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# ALICE <br> Adventures in Wonderland 

CAST<br>In order of appearance<br>(eighteen singers)<br>Lewis Carroll / Gryphon - lyric tenor<br>Alice - lyric mezzo soprano or lyric soprano<br>White Rabbit - countertenor<br>Mouse - tenor<br>Lory - baritone<br>Dodo - soprano or mezzo soprano<br>Caterpillar - baritone<br>Fish-Footman - baritone<br>Frog-Footman - baritone<br>Cook - soprano<br>Duchess - mezzo soprano<br>Cheshire Cat - baritone<br>Mad Hatter - baritone<br>March Hare - tenor<br>Dormouse - soprano<br>Queen of Hearts - bass baritone or baritone<br>King of Hearts - tenor<br>Mock Turtle - tenor

## ORCHESTRA

Oboe I \& II
Horn I \& II
Percussion - single player
(suspended cymbal with soft and hard sticks, triangle, five tubular bells - C\#, G\#, A, A\# and B-castanets, tam-tam, wood block, tambourine, snare drum)

Piano
Harp
Strings (divisi) $-3,3,2,2,2,1$ minimum

## Alice

Texts by Lewis Carroll as adapted and amended by Marilyn Barnett and Gary Bachlund

Adventures in Wonderland
in memory of Virginia Ann Bachlund
[ Against a scrim at the front of the stage is projected a portrait of Lewis Carroll, flanked by his photograhic portraits of Alice Liddell. ]


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motto rit. . - - - A tempo

$\square$
Pp

Ob. $\&$

Vc.

$\square$




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LEWIS CARROLL
L. C.

All in a gold en $\qquad$ after - noon...
full_ leisure - by $\qquad$ we glide.. $\qquad$
Solo Vln.

Cb.


L. C.





[ Blackout on Lewis Carroll. ]
rit.


II. Prelude to a Golden Afternoon


[ Curtain rises on a riverbank scene, a rowboat pulled onto the bank, the remains of a picnic lunch visible. Lewis Carroll manipulates a large marionette of a white rabbit (dressed in a duplicate of the costume worn by the White Rabbit at his first entrance). Carroll's audience consists of Alice, her two sisters and the Reverend Robinson
Duckworth. Alice is busy making a daisy chain. ]


Solo Vln.




Ob. I \& II

Solo Vil.




She imperiously drags Duckworth away, motioning for the others to come. ]

[ Carroll looks questioningly at Alice, who, politely stifling a yawn and shaking her head, remains seated, putting the finishing touches on her daisy chain. He exits. Alice is left alone onstage. ]


[ Alice yawns again, then sleepily curious, looks into a book left behind by Duckworth.]


## III. Childhood Dreams

Andante quasi recit. con rubato

[ Alice awards the white rabbit marionette the "Order of the Daisy Chain," then yawns again and stretches out, ready for a nap. ]



molto rit.



Allegro
motto rit. .


A tempo


WHITE RABBIT [To Alice.]




Poco più mosso



$\%$





[ "Big Tom," the bell of the Christ Church clock, strikes the half-hour.]
[ Startled, the White Rabbit checks his watch. Alice awakens in time to see him. ]

[ Carefully he replaces the watch in his pocket. ]
molto accel.
molto rit. .

Ob. I \& II

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Solo Vln.






Solo Vln.



[ The riverbank disappears. Alice's fall into Wonderland occurs in slow motion. ]



[ Alice lands in a hall of mirrors and spies the White Rabbit. ]


[ Exit White Rabbit. Alice tries to follow but runs into a door which mysteriously has closed behind him. ] molto rit. . . . . .

Ob. I \& II


Hn. I \& II


Solo Vln.

[ A ballet of doors moves in front of and behind Alice; and gradually they recede.]

[ Meanwhile, very slowly and unperceived by Alice, water rises all around her. Tears.]


IV. Waiting by the Door

Adagio


[She notices the rapidly rising water and begins to panic.]


