

Seussical (ages 11-adult; all youth ages 11-19 are cast)

U.S. National Tour Version (2002)

"Oh, the thinks you can think" when Dr. Seuss' best-loved characters collide and cavort in an unforgettable musical caper!

Now one of the most performed shows in America, *Seussical* is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza! Tony winners, Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty (*Lucky Stiff, My Favorite Year, Once on This Island, Ragtime*), have lovingly brought to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters, including Horton the Elephant, The Cat in the Hat, Gertrude McFuzz, lazy Mayzie and a little boy with a big imagination – Jojo. The colorful characters transport us from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus to the invisible world of the Whos.

The Cat in the Hat tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust that contains the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child sent off to military school for thinking too many "thinks." Horton faces a double challenge: not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must guard an abandoned egg, left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant.

The Cat In The Hat

Our story's omniscient narrator, he is fun loving and enjoys rhyming. Pops up throughout the story to help the audience. Wise and attentive.

Gender: Any

Vocal range top: F4

Vocal range bottom: F2

Jojo

The Mayor's son, he is a Who that is always finding trouble. Bright, creative, and inadvertently mischievous. Possesses a wildly expansive imagination and finds solace in his friendship with Horton.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: C5

Vocal range bottom: Ab3

Horton The Elephant

Our story's main character, he is a compassionate and gentle elephant. Commonly misunderstood because of his larger size. He is protective and loving of all creatures in the jungle.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: F4

Vocal range bottom: A2

Gertrude Mcfuzz

Horton's one-feathered-tail bird neighbor. Gertrude is sweet and timid. Though kind and loyal, she is also self-conscious of her shortfalls.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: F3

Mayzie Labird

The most beautiful bird in all of the jungle. Oblivious to her self-centered ways, she relies on her talent of manipulation, and intoxicating beauty, to navigate her way through life.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: G3

The Sour Kangaroo

The 'leader' of the jungle. She is loud, brassy, and stubbornly set in her ways. A caring mother, but unabashedly sassy and soulful.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: F#3

Bird Girls

The Bird Girls, including Bird Girl 1, Bird Girl 2, and Bird Girl 3, are a fabulous group of birds who know everything there is to know about the goings on in the jungle and support Mayzie throughout the show. Strong singers, actresses, and movers who can sing well in harmony.

Mr. Mayor

Mr. Mayor and Mrs. Mayor are parents trying hard to raise a child with a big imagination. These Whos may get aggravated with JoJo, but they love him dearly. They try their best to make the right choices as parents, even if JoJo doesn't always understand them. They are also upstanding members of their community. Strong singer and actor.

Mrs. Mayor

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The Whos' General, Genghis Khan Schmitz

Strong singer and actor with an excellent stage presence.

Wickersham Brothers

The Wickersham Brothers, including Wickersham 1, Wickersham 2, and Wickersham 3, are not bad guys! They tease, play pranks, and get a kick out of making mischief, although often at another's expense. Strong movers, characters, and actors.

Ensemble

Yurtle The Turtle and many other characters all with various singing, acting, and dancing features.