



**December 26, 2023 (TUCSON, AZ)**

*The Inner Voice Studio* and *Southern Arizona Performing Arts Company* have collaborated again after a triumphant **Mean Girls: The Musical** to yet again bring the talent of Tucson teens to the stage. This time, our performers are debuting the evocative, moving and absolutely stunning musical, **Alice by Heart**, in an unconventional performance space (the former Bookmans on Speedway) where the audience will be invited to join the world of the war-torn world of the London Underground 1941 and the escapist fantasy of Wonderland. Join us “down the rabbit hole” January 19th-28th!

## THE MUSICAL

*Alice by Heart* is a stirring indie-folk musical inspired by “Alice in Wonderland”, that asks serious questions about the purpose of art in hard times, escapism and grief.

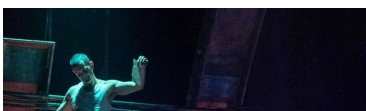
In *Alice by Heart*, teens are taking shelter in an underground train station during the London bombing blitz of 1941. In order to distract themselves, they take on familiar characters, including the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter, Caterpillar, Cheshire Cat and Queen of Hearts and use found objects as props. As they travel through the tale, the actors explore the poignancy of first love, coming to terms with loss, and finding the courage to move forward. This musical encourages us all to celebrate the transformational power of the imagination, even in the harshest of times.



[Here](#) is the **Alice by Heart** Trailer from the Off-Broadway run.

## THE CONCEPT

We want to bring creative, innovative and immersive theater to Tucson. We have created a theater and stage at the former Bookman’s space at **3330 E Speedway Blvd**. The space has exposed brick and an industrial look with exposed ceilings that is reminiscent of the London Subway of the 1940s and will immediately bring the audience into the world the actors are creating. There will be moving scaffolding that the actors can climb with a live band. We want to have the feel of an underground rock concert as the actors go back and forth between the escape of imagination and the bleak real world of war.



## **PRE-SHOW TALKBACK + TEA PARTY**

One hour before every show, there will be a Pre-Show Talkback (40 minutes) and Mad Hatter Tea Party where members of the production team and cast will discuss the show, concept, and answer any audience questions before diving into Wonderland! We highly recommend attending as it will aid in your enjoyment of this beautiful show and get a chance for you to meet the amazing kids and creative team. ***The Tea Party is being sponsored by Tucson's own Scented Leaf Tea House with thematic drinks made by their mixologist just for this show! We will also have Alice in Wonderland Snacks!***

## **RUNNING TIME, SHOW WARNINGS, AND ACCESSIBILITY**

The show runs 105 minutes with no intermission. There will be haze, theatrical lighting, and bomb sound effects. The space is accessibility friendly in accordance with ADA. Seating is limited to 150 guests per show and we expect it to sell out, so please buy your tickets early!

## **PERFORMANCE DATES**

All performances will be at 3330 E Speedway Blvd.

***FRIDAY, JANUARY 19th, 6:30pm Pre-Show Talkback, Performance at 7:30pm***

***SATURDAY, JANUARY 20th, 6:30pm Pre-Show Talkback, Performance at 7:30pm***

***SUNDAY, JANUARY 21st, 5:00pm Pre-Show Talkback, Performance at 6:00pm***

***FRIDAY, JANUARY 26th, 6:30pm Pre-Show Talkback, Performance at 7:30pm***

***SATURDAY, JANUARY 27th, 6:30pm Pre-Show Talkback, Performance at 7:30pm***

***SUNDAY, JANUARY 28th, 5:00pm Pre-Show Talkback, Performance at 6:00pm***

*book by STEVEN SATER and JESSIE NELSON*

*music by DUNCAN SHEIK*

*lyrics by STEVEN SATER*

*produced by KAITLIN BERTENSHAW*

*directed by SAMANTHA BEEMER*

*choreographed by LYDIA CHANDLER*

*music direction by SAMANTHA SIERRA FELDMAN*

*production stage manager ATHENA BLUE*

*set design by JAMES GUERIN*

*costume design by NINA CHRISTENSON*

*lighting design by CHRIS MASON*

*sound design by NOAH DETTMAN*

*prop design by HARLIE YINGLING*

*vocal direction by KAITLIN BERTENSHAW*



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