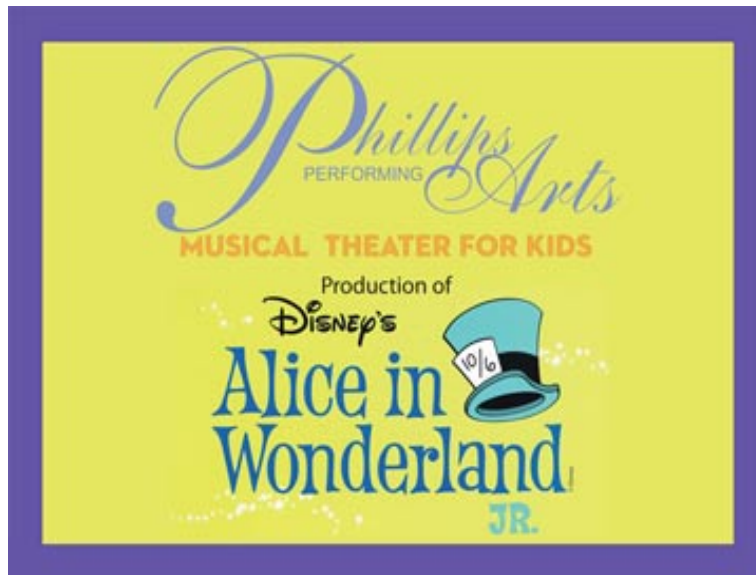


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**Phillips Performing Arts Musical
Theater for Kids**

**Presents Special Easter Weekend
Production of**

**Disney's Alice in Wonderland, Jr. March
21/22**

**At El Portal Theatre Directed by Obba
Babatunde**

Phillips Performing Arts Musical Theater for Kids presents an exciting live production of Disney's ALICE IN WONDERLAND, JR. on March 21/22 on the Mainstage of the historic El Portal Theatre in North Hollywood.

"This new company of young performers was designed to provide a platform for talented kids who live in the San Fernando Valley and surrounding areas", says Artistic Director Rena Phillips. *Alice in Wonderland, Jr.* is directed by the award winning actor/ director Obba Babatunde and choreographed by professional dancer Rena Phillips. Musical direction is by DeBorah Sharpe-Taylor and Gina Eckstine.

Babatunde is most recognized for his Emmy-nominated performance in the television movie Miss Evers' Boys, a NAACP Image Award-nominated performance in the TV movie Introducing Dorothy Dandridge, a Tony Award-nominated role for his Broadway performance as C.C. White in the original cast of Dreamgirls. Some of his other noted theatrical stage performances have been in Hal Prince's Grind; as the originator of the role of jazz artist Jelly Roll Morton in Jelly's Last Jam, and for his recent Broadway reprisal of Billy Flynn in Chicago in the Japan and US tours of 2005 & 2006. For others he is recognized as the wealthy father in the now syndicated television comedy series "Half & Half," but that work coincides with repeated 2007 appearances on "The Young and the Restless" and is overshadowed by his riveting and piercing performances in a two episode role as Dr. Stanley Rivers in this year's season of "Boston Legal."

Join Alice, the White Rabbit and your favorite characters for a perfect Easter Bunny weekend in NoHo!

Calendar

Artistic Director Rena Phillips

Directed by Obba Babatunde

Choreographed by Rena Phillips

Assistant Choreography by Milo Levell & Nori Shirasu

Musical Direction by DeBorah Sharpe-Taylor & Gina Eckstine

When: Friday March 21 @ 7pm

Saturday March 22 @ 2pm & 7pm

Where: El Portal Theatre 5269 Lankershim Blvd. North Hollywood, CA 91601

Tickets: Adults \$20

Kids 11 & Under \$15

Groups (10 or more) \$15

Buy Tickets: (818) 831-0337

www.musicaltheaterforkids.com/tickets.html

CAST

ALICE - Sadie Calvane
SMALL ALICE - Cydnei Earle
TALL ALICE – Gerrie Mobley
CHESHIRE Cat 1 - Ryen Wilson
CHESHIRE CAT 2 - Rachel Madhogiarhia
CHESHIRE CAT 3 - Sequoi Sanders
WHITE RABBIT - Remington Bennett
CATAPILLAR – Malachi Cohen
MAD HATTER -Sebastian Strote
MARCH HARE- Aidan Gross
TWEEDLE DEE - Blake Batarse
TWEEDLE DUM - Zane Bartarse
MATILDA - Allison Kort
ROYAL Cardsmen – Cydnei, Zane, Blake, Carrington, Gerrie,
QUEEN OF HEARTS - Haley
KING OF HEARTS - Brian Robinson
DOORKNOB - Carrington Bennett
DODOBIRD - Malachi Cohen
ROSE - Gwyneth Olin
PETUNIA – Sequoia Sanders
LILY - Satori Rosen
VIOLET - Haley Isman
DAISY - Allison Kort
ROCK LOBSTERS - Carrington, Brian,
SEAHORSE, - Aidan
FISH –Sotori, Allison, Gerrie, Haley, Gwyneth

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