

NeverWonder: The Musical

Synopsis:

A Queer and Mad love story following Alice (Wonderland) and Wendy (Neverland) as they meet in an asylum and bond over their shared fantastical, yet traumatic childhoods - but they have to go back for one last quest! This is a tale of survivor solidarity through the lens of Mad Pride. NeverWonder is a new, Mad, and Queer Canadian musical combining two beloved world lores and tells the story of two young women who bond over the adventures and mishaps of their fantastical childhoods, and follows their journey of support and recovery. The best way to describe NeverWonder is "a queer Alice and Wendy fanfiction about surviving trauma in the musical theatre form".

The show starts in a London asylum where an adult Alice Little has been staying for several years, and when an adult Wendy Darling gets into some recent trouble, she is sent to the same London asylum, and the two women for the first time in their lives experience meeting and speaking with someone who's experienced exactly what they've experienced - being transported to otherworldly places! The two become fast friends, and there's definitely an inkling of more. Little long knew she was a lesbian, but Darling is only recently coming into her identity as a queer (bisexual) woman. The asylum staff become uneasy with how close the women become and decide to separate them, just as the two were figuring out if their worlds had some kind of connection or not.

After being separated, the two women end up going to each others' worlds, thrusting into a new quest; their last quest - to find a way back to each other.

This show hinges on topics of Madness, mental illness, trauma, and LGBTQ+ topics. NeverWonder tells a new and poignant story and is inspired by the stories, worlds, characters, and words of Lewis Carroll (Alice In Wonderland/Through the Looking Glass) and J. M. Barrie (Peter Pan), with music, lyrics, text adaptation, and book by Toronto-based nonbinary, queer, Mad, and hard-of-hearing performer, musician, and musical theatre creator, Jess L. Callaghan.