



MOMIX

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR MOSES PENDLETON

Alice



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PRESENTED BY



Founder & Artistic Director MOSES PENDLETON
Associate Director CYNTHIA QUINN

with

HEATHER CONN, NATHANIEL DAVIS, DEREK ELLIOTT JR., HAILEY GREEN,
AURELIE GARCIA, SEAH HAGAN, AND ADAM ROSS

MOMIX dedicates this performance to Órla Baxendale. A MOMIX dancer, colleague, and friend who passed all too soon at 25 years old on January 11, 2024. Órla's spirit, joy, and love will never be forgotten. Tonight and always, we dance for her.

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Alice PROGRAM NOTE

Travel down the rabbit hole MOMIX-style with Moses Pendleton's newest creation, ALICE, inspired by Alice in Wonderland. As Alice's body grows and shrinks and grows again, MOMIX dancers extend themselves by means of props, ropes, and other dancers.

"We don't intend to retell the whole Alice story," he says, "but to use it as a taking off point for invention. I'm curious to see what will emerge, and I'm getting curiouser and curiouser the more I learn about Lewis Carroll. I share his passion for photography and his proclivity for puns".

The Alice story is full of imagery and absurd logic – before there was Surrealism, there was Alice. Alice is an invitation to invent, to let the imagination run wild. "Go Ask Alice", sang Grace Slick in "White Rabbit" – she also said, "feed your head".

Pendleton continues, "You can see why I think Alice is a natural fit for MOMIX and an opportunity for us to extend our reach. We want to take this show into places we haven't been before in terms of the fusion of dance, lighting, music, costumes, and projected imagery. Our puns are visual, not verbal. It's not modern dance, it's Momix – under the spell of Lewis Carroll, who was under the spell of Alice – who was still learning to spell."

As with every MOMIX production, you never quite know what you are going to get. Hopefully, audiences will be taken on a journey that is both magical, mysterious, fun, eccentric, and much more. As Alice falls down the rabbit hole and experiences every kind of transformation, we invite you to follow her.

We see Alice as an invitation to invent, to dream, to alter the way we perceive the world, to open it to new possibilities. The stage is our rabbit hole, we welcome you to drop in! ."

-- Moses Pendleton, Artistic Director

Conceived and Directed by:	MOSES PENDLETON
Associate Director:	CYNTHIA QUINN
Assisted by:	ANTHONY BOCCONI, BEAU CAMPBELL, JENNIFER CHICHEPORTICHE, SAMANTHA CHIESA, HEATHER CONN, GREGORY DE ARMOND, JONATHAN EDEN, MATT GIORDANO, SEAH HAGAN, HANNAH KLINKMAN, SEAN LANGFORD, HEATHER MAGEE, SARAH NACHBAUER, JADE PRIMICIAS, REBECCA RASMUSSEN, COLTON WALL, and JASON WILLIAMS
Production Manager & Lighting Supervisor:	WOODROW F. DICK III
Technical Crew:	ALEXA DENNEY, LILY FONTES, COLIN NEUKIRCH
Lighting Design:	MICHAEL KORSCH
Music Collage:	MOSES PENDLETON
Music Editing:	ANDREW HANSON
Video Design:	WOODROW F. DICK, III
Spider Puppet Design:	MICHAEL CURRY
Costume Design:	PHOEBE KATZIN
Costume Construction:	PHOEBE KATZIN & BERYL TAYLOR
Ballet Mistress:	VICTORIA MAZZARELLI
Research Consultant:	PHILIP HOLLAND
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Company Manager:	PAULA BUDETTI BURNS

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'Would you tell me, please. which way I ought to go from here?'

"That depends a good deal on where you want to get to."

"I don't much care where -"

"Then it doesn't matter which way you go."

