

Lookingglass presents its take on 'Alice'

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Lookingglass Theatre Company presents the world premiere of Lookingglass Alice, a fanciful adaptation of Lewis Carroll's beloved stories, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. The production, opening Wednesday at the Water Tower Water Works on the Magnificent Mile, also marks the 18th birthday of the founding of the company and celebrates Lookingglass Theatre's profound connection with Carroll's works.

In the show, Alice falls, floats, flies and defies gravity and the rules of logic on her quest to become a Queen. Marching across a wonderland chessboard, she meets a disappearing Cheshire Cat, a juggling Mad Hatter, two acrobatic Tweedles, a 9-foot Queen of Hearts, a wall-walking Caterpillar, a precariously balancing Egg and a bumbling Knight who invents his way into Alice's heart. The cast includes Lawrence E. DiStasi, Doug Hara, Anthony Fleming III, Tony Hernandez, and Lauren Hirte.

The theater is in the Water Tower Water Works, 821 N. Michigan. The show, which is presented in association the Actors Gymnasium, runs through March 27. Tickets are \$20-\$58: \$10 for children 5-16. Call (312) 337-0665.

Caption: Lawrence E. DiStasi's head gives a lift to Lauren Hirte as Alice in "Lookingglass Alice."

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