Join Alice in Her Wondrous Journey at Santa Margarita Catholic High School! written by Elliot Reynard, a senior at San Clemente High School

The classic tale of Alice in Wonderland follows a young girl who falls down a rabbit hole, consequently landing in the fantastical world of Wonderland. As the audience follows her journey through mushroom forests, mad tea parties, and royal gardens, a wondrous story of growing up is pieced together that the students of Santa Margarita magically transform into much more than just a fantasy.

Students Ryan Montero and Katarzyna Struve design a captivating open-stage experience to fully immerse the audience in Santa Margarita's version of "Wonderland." An array of otherworldly scenic pieces are dispersed among the stage, working with Luke Lehman's light design to signify the locations Alice travels to while on her journey. These eye-catching displays accentuated by entrancing patterns of light truly showcase the designers' abilities to bring an intensely fantastical world to life.

Sarah Atia and Reaghan Genest work closely with each individual cast member to create personalized costumes that best fit their character portrayal. With the 70s and 80s as their inspiration, Atia and Genest implement colorful, layered, and cohesive outfits that match the organized chaos within wonderland.

The illustrious Cheshire Cat is played by Robbie Troyan, who aims to portray his character a little more mature than the rest of Wonderland. His suave walk and dynamic manner of speech enchant the stage as he flirtatiously interacts with each of the characters, ensuring his presence is known and witnessed. Troyan consistently maintains his confident attitude, only seeming to drop it during his solemn good-bye to Alice- a beautiful moment between Troyan and actress Jorja Garrett (Alice), which showcases the unmistakable emotional bond between the two characters.

Charlie Goubran plays one of the most iconic figures of Wonderland, the Mad Hatter. With eccentric mannerisms and an animated tone, Goubran perfectly captures the "mad" essence of her character, pulling laughs from the audience as she interacts with actor Bryan Altneu (March Hare) and actress Helena Reginato (Dormouse). The trio's ability to fluently converse farcical lines creates an entertaining scene for the audience to smile at.

Don't miss the opportunity to journey to Wonderland yourself at Santa Margarita Catholic High School!