

WANDERING IN A WONDERLAND



The PRHS Drama Department pushed the boundaries of their technical abilities further than ever before and completely flipped their season of shows around in their Winter kids' show, "Alice in Wonderland."

After finishing a successful run of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*, Paso High Theatre Co. jumped straight into a new show with a completely different tone. *Alice in Wonderland* featured a cast of Acting II students lead by student director

Leah Schwartzberger (12) and showcased a more light hearted story for their weekly audience of 200 K-6 kids from schools all over the Paso Robles district. "[*Alice in Wonderland*] strays away from the other shows in a very whimsical way," actor **Lillian Shroyer** (10) said. "You can see that from the music all the way down to the characters. The props are fun, the people are fun, and the costumes are extra fun!"

In addition to a complete change in theme, PHTC's production of *Alice in Wonderland* tackled new technical strategies for showing magic onstage. "Alice, she grows and shrinks, and the way we portray that I think is really different and unlike anything we've ever tried before," actor **Torrance Kroener** (11) said. Kroener played the lead character of Alice, "I had to act in front of a green screen for the first time and that was really cool. I think that's what really made it STAND OUT this year." The show's set designer, **Angela King** (12) agreed, "It's super awesome that we get to incorporate projections into the show again," King said. "It was a really fun experience."

Much of the cast and crew stressed the whimsical and magical feeling of their production of *Alice in Wonderland*, and many agreed that their main goal was simply to make the show enjoyable for the kids watching. "If we can just get smiles on the kids' faces," Kroener concluded, "we're doing a good job."

STRIKE A POSE (top right): **Solana Fairburn** (12) put on her most winning smile as the Duchess.



OFF WITH THEIR HEADS (top left): **Lillian Shroyer** (10) demonstrated her power as the Queen of Hearts as she issues yet another drastic decree.



POINTING FINGERS (bottom): **Eric Soto** (10) got very into his character of the Mad Hatter during tea time and turning, quite literally- well, mad.



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Angela King (12) & Daniel Perez (12)



Caroline St. Martin (12) & Emma Smith (10)



Torrance Kroener (11) & Izabella Barnett (10)



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"It's whimsical, and it really kind of STANDS OUT from what we've been experiencing in real life lately."



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ALICE:
Torrance Kroener (11)



QUEEN OF HEARTS:
Lillian Shroyer (10)



CHESHIRE CAT:
Izabella Barnett (10)



WHITE RABBIT:
Jenna Wilshusen (11)

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