- Lewis Carroll

ACT ONE: Down the Rabbit Hole

A Summer Day
Alice Down the Rabbit Hole
Pool of Tears
A Trip of Rabbits
The Tweedles
The Cheshire Cat
Advice from a Blue Caterpillar
The Lobster Quadrille
Mad Hatters
The Queen of Diamonds
The Queen of Clubs Versus The Queen of Spades
The Mad Queen of Hearts
Cracked Mirrors

ACT TWO: Through the Looking Glass

There is Another Shore
Into the Woods
The Wolf-Spied-Her
Looking Through Stained Glass
Garden of Molar Bears & Other Creatures
The Mock Turtle Deflated
Trial of the Fallen Cards
Bed of Roses
Go Ask Alice

Alice Soundtrack

Des Chapeaux dans les Lapins by Odezenne - Alix Calliet, Jacques Cormary, and Matthia Lucchini, SDRM; ***Cracked Mirrors and Stopped Clocks, Womb Duvet*** by Origamibiro -Tom Hill, Andy Tytherleigh, and The Joy of Box, Two Thousand and Eleven Ribbon Music; ***Faster and Faster*** by Tony Kinsey, KMP LTD; ***Fortress of Doors, Fungiferous Flora, Skool Daze, Falling Down the Rabbit Hole*** by Chris Vrenna & Mark Blasquez, Almo/Pink Lava; ***Taal Se Taal*** by Alka Yagnik & Udit Narayan - A.R. Rahman & Anand Bakshi, Tips Industry Music Publishing; ***The Cheshire Cat*** by Danny Elfman, Wonderland Music Company; ***Restless*** by Sounds from the Ground - Nick Woolfson & Eliot Jones, Sherlock Holmes Music LTD; ***The Lobster Quadrille*** by Franz Ferdinand - Alexander Huntley, Nick McCarthy, Paul Thompson, and Robert Hardy, Universal Polygram Intl.; ***Mexicali, Jacquadi*** by Polo and Pan - Paul Armand-Delille & Alexandre Grynspan, EOS; ***1977*** by Ana Tijoux, BMG; ***Don't Worry, We'll Be Watching You, Smoke and Mirrors*** by Gotye - Wouter De Backer, Songs of Kobalt Music.; ***Prologue/Cherry Ripe*** by Richard Hartley, He Pro Tunes, Inc.; ***The Sea*** by Joey Pecoraro, Rough Trade Songs; ***Divine Moments of Truth*** by Shpongole - Simon James Posford & Raja Ram, Twisted Music LTD; ***Requiem*** by House Made of Dawn, Arcane Creative Publishing; ***2 Songar (Two Songs) Il Voggvis (Lullaby)*** by Jon Leifs, Iceland Music Information Center; ***Indifferent Universe, Liminalidad, Espera*** by Lucrecia Dalt, RVNG Intl.; ***White Rabbit*** Written by Grace Slick, Published by Mole Music (BMI) All rights reserved, (used by permission); ***Perpetuum Mobile*** by Simon Jeffes, Daniel Myer, Barbara Thompson, and Dejan Samardzic, Editions Penguin Cafe LTD.

ABOUT THE COMPANY

MOMIX, a company of dancer-illusionists founded and directed by Moses Pendleton, has been presenting work of exceptional inventiveness and physical beauty for more than 40 years. From its base in Washington, Connecticut, the company has developed a devoted worldwide following. In addition to stage performances, MOMIX has also worked in film and television, as well as corporate advertising, with national commercials for Hanes and Target, and presentations for Mercedes-Benz, Fiat, and Pirelli. With performances on PBS's "Dance in America" series, France's Antenne II, and Italian RAI television, the company's repertory has been beamed to 55 countries. The Rhombus Media film of Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition* with MOMIX and the Montreal Symphony was the winner of an International Emmy for Best Performing Arts Special. MOMIX was also featured in *IMAGINE*, one of the first 3-D IMAX films released in IMAX theaters worldwide. MOMIX dancers Cynthia Quinn and Karl Baumann, under Moses Pendleton's direction, played the role of "Bluey" in the feature film *F/X2*, and *White Widow*, co-choreographed by Pendleton and Quinn, was featured in Robert Altman's movie *The Company*. With nothing more than light, shadow, fabric, props, and the human body, MOMIX continues to astonish and delight audiences on five continents.



