Jens-Peter Ostendorf (1944-2006)

ALICE IN WONDERLAND   [1978]

Musical for children by Helmut Polixa freely adapted from the short stories "Alice in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass" by Lewis Carroll
German
90'

52 roles, distributed to eight (also singing) actors:
Alice – Narrator – Queen – Duchess – White Knight – Knight's wife – Two male court dancers and two female court dancers – Magnificent female singer – Five musicians – Overseer – Two workers – Mad hatter – Vampire cook – Tweedle-Dum and Tweedle-Dee – Krunke and Dronte – Agrippina-Bronislava – Blind old flower lady – Goggelmoggel – White horse– Tired parrot – Curlew – Penguin – Grinning Cheshire cat – Five Cheshire cats- White rabbit – Snap-Hare – Quadrille-tortoise – Mouse – Quick butterfly – two quick butterflies – Caterpillar – Squid – Electric eel – Tiger Lily – Three blossoms

0.0.1(bass clar, alto sax, baritone sax, soprano recorder).0 – 0.0.0.0 – perc (plastic containers with foot machine, high hat, 2 zinc tubs, 2 cans, cardboard, 4 bottles, water glass, frying pan, 2 pot lids, serrated knives, egg slicer, musical saw, lotos fl, children's glsp, 2 metal pipes, gong in water bath, wet cloth, whinging balloon, 2 squeaky animals, 2 bicycle horns, signal horn, duck call, diverse bird calls), prep. piano

■ *Libretto:* **S I K 3/5612**

Surrounded by magic flowers, mythical beasts and astonishing fantastic beings, Alice experiences the strangest adventures in rapid succession. She suddenly becomes tiny, almost drowning in the sea of her own tears and is surprised over the displeasure that she causes for the animals with the flood she has created. She learns that arrogance is followed by a fall, that honourable knights expect fees for their politeness, becomes acquainted with a vain Duchess and is requested to learn the Queen's greeting knee-dance. At the climax of this series of oddities, the figures allow their masks to fall and confess, to Alice's great relief, that all her experiences in Wonderland were nothing more than a wonderfully strange dream.