Canterbury School Theater **PRESENTS**



Book by:

Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle

Conceived by:

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Based on the works of Dr. Seuss

SEUSSICAL is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

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Director's Notes

Seussical brings together characters and stories from various Dr. Seuss books, weaving them into a colorful tapestry of adventure, friendship, and imagination. At its heart, this musical celebrates the power of creativity, the importance of individuality, and the beauty of diversity.

Our story begins in the Jungle of Nool, where Horton the Elephant discovers a speck of dust containing the tiny world of Who-ville and its inhabitants, the Whos. Despite ridicule and disbelief from the other animals, Horton vows to protect the Whos and their home, embodying the values of kindness, compassion, and loyalty. As the narrative unfolds, we encounter a myriad of beloved Seuss characters, from the mischievous Cat in the Hat to the shy but courageous JoJo. Through their adventures, we witness the triumph of imagination over adversity, as they navigate challenges and learn valuable lessons about acceptance, perseverance, and the power of friendship.

Seussical is a celebration of difference. Each character, whether big or small, loud or quiet, is unique and valuable in their own way. This resonates deeply in our world today, reminding us of the importance of embracing diversity and honoring the richness it brings to our lives. Seussical encourages us to believe in the impossible and never underestimate the power of our dreams.

As we brought this whimsical world to life onstage, I encouraged the cast to embrace the spirit of the *Seussical* story—to be bold, imaginative, and unapologetically themselves. May we inspire our audiences to believe in the power of kindness, imagination, and the wonderful possibilities that lie beyond the realm of the ordinary.

Mrs. Mathewson

The Artistic Team

Director & Choreographer:

Musical Director:

Technical Director/Scenic Design:

Sound Design:

Lighting Design:

Costumer:

Stage Manager:

Assistant Stage Manager:

Production Assistance:

Keiko Mathewson Christopher Rich Leif Smith Kenneth Mard III '99 Jakob Kelsey Susan Haneman Laurie Etienne '24 Alicia Agredano '26

Carol Haines, Clara Smith

The Cast (in order of appearance)

lolo Sylvia Pinheiro '24 Cat in the Hat Ruari Bamrick '24 Zachary Mwanza '27 Horton **Gertrude McFuzz** Amelia Welsh '26 Irene Chen '24 Mr. Mayor Cora Brennan '24 Mrs. Mayor Mayzie LaBird Ava Faruol '24 Sour Kangaroo Eliza Agredano '24 Young Kangaroo Hannah Soifersmith '27 General Genghis Kahn Schmitz Elena Davenport '25 Yuge "Ingrid" Fu '26, Marygrace Hussey '27, **Bird Girls & Whos** Victoria Ostrowski '26 Serena Bacetti '26, Emily Lang '24, Jing "Kitty" Miao '25 Wickershams Yertle the Turtle & Others Clare Kelly '25

Madeline Lavertue '27

Yichen "Justin" Bai '27

The Crew

Grinch & Others

Vlad Vladikoff & Others

Set Construction and Scenic Painting Canterbury School Technical Theater Class **Light Board Operator** Emerson Lilly '25 **Deck Electricians** Ella de Marval '25, Raven Reaves '26 Spot Operator Geoffrey Moran '24 **Sound Board Operators** Madison Lang '24, Maeve Prendergast '27 **Props Manager** Minhyo "Katie" Tae '27 Hair and Makeup Hayden Famigletti '25, Abigail Wiese '25 **Deck Crew** Julian Bonasera '26, Yuxuan "Bob" Chen '27, Lochlan Finnegan '26, Hanna Gleason '25, Stephen Hraska '25



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Musical Numbers

Act One

Oh, the Thinks You Can Think Horton Hears a Who Biggest Blame Fool Here on Who Oh, the Thinks You Can Think (Reprise) It's Possible How to Raise a Child The Military Alone in the Universe The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz Amayzing Mayzie Amayzing Gertrude Monkey Around Chasing the Whos How Lucky You Are Notice Me, Horton How Lucky You Are (Reprise) Horton Sits on the Egg

How Lucky You Are (Reprise 2)

Act Two

Egg, Nest, and Tree Circus McGurkus How Lucky You Are (Reprise 3) How Lucky You Are (Reprise 4) **Amayzing Horton** Alone in the Universe (Reprise) Solla Sollew Green Eggs and Ham Grinch Scene A Message from the Front Alone in the Universe (Reprise 2) Havin' a Hunch All for You The People Versus Horton the Elephant Alone in the Universe (Reprise 3) Oh, the Thinks You Can Think (Reprise 2)

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