WHO'S WHO IN THE COMPANY

MOSES PENDLETON (*Artistic Director*) has been one of America's most innovative and widely performed choreographers and directors for over 50 years. He co-founded the ground-breaking Pilobolus Dance Theater in 1971 while still a student at Dartmouth College. Pilobolus shot to fame in the 1970s. By the end of the decade, he had begun to work outside of Pilobolus, performing in and serving as principal choreographer for the Paris Opera's *Intégrale Erik Satie* in 1979 and choreographing the Closing Ceremony of the Winter Olympics at Lake Placid in 1980. In that same year he created MOMIX, with Alison Chase, which rapidly established an international reputation for inventive and often illusionistic choreography. The troupe has now been creating new work under his direction and touring worldwide for over four decades. Mr. Pendleton has also been active as a performer and choreographer for other companies. He has worked extensively in film, TV, and opera and as a choreographer for ballet companies and special events. He staged Picabia's Dadaist ballet *Relâche* for the Paris Opera Ballet and the Joffrey Ballet, and *Tutuguri*, based on the writings of Artaud, for the Deutsche Oper Berlin. He created the role of the Fool for Yuri Lyubimov's production of Mussorgsky's *Khovanschina* at La Scala, choreographed Rameau's *Platée* for the U.S. Spoleto Festival, and contributed choreography to Lina Wertmüller's production of *Carmen* at the Munich State Opera. Mr. Pendleton has created new works for the Arizona Ballet and the Aspen Santa Fe Ballet, and he teamed up with Danny Ezralow and David Parsons, both former MOMIX dancers, to choreograph *AEROS* with the Romanian National Gymnastics Team. Mr. Pendleton choreographed *The Doves of Peace*, featuring Diana Vishneva and 50 Russian ballerinas, for the Opening Ceremony of the 2014 Winter Olympics at Sochi. Film and television work includes the feature film *F/X2* with Cynthia Quinn, *Moses Pendleton Presents Moses Pendleton* for ABC ARTS cable (winner of a CINE Golden Eagle award), and *Pictures at an Exhibition* with Charles Dutoit and the Montreal Symphony, which received an International Emmy for Best Performing Arts Special in 1991. He has also made music videos with Prince, Julian Lennon, and Cathy Dennis, among others. Mr. Pendleton is also an avid photographer whose work has been presented in Rome, Milan, Florence, and Aspen. He was a Guggenheim Fellow in 1977, a recipient of the Connecticut Commission on the Arts Governor's Award in 1998, received the Positano Choreographic Award in 1999, and the 2002 American Choreography Award for his contributions to choreography for film and television. In 2010, he received an Honorary Doctorate of Fine Arts (HDFA) from the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, where he delivered the commencement address. In 2021, Mr. Pendleton received the degree of Doctor of Arts, *honoris causa*, from Dartmouth College, for his lifetime contributions to the arts.

CYNTHIA QUINN (*Associate Director*) grew up in Southern California where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California at Riverside then continued on as an Associate in Dance for five years. As a member of Pilobolus in the 1980s, she performed on Broadway and throughout the United States, Europe, Canada, Israel and Japan. Ms. Quinn began performing with MOMIX in 1983 and has toured worldwide with the company. She has appeared in television programs, films, and music videos, and has assisted Moses Pendleton in the choreography on numerous projects. She has also appeared as a guest artist with the Ballet Théâtre Française de Nancy, the Deutsche Oper Berlin Ballet, and the Munich State Opera, as well as international galas in Italy, France and Japan. Ms. Quinn is a board member of the Nutmeg Conservatory in Torrington, Conn., and is on the advisory board of the Torrington's Susan B. Anthony Project. She was featured with Ru Paul and k.d. lang for M.A.C. Cosmetics' "Fashion Cares" benefit in Toronto and Vancouver. More recently, she co-choreographed *The Doves of Peace*, featuring Diana Vishneva, for the Opening Ceremony of the 2014 Winter Olympics. Her most rewarding and challenging role, however, has been as a mother to her daughter, Quinn Elisabeth.

