

Modern “Alice in Wonderland” Touches on Middle School Themes

For Immediate Distribution. October 25, 2013. The Youth Connection Theatre Experience this fall will be “Alice In Wonderland,” a new adaptation of the classic story by Lewis Carroll. The show performs for two nights only, Friday, November 15th and Saturday, November 16th, 7:30pm at Highcrest Middle School Auditorium at 569 W. Hunter, in Wilmette, Illinois. Tickets for the show are \$10 each and will be sold during the lunch periods in HMS cafeteria on November 13th thru 15th, at the door the night of the performance, and also online at www.youthconnectionwilmette.org.

This modern retelling, set in a schoolyard, touches on relevant middle school-aged themes, including bullying and being yourself. The production includes a cast of 24 students and a crew of 5 members who are 5th or 6th graders from Highcrest Middle School. Mary Kay Dreyfus, a Youth Connection board member, wrote the script, directed the play, and designed the costumes, sets, and sound. Highcrest parents and local community members are helping with rehearsals, stage management, and marketing.

Youth Connection is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization that provides social, service and educational opportunities to Wilmette area 5th-8th graders. Its after-school programs include free drop-in centers at Highcrest Middle School and Wilmette Junior High School, TGIF, and Battle of the Bands. For more information contact Mary Kay Dreyfus at mkdreyfus@consultarts.com or go to www.youthconnectionwilmette.org.

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