

March 24-25, 31 & April 1 at 7:30pm

March 26 at 5:30pm

The Hjemkomst Center

Mad as a Hatter is presented through special arrangement with Michael Alan Herman. All authorized performance materials are supplied by the playwright.





A note from

# Lori Koenig

Director of Mad as a Hatter

There is a famous riddle in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland. Lewis Carroll never came up with an answer. It occurs at the tea party when the Mad Hatter asks, "Why is a raven like a writing desk?" And so, it is fitting that the riddle begins this brilliant play by Michael Alan Herman.

Mad as A Hatter is the story of what could have happened to three real people who were changed after the publishing of the novels Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Through the Looking Glass. Those people are Lewis Carroll himself (real name Charles Dodgson), Alice Liddell (the young girl that Lewis Carroll wrote the stories for) and Theophilus Carter (a shop owner and inventor who was Charles Dodgson's friend in Oxford). Theophilus Carter is often mentioned as Lewis Carroll's inspiration for the Mad Hatter and so this story argues that is the case and Theo must deal with a public that is always popping in and asking "Why is raven like a writing desk?" He feels like he is going mad. Alice is growing up and is now trying to reconnect with Charles Dodgson and visits Theo in his shop to find out where Charles is. She realizes that Theo and Charles' friendship has suffered because of the publishing of the books and she sets out to repair their friendship so that she can have some support in her life to help her to finish growing up.

So, we have tea parties and hats and flowers and math. We have nonsense and a Jabberwock and fun. We have tenderness and love and friendship. We hope you enjoy the journey back to Oxford, England for a bit of fantasy and madness!



ANTHONY BIRKLID
THEOPHILUS "THEO" CARTER

Anthony is happy to be back on stage with FMCT. This will be their 10th show! Past shows include My Sister Eileen and Sweeny Todd; Anthony was featured in the student film Close to Home (Dir. Ace Steele, MSUM) as the protagonist, earning them two nominations at the Filmhaus Berlin Festival, winning best Newcomer Actor. For fun Anthony enjoys playing Dungeon and Dragons and likes to spend time with friends, family, & their cat Flash.



# Sade Broll Alice Liddell

Sade had a fabulous time as Alice in Mad As A Hatter. This is their first show with FMCT and has loved every minute of it! Sade is a Play Inc. Arts alum and would like to thank their director K for sharing his passion of the arts with them. Thanks for coming to the show!



# CHRISTOPHER Taylor CHARLES DODGSON/THE MAD HATTER

Christopher is a local theater artist who has worn many hats throughout his 15+ years of performing in the FM area. From performing on stage to collaborating with a full production team, there isn't an aspect of theater he doesn't love getting involved with. Some of his recent FMCT credits include choreography for First Date and performing as Chad in All Shook Up. When not on stage, you can find him delivering for FedEx in southwest Fargo. Christopher would like to thank his family and wife for their endless support of his dreams.

# "Believe"



Photographer: Kary Janousek, Fargo, ND
Actor: Chris Taylor
Medium: 8x10 ambrotype on clear glass overlay backed with a silver painted tintype, 7 second exposure
Taken March 26, 2023 | OldSchoolCollodion.com

# Reproduction of tintype portrait of Alice Liddell



### **ORIGINAL**

Photographer: Lewis Carroll - aka Charles Dodgson Subject: Alice Pleasance Liddell Medium: Albumen silver print from glass negative Taken: June 25, 1870

### RECREATION

Photographer: Kary Janousek
Subject: Tracy Aronson
Medium: 8x10 tintype - 5 second exposure
in natural light, taken March 21, 2023

A favored model of Lewis Carroll, and the namesake of his novel "Alice in Wonderland", Alice Liddell had not seen the writer and photographer for seven years when this picture was made. Eighteen-year-old Alice poses with apparent unease in this portrait intended to announce her eligibility for marriage. In what was to be her last sitting with the photographer, Liddell embodies the passing of childhood innocence that Carroll romanticized through the fictional Alice.

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See a gallery of Kary's portraits, displayed on our Community Stage throughout the run of Mad as a Hatter.

# **ABOUT THE ARTIST....**



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Kary Janousek is a photographer who uses the Victorian process of wet plate collodion to create images on glass or metal. She was born near the Ohio river, and always had a strong inclination towards history, fashion, music, creative writing, and art. Being a naturally curious person who loves learning new things, Kary dabbled in many of these fields. She took up the wet plate collodion process in the Autumn of 2019. She had no training or knowledge in fine art photography, and had only used a digital camera to take pictures for her online vintage millinery business. After modeling for a series of ambrotype images, she fell in love with the experience and was determined to learn.