HEATHER CONN (*Dancer*) is originally from New York. She attended the Long Island High School for the Arts as a dance major and holds a BFA in dance from the Tisch School of the Arts at New York University. Additionally, she has trained with the Joffrey Ballet School, the Bolshoi Ballet, and the Boston Conservatory, among others. Heather has performed professionally across the United States and beyond, in contemporary dance, musical theater, film, and live production art. She has performed in such notable venues as Radio City Music Hall, the Kennedy Center, the Apollo Theater, Jacob's Pillow, and the Folies Bergere in Paris, France. Heather has danced for Nickerson-Rossi Dance, Schoen Movement Company, and The Orsano Project as assistant to Phil Orsano. She was given a leading role in Busch Gardens Christmastown production of their show *Miracles*. She performs for TEN31 Productions as a "living art" performer at events, as well as the live arts company Moving On. Heather is featured in the published photography book *Dance Across the USA* by Jonathan Givens, as a dancer representing the state of New York. She is a certified Yoga teacher, a certified Animal Flow® instructor, and an Essential Oil Specialist. Heather has a passion for healing and is an advocate for social justice, wildlife, and the Earth. Heather joined MOMIX in 2018.

NATHANIEL DAVIS (*Dancer*) was born in Toronto, Canada and started his training at the age of seventeen. He attended the *New World School of the Arts* college graduating cum laude in 2015 with a BFA in dance. He has worked with the Peter London Dance Company in Miami, Florida and Artichoke Dance Company in Brooklyn, New York. He has performed works by Robert Battle, Daniel Ulbricht, George Balanchine, Jose Limon, Kyle Abraham, Bill T. Jones, and Darshan Bueller. Nathaniel joined MOMIX in 2017.

DEREK ELLIOTT JR (*Dancer*) is a performing artist residing in Pennsylvania. He received his BA in Dance and a BA in Theatre with a Concentration in Musical Theatre Performance from DeSales University. He has been performing in musicals since the age of thirteen. While in college he had the privilege of training with Dance Artists Trinetta Singleton, Timothy Cowart, Julia A. Mayo, Derek Crisenti, Steven Casey and Angela Sigley Grossman. He has performed excerpts from Paul Taylor's *Cloven Kingdom* restaged by Annmaria Mazzini, and *A Chorus Line* directed, choreographed, and restaged by Luis Villabon as an Offstage Cover/Swing at the Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival. In addition to dancing, acting, and singing, Derek holds a Black Belt in traditional Karate, Jeet Kune Do, and Lee Jun Fan Gung Fu. He also holds an International Parkour Coaching Certification and has additional Parkour professional development training in Strength Training for Movement. Derek joined MOMIX in 2022.

AURELIE GARCIA (*dancer*) is a dancer, dance teacher and choreographer. She grew up in the South of France, where she first started dancing at a local dance school. At eighteen, she moved to New York City to attend The Ailey School, graduating from their scholarship program in 2018. She has performed works by Ray Mercer, Elizabeth Roxas, Tracy Inman, Jacquelyn Buglisi, Talley Beatty, Anabelle Lopez Ochoa, Eduardo Vilaro, Michelle Manzanalez, Jacquelyn Buglisi, Pedro Ruiz, and Alvin Ailey. Since moving to New York to pursue her dance career, Aurelie has performed with companies such as the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Ballet Hispanico and Ntrinsik Movement, Bloodline Dance Theater, Ann Nuo Spiritual Dance Art, VLDC, OCA Dance, and ACBD. Aurelie joined MOMIX in 2019.

