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**Alliance Theatre Presents a Classic Tale with a High-flying Twist  
in the Circus-like Spectacle *Lookingglass Alice***

Mar. 31 – May 2, 2010  
Opening / Media Night: Apr. 7, 2010

**ATLANTA** — Imagine your favorite *Alice in Wonderland* characters live on stage, flying high on a trapeze, towering above on stilts or tumbling around the stage in playful acrobatics. Atlantans young and old are invited to suspend disbelief and descend down the rabbit hole with the Alliance Theatre to a place of their wildest dreams in ***Lookingglass Alice***, where logic is defied and gravity seems to be turned upside down. Director/Creator David Catlin radically reconfigures the Alliance Stage to allow audience members to be seated on stage for a whole new point of view! *Lookingglass Alice* is the stage adaptation of two Lewis Carroll books, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass* and is produced in association with Lookingglass Theatre Company in Chicago. **Opening Night is Wed, Apr. 7, at 8 p.m. on the Alliance Stage.** Tickets are available at the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office by calling 404.733.5000 or online at [www.alliancetheatre.org](http://www.alliancetheatre.org).

If you have ever been a five-year-old, then *Lookingglass Alice* is for you! It is a timeless tale of a little girl (Alice) who journeys through the looking glass to become a queen. She floats, falls and flies overhead in a playful feat of ingenious wonder in this highly unique production designed to awaken the kid in all of us. The fun is non-stop with appearances by such beloved characters as Alice, Mad Hatter, Humpty Dumpty, Cheshire Cat, Tweedledee and Tweedledum, the Red Queen and the White Knight.

*Lookingglass Alice* premiered at Lookingglass Theatre in Chicago on Feb. 13, 2005 and was developed in affiliation with The Actor's Gymnasium Circus and Performing Arts School. It

## ***Lookingglass Alice, 2-2-2***

has been performed around the country, most recently closing at Syracuse Stage in Syracuse, New York and has received praise from public and media alike. Lawrence Van Gelder of the *New York Times* raved that it "...amounts to eye-catching entertainment..." while Marilyn Stasio of *Variety* called it "...endlessly inventive theater..."

*Lookingglass Alice* features a cast of five actors, all in their debut at the Alliance, including Molly Brennan, Kevin Douglas, Anthony Flemming, III and Doug Hara. ([Biographical information on the cast and creative team members may be found in the attached fact sheet.](#))

Members of the artistic team that will bring this aerial spectacle to life on stage are Sylvia Hernandez-DiStasi, choreographer/circus captain; Daniel Ostling, set designer; Mara Blumenfeld, costume designer; Christine Binder, lighting designer; Ray Nardelli, sound designer; and Andre Pluess and Ben Sussman, original music and composition.

Performances are Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Mar. 31 – May 2 on the Alliance Stage. There will not be a 7:30 p.m. evening performance on Sunday, Apr. 25. The Sunday, Apr. 12 show at 2:30 p.m. will be Audio Described. The matinee performance on Sunday, Apr. 25 at 2:30 p.m. will be Sign Interpreted.

**Tickets are \$20 - \$50 and are available at the Woodruff Arts Center Box Office by calling 404.733.5000 or online at [www.alliancetheatre.org](http://www.alliancetheatre.org).** Discount rates for groups of 10 or more are available by calling 404.733.4690. Discount rates are also available for members of the military, seniors and students. The Alliance Theatre is located at the Woodruff Arts Center, corner of Peachtree and 15th Street, in Midtown Atlanta.

### **Special Events**

#### **Apr. 1 – Queen Night**

Get your queen on for some fierce competition and a fabulous party at this April Fool's Day LGBT event. Come in costume and stay for a post-show party at Drama Dish with a DJ, specialty cocktails, and the crowning of our best dressed queen. All guests who purchase with promo code QUEEN15 receive a complimentary signature cocktail – the QueenTini or the Mad Hatter.

#### **Apr. 6 at 5:30 p.m. – Young Professionals TINIS-N-TAPAS**

*Cocktails. Food. Networking. Wonderland magic.* What better way to spend your Tuesday evening? \$55, all inclusive, covers parking at the Woodruff Arts Center, a tapas dinner buffet at

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Drama Dish, a complimentary signature cocktail, gratuity, and stage seating tickets to *Lookingglass Alice*. Use promo code PACKAGE55 when purchasing.

#### **Apr. 6 – Twitter Tuesday**

Tweet about your *Lookingglass Alice* experience during the performance! Participants will receive two complimentary tickets to the show in exchange for live tweeting their thoughts about the show (use hashtag #ATLalice). Interested parties should contact Lindsey Hardegree at [lindsey.hardegree@woodruffcenter.org](mailto:lindsey.hardegree@woodruffcenter.org).

#### **Apr. 10 at 1 p.m. – Midtown Block Party**

In conjunction with the Midtown Alliance, celebrate spring with an outdoor neighborhood block party before the 2:30 p.m. matinee. Starting at 1 p.m. at the 15th Street Art District Plaza (at the corner of 15th Street and Peachtree Street) enjoy food provided by The Varsity, jugglers and other circus performers. Tickets for the party and stage seating at the performance are as are only \$25 with promo code MIDTOWN25.

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#### ***Lookingglass Alice* is part of the Coca-Cola Series on the Alliance Stage.**

Additional Sponsors: *Lookingglass Alice* is sponsored by Marriott Residence Inn – Official Hotel of the Alliance Theatre; and The Home Depot – Set Construction Sponsor of the Alliance Theatre.

Production of *Lookingglass Alice* is made possible with grants from the City of Atlanta Office of Cultural Affairs, the Fulton County Arts Council, the Georgia Council for the Arts, the National Endowment for the Arts and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

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**national theatre with a local address**, reaching out annually to almost 200,000 patrons and members of the community. Known for its high artistic standards and national role in creating significant theatrical works, the Alliance launched three Tony Award-winning hits to Broadway: Alice Walker's ***The Color Purple***, Elton John and Tim Rice's ***Aida*** and Alfred Uhry's ***The Last Night of Ballyhoo***. And, in a rare event for a regional theatre, it originated the national tour of the Tony Award-winning Broadway musical ***The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee***. The theatre has premiered 60 works including adaptations of Carson McCullers' ***The Heart is a Lonely Hunter*** and Pearl Cleage's ***Blues for an Alabama Sky***. Further evidence of the Alliance's commitment to new work is found in its nationally recognized Kendeda Graduate Playwriting Competition, a cutting-edge program introducing student playwrights to professional networks while producing the world premiere of the winning student's work. The Alliance Theatre also offers extensive education and outreach programs such as the Institute for Educators and the Collision Project for high school students. The Alliance continuously brings Atlanta the finest talent and finest art—proving once again that the Alliance is where great theatre lives. 404.733.4650 or [www.alliancetheatre.org](http://www.alliancetheatre.org)

The Alliance Theatre is a division of the Woodruff Arts Center in Atlanta, Georgia, which also includes the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, High Museum of Art and Young Audiences.