[ Becoming visibly upset. ]
[ Water gets into her mouth, preventing her from finishing the sentence. ]




V. The Caucus-Race

Andante [ Alice sees a Mouse swimming along with the other creatures. ]


422 [ The Mouse shrieks and quivers with fright. The other creatures are alsrmed at Alice's rudeness. ]
Hin. I \& II
A.






M.









[ The Dodo suddenly stops.]




[ The Dodo presents it back to Alice.]







[ The Mouse storms off angrily. ]



[ All the remaining creatures scream and run off. ]





[ Taking them out of her pocket and regarding them, she then replaces them in her pocket. She sets out after him. ]
VIII. "Father William"
[ Suddenly, a Caterpillar appears, sitting upon a large mushroom and smoking a hookah.]


Solo Vln.


[ Alice turns away, to leave.]

c.


I've some-thing im-por-tant to say.
Keep your tem - per._-



Ob. I \& II
C.



So you think you've changed, do you?

$\%$









Vln. II


C. 2 :

Vln. I



Ob. I \& II

Hn. I \& II

Solo Vln.

Vln. II

A.




CATERPILLAR
C.

"I have an-swered three ques-tions and


Ob. I \& II
A.
c.


Ob. I \& II


[ The Caterpillar climbs off the mushroom and crawls away. ] Allegretto


IX. Pig and Pepper

Andante [ A Fish-Footman enters, bearing an over-sized letter.]

Ob. I \& II

Hn. I \& II

@ 4
Perc.


Ob. I \& II




Fish-F.
9:

 For the Du-chess. For the Du-chess.

- FROG-FOOTMAN

Frog-F.
From the Queen an in-vi-ta-tion to the Du-chess_ to play cro-quet.__ From

[ The Frog-Footman stomps off. The Fish-Footman sits at the door of the house, as Alice approaches, from which are heard noises. Alice knocks on the door. ]


Cb .

FISH-FOOTMAN


Cb.



FISH-FOOTMAN

Fish-F.

Fish-F.



[ The door is thrown open, and the Cook storms out, pot and spoon in hand and, seeing Alice, offers her a taste of the soup. The Duchess follows carrying a baby. ]



Too much pep-per inthat soup? Oh, I don'tknow. Ah..._


$=$

mp

[ The Duchess begins to shake the baby. Unobserved, a Cheshire Cat creeps onto the roof and watches, grinning. ]


Ob. I \& II



Ob. I \& II

D.


Vln. I

molto rit.
Ob. I \& II



Ob. I \& II


Hn. I \& II

A.

D.


Cro - quet with the Queen!


[ Alice gives the baby to the Cook, who exits. If the pot is sufficiently large, the Cook may carry the baby offstage in the pot. ]

A.

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[ The Cheshire Cat smiles down on Alice. ]


A.


I don't much care where....-
c.C.

C.c.

pizz.
VIa.

Cb .


C.C.

In
that di-rec-tion lives
a Hat - ter. And in that
di-rec-tion lives
a March Hare.






molto rit.

X. Three for Tea, and Four Makes More
[ The Cheshire Cat disappears abruptly. The mushroom-house descends back into
the ground, revealing the Mad Hatter, March Hare and Dormouse at a tea-table. ]





## Andante




A.
M. H.

$=$








Cb.



## XI. Twinkle

Allegretto molto rit. A tempo



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\text { molto rit. - }-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad-\quad \text { A tempo } \quad \text { molto rit. }
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Poco più mosso
molto rit.



XII. Tell Us a Story



M. Hatter.


Cb.

$\geqslant$




[ They all move over, one at a time, examining carefully the new place setting. ]

D.

learn-ing to draw, learn-ing to draw, and they learned all man-ner of things, ev' - ry-thing that be-gins with "M."

