Canterbury School Theater PRESENTS

SEUSSICAL™

Book by: Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle

Conceived by: Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle

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: Keiko Mathewson
Musical Director: Christopher Rich
Technical Director/Scenic Design: Leif Smith
Sound Design: Kenneth Mard III ’99
Lighting Design: Jakob Kelsey
Costumer: Susan Haneman
Stage Manager: Laurie Etienne ’24
Assistant Stage Manager: Alicia Agredano ’26
Production Assistance: Carol Haines, Clara Smith
The Cast (in order of appearance)

JoJo
Cat in the Hat
Horton
Gertrude McFuzz
Mr. Mayor
Mrs. Mayor
Mayzie LaBird
Sour Kangaroo
Young Kangaroo
General Genghis Kahn Schmitz
Bird Girls & Whos

Wickershams
Yertle the Turtle & Others
Vlad Vladikoff & Others
Grinch & Others

The Crew
Set Construction and Scenic Painting
Light Board Operator
Deck Electricians
Spot Operator
Sound Board Operators
Props Manager
Hair and Makeup
Deck Crew

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The Kenneth C. Mard Jr. Endowment For the Dramatic Arts
## 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)

## THANK YOU!

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