HAILEY GREEN (Dancer) grew up in the outskirts of Chicago where she began dancing at a young age. In 2021, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Boston Conservatory at Berklee with a BFA in Contemporary Dance Performance. Shortly after, she moved to NYC and trained at Broadway Dance Center. Hailey has performed at sea with Step One Dance Company, cruising on the Holland America Line. She currently works as a model when she is not dancing. Hailey is very excited to begin her first season with Momix, having joined the company in June 2023.

SEAH HAGAN (Dance Captain). Born and raised in Tallahassee Florida, Seah is a third generation dancer. She began her training at the Southern Academy of Ballet Arts under the tutelage of Natalia Botha and Charles Hagan. As an Advanced Company member with the Pas de Vie Ballet, she performed many classical and contemporary soloist and principal roles. In addition to ballet and modern training, Seah is also an accomplished ballroom dancer, having competed in multiple world championships. At age 16, she graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Florida State University Schools. Prior to MOMIX, she worked for the State of Florida at the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission. On her 18th birthday, Seah began her professional dance career with the world renowned company MOMIX. She has since toured across the United States, Canada, Europe, South America and Asia performing in three original shows, *VIVA MOMIX*, *Opus Cactus*, and *Alice*, where she has performed featured solos in all three. As Dance Captain, Seah was heavily involved in the creation of their newest show, *Alice*. Seah joined MOMIX in 2017.

ADAM ROSS (Dancer) began training at a young age in Chesapeake, VA. He went on to compete in regional and national dance competitions throughout the East Coast. As a teen, he attended the Governor's School for the Arts in Norfolk, VA, where he focused on Ballet and Modern technique. Adam earned his BFA in Contemporary Dance from the Conservatory at Berklee in 2023 where he performed works from Paul Taylor, Erick Hawkins, Martha Graham, Murray Louis, and Gabrielle Lamb, as well as multiple creations from faculty, students, and alumni from the Conservatory. Dance Intensives and workshops include Point Park University, Milwaukee Ballet, RUBBERBANDance Group, and CoMotion. Adam joined MOMIX in August 2022.

PHOEBE KATZIN (Costume Designer) After graduating from Endicott College's fashion design program, Phoebe worked for Kitty Daly, building dance costumes and dressmaking. For several years she lived in New York making costumes for Kitty Leach, Greg Barnes, and Allison Conner, among others. Phoebe has been instrumental in designing and constructing costumes for MOMIX and Pilobolus for more than 20 years.

MICHAEL KORSCH (Lighting Designer) is a lighting and scenic designer based in Philadelphia. He has worked with numerous directors and choreographers, creating visual designs for dance and theatre throughout North and South America, Europe, Australia, and Asia. Michael has been the resident lighting/scenic designer and technical director for Complexions Contemporary Ballet since 1998, and the resident lighting designer for Ballet Arizona since 2001. In addition, he has created original designs for companies including Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Aspen/ Santa Fe Ballet, BalletMet, BalletX, Carolina Ballet, Cleveland Play House, DanceBrazil, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Daytona Contemporary Dance Company, Disney Creative Entertainment, English National Ballet, Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, North Carolina Dance Theatre, Oakland Ballet, Pennsylvania Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Sacramento Ballet, Staatsballett Berlin and Washington Ballet, and has worked with MOMIX on several shows.

WOODROW F. DICK III (Production Manager & Lighting Supervisor) is MOMIX's go-to guy for anything and everything production-related. He has worked on numerous productions both big and small. Woody joined MOMIX in 2005.

VICTORIA MAZZARELLI (Ballet Mistress). Following an impressive and extensive professional international ballet career, Mazzarelli returned to her roots at the Nutmeg Ballet Conservatory in Torrington, Conn., where she serves as Artistic Director, training the next generation of dancers.