Kary endeavors to take visitors on a trip through history, while also incorporating modern influences in her work. Kary operates her studio in the old Dakota Business College on 8th St. in Downtown Fargo. You can view more of her work at oldschoolcollodion.com

# PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Lori Koenig
Stage Manager	Carly Willoughby
Artistic Director	, Lighting DesignerJudy Lewis
Scenic Designer,	, Master CarpenterAnna Kann
Costume Design	erShelly Hurt-Geist
Production Mar	nager, PropsClayton Perala
Lights, Sound	Trey Turner

# FMCT STAFF

Executive Director	Judy Lewis
Community Engagement Dir	Shanna Franzen
Technical Director	Rick Lewis
Finance Manager	Kim Rensvold
Education Coordinator	Michaela Pytlik
Master Carpenter & Design	Anna Kann
Costume Director	Shelly Hurt-Geist
Production Manager	Clayton Perala
Asst. Technical Director	Trey Turner
Administrative Assistant	Tracy Aronson

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# **SPECIAL THANKS TO:**

Kary Janousek - Old School Collodion photography
Hardy Koenig - dialect coaching
Cody Rowe - backstage crew
Mars Clemenson - backstage crew





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# AND THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS:





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# SEASON 76 2022-2023

# COMING UP NEXT...



"The Night of January 16th"

**April 14-15, 2023** 



June 2-4 and 6-10

# COMING SEASON 77...



October 19-31, 2023



Nov 30-Dec 17, 2023



Jan 19-27, 2024



Feb 29 - Mar 8, 2024







Stay tuned to FMCT's social media and website for more show information and upcoming auditions! **www.fmct.org** 



Monday-Friday

### **KINDERGARTEN - 2ND GRADE**

HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON lune 5 - 9 DECADES OF DISNEY June 12 - 16 ALICE EXPLORES WONDERLAND lune 26 - 30

**3RD - 5TH GRADE** 

HARRY POTTER lune 5-9

ADDAM'S FAMILY June 12 - 16

MONSTERS/MYTHS June 26 - 30

**AVENUE Q** lune 5-9

SEUSSICAL June 5 - 9

MATILDA - ROALD DAHL WEEK June 19 - 23 June 12 - 16

INTO THE WOODS June 26 - 30

**6TH - 9TH GRADE** 

THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG June 12 - 16

HEATHERS MEET ELLE WOODS June 19 - 23

# Musicals

**Monday-Thursday** 

**GREASE SCHOOL EDITION** | AGES 8-12

July 5-August 13 | Moorhead Center Mall

**CARRIE THE MUSICAL** | AGES 13-18

June 27-August 6 | The Hjemkomst Center

For more info or to enroll, visit fmct.org/education



### 2022-23 Sessions

Summer Creative Camps: Weekly starting June 5

Summer Musical Camps: July 5 - Aug 12

### CLASSES OFFERED

### Acting

Sections for Pre-K (ages 3-5) \* Kindergarten - 2nd grade \* 3rd - 6th grade \* 7th-10th grade

Beloved children's books serve as the foundation for dramatic adventures. Students will work together to create new characters, situations, and exciting opportunities for creative and heroic problem solving!

Musical Theatre K-2nd grade \* 3rd - 6th grade \* 7th-10th grade

Students will tackle fun, challenging harmonies and choreography. Through discipline and artistic expression, students will develop their performance skills in a multidisciplinary environment.

### **Auditioning**

4th - 8th grade \* 6th - 12th grade

Study the process of auditioning to build a repertoire for future auditions. Students will practice monologues, song choices, and dance combinations in this course.



#### One-Act

5th - 8th grade

Students will take their acting and storytelling skills to a new level by rehearsing and performing an in-studio one-act play.

### Adult Acting

ages 16+

Explore core principles of acting, voice, movement, objectives, obstacles, theatre vocabulary, and the importance of risk-taking and ensemble building.

## About FMCT Education



Theatre education embraces many aspects of curriculum: English, History, Science, Social Studies, Math, Music, and more. Through stories, character development, problem-solving, peer collaboration and critical thinking, students explore these areas of curriculum in order to creatively exist within the world of a play.

The goal at FMCT Ed is to expand upon a student's frame of reference and teach them to make connections between the theatre they create and the world in which they live. Students learn to collaborate with peers, connect with people from differing backgrounds, and begin to see themselves as valued citizens on the world's stage where they develop important ideas about justice, history, personal choice and humanity.

Through programs like "On The Road", "Silver Follies", Saturday Education Class sessions as well as Summer Musical Productions and Camps, FMCT is proud to offer exceptional year-round educational programs featuring a variety of classes and performance opportunities for individuals of *all* ages and experience levels.



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