programs and productions in local schools; and classes and summer camps in the East Bay, South Bay, and San Francisco.

Our Mission: To inspire young audiences with imaginative productions, introduce children of all backgrounds to the excitement of live theatre, and create an engaging, entertaining, and educational environment in which children and their families can explore and enjoy the arts.

How We Carry Out Our Mission:

- Bring high quality, professional theatre to children and their families, with artists who create vibrant worlds that are intriguing to young audiences
- Encourage young people to explore literature, language, and the arts by producing stage adaptations of great children's books
- Engage preschoolers in the world of theatre with productions specially designed for them
- Develop and perform exciting new work for the stage
- Reach out to children who might not otherwise experience live theatre with free tickets, special performances for school groups, and touring productions at local schools
- Create touring productions for young audiences nationwide
- Partner with communities to meet the need for theatre education
- Introduce children to the joy of performance through our theatre education program