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STAGES ST. LOUIS PRESENTS DISNEY'S ALICE IN WONDERLAND

(St. Louis, MO) – Stages St. Louis will present its 5th annual Theatre For Young Audiences production of *Disney's Alice in Wonderland* (August 5-17). STAGES Theatre for Young Audiences production is designed to introduce young children to live musical theatre.

Inspired by the classic Lewis Carroll novels *Alice in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* and based on the beloved Walt Disney film, *Disney's Alice in Wonderland* features music and lyrics by Sammy Fain and Bob Hilliard, Oliver Wallace and Cy Coban, Allie Wrubel and Ray Gilbert, Mack David, Al Hoffman and Jerry Livingston. Book adaptation and additional lyrics are by David Simpatico and music was arranged and adapted by Bryan Louiselle.

Appearing in the Stages cast are Alexis L. Kinney as Alice, Laura Ernst as Mathilda, Brian Ogilvie as the White Rabbit, Michael Baxter as Tweedle Dee, Andrew Kruep as Tweedle Dum, Taylor Louderman as Rose, Taylor Pietz as Lily, Kim McClay as Violet, Jacqueline Probst as Petunia, Monte J. Howell as the Caterpillar, Edward Juvier as the Mad Hatter, Katy Tibbets as the Queen of Hearts and Shaun Sheley as the March Hare and King of Hearts.

Direction and musical staging are by Ben Nordstrom, with choreography by Ellen Isom, musical direction by Lisa Campbell-Albert, and orchestral design by Stuart M. Elmore. Completing the artistic team are scenic designer James Wolk, costume designer John Inchiostro, and lighting designer Matthew McCarthy.

Disney's Alice in Wonderland will run for two weeks, from August 5 - 16, 2009. Performances will be Wednesday through Sunday at 11:00 am with a total running time of 55 minutes. Tickets are \$14 for children under 12 and \$16 for adults. For more information and to purchase tickets call 314-821-2407 or visit www.stagesstlouis.org.

Disney's Alice in Wonderland is sponsored by Emerson. The 2009 Season is made possible with the support of the Regional Arts Commission. Financial assistance has been provided by the Missouri Arts Council and Stages is also funded in part by the Arts & Education Council.

Stages performs in the intimate, 384-seat Robert G. Reim Theater at the Kirkwood Civic Center, 111 South Geyer Road, 63122. The 2009 season will also feature *Guys and Dolls* (September 4 – October 4). Stages St. Louis was founded in 1987 and is dedicated to producing the indigenous American art form of musical theater. The mission of Stages is to become the leading company for musical theater performance and education in the Midwest.

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