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DLUX PUPPETS, WALNUT CREEK-BASED PRODUCTION COMPANY, MOVES TO LAS VEGAS THIS SUMMER

*Bring the entire family to one of the final four performances, including a sensory-friendly option, of **Alice in Wonderland** before the company moves away from the Bay Area this Summer*

Public Performances at the Leshar Center for the Arts:

Friday, May 3 at 7:00PM

Saturday, May 4 at 10:00AM (sensory-friendly), 1:00PM, and 4:00PM



Walnut Creek, Calif. – Friday, April 19, 2019 – For Immediate Release

DLUX Puppets premiered *Alice in Wonderland* in May of 2017 at the Leshar Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek. Debuting to sold out audiences and rave reviews, the company has since toured nationally and successfully debuted a second show, *Peter Pan*, this past January. Founder Derek Lux handcrafts each intricately detailed puppet, ranging in size from 2 feet to an impressive 7 feet in height, giving them life-like features and an accurate array of personalities to portray the classic characters of the beloved *Alice in Wonderland*. It can take Lux up to 250 hours to design, create and maintain the beautiful puppets, and it is time well spent when you see the characters take on a life of their own on stage. Paired with their creative use of an animated, digital video backdrop, recognizable tunes adapted to fit the story, and an inspiring social-emotional learning message woven throughout, this is a family-friendly performance you won't want to miss this Spring.

“We use high quality puppetry, actors, digitally projected scenery, and famous songs to perform fun, musical adaptations of classic literature.”

– Derek Lux, Founder and Artistic Director



In less than two years, DLUX Puppets has gone from a single screen show in a 300-seat theatre to being booked in 1,000-seat theatres across the country and using multiple screens for the display and more special effects than ever before. The company has also increased their show offerings to be inclusive of children, students, and family members that may get over-stimulated at the average theatre performance by modifying the house lights, using natural stage lighting, avoiding loud, startling sounds and encouraging patrons to talk, stand, or walk around during the show if they need to. By building this judgment-free space and experience, individuals with autism or other special needs can feel comfortable and supported in the theatre.

With DLUX Puppets' success and growth, they have announced an upcoming move to Las Vegas, NV, where they will develop and expand on their current repertoire in an area known for spectacular, cutting-edge live shows.

"We are so excited to make the move and continue to grow as a company, but of course will miss the Bay Area. We are so grateful to have gotten our start here surrounded by family, friends, and so much enthusiasm and support!"

– Lauren Lux, Co-Founder and Education Director

Fear not, DLUX Puppets will be returning for multiple performances in the 2019-2020 season and your family can still attend one of the 4 upcoming shows, May 3-4. *Peter Pan* will return to the Leshler Center for the Arts in March 2020 for both school-time and public performances and *Alice in Wonderland* will return for school-time performances only in November of this year. Diablo Regional Arts Association, the non-profit partner of the Leshler Center for the Arts, is proud to have presented DLUX Puppets in the past and is thrilled to announce continued support of the company into next season.

Don't miss your chance to catch one of DLUX Puppet's final performances before the big move this Summer! *Alice in Wonderland* will be at the Leshar Center for the Arts in Walnut Creek for four public performances Friday, May 3 through Saturday, May 4. Single tickets are \$17 and can be purchased online at lesherartscenter.showare.com/DLUXPuppetsAliceinWonderland or through the Leshar Center Ticket Office: open Tuesday – Sunday, closed Monday.

Open Tuesday – Sunday

Closed Monday

Open for Calls

Tuesday – Sunday: Noon – 6:00pm

Friday – Saturday: Noon – 7:30pm

(925) 943-7469

Open for Walk Up

Tuesday – Thursday: 11:00am – 6:00pm

Friday – Saturday: Noon – 7:30pm

Sunday: Noon – 6:00pm

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View the Study Guide that DLUX Puppets created specifically for this production: bit.ly/AWstudyguide.



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