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A huge cast takes to the Dakota Theatre stage in the Yankton Children's Theatre Co. production of "Wonderland: The Musical Misadventures of Alice and Wonderland." It's a whimsical take on Lewis Carroll's classic fantasy. The musical is directed by Allison Spak and includes approximately 40 cast members, some of whom play more than one role.



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ABOVE: Alice, played by Adayla Schroeder, confronts a fantasy world with a rock 'n roll bent in "Wonderland: The Musical Misadventures of Alice and Wonderland," presented by the Yankton Children's Theatre Co. BELOW: The Red Queen (Cheyenne Schroeder) commands the stage surrounded by her court in a scene from "Wonderland."



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Wonderland!

Yankton Children's Theatre Co.
Brings New Look At Classic Tale
To The Dakota Theatre Stage

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Even if you're familiar with the tale of "Alice in Wonderland," you've never seen it told quite like this. The Yankton Children's Theatre Company will present the musical, "Wonderland: The Musical Misadventures of Alice and Wonderland," March 11-14 and 19-21 at the Dakota Theatre. Shows on Thursday, Friday and Saturday are at 7:30 p.m., while Sunday shows are at 2 p.m. Director Allison Spak said the musical is a lot of fun while taking liberties with the original story. This version includes a Humpty Dumpty that has his sights set on being a rock star with his Dixie Chickens and a White Queen that has an entourage of singers. Some musical numbers include up to 40 cast members. "It's a quirky show, and the music is great," Spak said. The material will appeal to audiences of all ages, she added. "It was made for kids. There are really no mean parts or scary people," Spak said. "Adults will definitely enjoy it, too — especially if you like watching children because of the fact that you never know what will happen."

Part of the challenge of staging a children's theatre production is that element of unpredictability, she admitted. The cast of approximately 90 ranges in age from 5 to 18 years old. The younger children, especially, are their own individual spirits, Spak said. "You have to hold them back," she stated. "We're a team, and I emphasize to them all the time that if one person starts waving at somebody, you're going to spoil it for everybody else. You have to stay focused on the show. You can't be looking for your mother. You can't be looking for your dad or sister. It's hard for those 5- and 6-year-olds to do that." To drive the point home, Spak gives what she calls her "wrath of Allison" speech as opening night approaches. "I just let them know that if I see them doing any of the things they're not supposed to be doing, they will have to sit out for a while," she said. Still, that's just a small element of the process. Spak said the focus is on having fun, igniting the imagination and teaching the children new things. "There are so many technical things, like line memorization, dancing, singing, wardrobe changes ... It's a huge responsibility, especially when they are 5, 6, 7 or 8 years of age," she said.

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The White Queen (Maggie Spak) sings out in a scene from "Wonderland: The Musical Misadventures of Alice and Wonderland." To see or purchase images from this play, visit spotted.yankton.net.



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