Vln. I

Vln. II

[ The Dormouse has begun to sleep and is pinched awake by the March Hare. ]





[ Alice leaves the table abruptly.] Andante




Allegretto [ The White Rabbit runs by.]


attacca
XIII. Off!
[ The Queen of Hearts enters in high dudgeon preceded by the Gryphon (Lewis Carroll) bearing a banner emblazoned with the Mock Turtle encircled by the inscription, "Queen of Hearts and Marchioness of Mock Turtle." The Queen of Hearts, the White Rabbit as herald, and the other eleven Hearts follow behind as the Queen's entourage.]

Ob. I \& II


Cb.


Ob. I \& II


Ob. I \& II
(a)


Ob. I \& II

Q.


Cb.



Ob. I \& II



Ob. I \& II


Ob. I \& II

Q.






[Mallet hit. The croquet ball rolls. With the percussion, the Queen of Hearts begins to play, needless to say with minimal regard for the rules. ]




[ The Queen of Hearts smiles, and moves on. ]








## ALICE


[ To the Gryphon. ]


$1249 \quad$ Adagio

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XV. A Visit to the Mock Turtle
[ Alice and the Gryphon leave the croquet party, and walk together.]

Hn. I \& II

[ Alice and the Gryphon come upon the Mock Turtle, who is weeping. ]



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Cb.



Ted $\qquad$
$\square$

L. C.

This here young la - dy_ wants for to know your his - tory. $\qquad$
This here young la - dy_ wants for to know your his - tory._____



med $\qquad$
[ In an extremely upper-class accent.]
M. T.







[ The Gryphon is obliged to shake the Mock Turtle, to stop his sobbing. ]



[ The Mock Turtle and Gryphon sit, suddenly silent. The Mock




[ Giving stage directions.]



"



rit.

XVII. The Voice of the Lobster

ALICE [ Reciting, as if in class.]

'Tis the voice of the lob-ster, I heard him de- clare--"You have baked me too brown, I must su-gar my hair! As a


A.

gay as a lark, and will talk in con-temp - tu-ous tones of the shark: But,when the tide ri-ses and sharks are a-round, his


A.




XVIII. The Mock Turtle's Lament




[ All the Wonderland characters quickly fill the stage, some as jurors, others as spectators and officers of the court. The prisoner, the Knave of Hearts, is led on. ]

XIX. Who Stole the Tarts?

Con moto



Knave of Hearts, he stole those tarts_ and took them quite__ a - way.
KING OF HEARTS


[ The Mad Hatter takes the witness stand, tea-cup and saucer in hand. The Queen of Hearts looks at him frowning. ]



I beg your par-don, your Ma-jes - ty,__
for bring-ing these
in, but I had-n't quite fi-nished my
 $=$

tea, when I was sent for.


[ The Queen of Hearts thinks to have discovered the identity of the Hatter as a singer in the concert. ]






KING OF HEARTS ?


You must
re-mem-ber
or Ill have you ex-e-cu-ted! Off with his head!


That I can't re-mem- der. QUEEN OF HEARTS


Off with his head!




## Con motor [ The Mad Hatter exits the witness stand, and takes a place in the courtroom. ]

 .. $=100$Ob. I \& II

Mn. I \& II
五

Hp.

W. R.
K.

Vln. I




Con moto

Ob. I \& I


divisi
\%

W. R.
C. C.

Hn. I \& II
[ Surprised, Alice jumps up and runs to the witness stand.]




Andante
Meno mosso





Here, here! Here, here! Here, here!_ That proves his guilt, of couse! - So...- Off with his head! $\qquad$ [ All onstage except Alice.] [ All onstage except Alice, the White Rabbit and the Knave of Hearts. ]



XX. A Letter from Somebody





molto rit.

$\llcorner 3-$
W. R.


Vln. II





Ob. I \& II








[ Fade to black. ]
molto rit.


[ Lights slowly up on the riverbank scene. Alice is lying on the ground asleep. Lewis Carroll shakes her awake. ]


[ In a short end pantomime, they pack up the picnic and set off for home. ]




