

## **Seussical Cast of Characters:**

The characters in Seussical are fantastic & imaginary creations featured in the Dr. Seuss collection of stories. They speak in Seussian verse, very rhythmic with incredible rhymes, even when not singing. Even though there are a large number of main characters, this is really an ensemble show. The characters work together to tell the story, all playing an important part.

The majority of the show is accompanied by music & involves most characters.

**JoJo (Boy or Girl – age 9 - 12)** A “Thinker.” A smart child with a wild imagination. JoJo can be played as being a little bit awkward, a little bit of a loner, or simply a rambunctious kid whose “Thinks” get him into constant trouble. By the end of the show, he learns what it means to be a responsible member of his community, using the power & possibilities of his own “Thinks.”

**The Cat in the Hat (Boy or Girl)** The essence of mischief, fun, & imagination. The Cat stirs things up & causes trouble but always sets things right again. The cat is the host & emcee of the evening along with Thing 1 & 2 & plays many minor comic parts throughout the story & is a presence in almost every scene. Looking for a strong actor / not as concerned about a strong singer – however that would be a plus. Looking for a physically adept actor (male or female) to play the Cat who is confident onstage, comfortable with physical comedy, accents, & able to improvise with the audience if needed.

**Thing 1 & Thing 2 (Boy or Girl)** Helps the Cat in the Hat with all thing mischief, fun, & imagination. While Cat is stirring up trouble – Thing 1 & Thing 2 are helping to tell the story through song. Gymnastics / acrobatics are a plus.

**Horton the Elephant** A gentle giant. Think of Horton as a big-hearted, blue-collar guy who is steadfast, responsible, & always tries to do the right thing. He is sympathetic & receptive to the world around him. He believes in the inherent goodness of the world, so it's no surprise that he always looks for the good in others. Strong singer with good comic timing.

**Mr. Mayor & Mrs. Mayor** Mr. Mayor & Mrs. Mayor are parents trying hard to raise a child with a big imagination. These Who's 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 singers/actors – capable of harmony.

**Gertrude McFuzz** Very self-conscious, shy, & nervous at first, she grows into a kind & caring protector. She is in love with Horton & does what she can to get his attention. She is a bit naïve at times, but always is a voice of reason. Strong singer/actor with good movement skills & comic timing.

**Mayzie La Bird** Self-centered, selfish & vain. She manipulates anyone she can (especially Horton) into doing what she wants. She ultimately means no harm, but she's immature & makes selfish decisions. In giving up her egg to Horton once & for all, she has a moment of self-awareness – she realizes she isn't the kind of bird who would be a good parent, & she does the best thing she can for the egg. Strong singer/actor with strong movement skills. Very comic.

**Bird Girls** The sassy Bird Girls, are a fabulous group of birds who know everything there is to know about the goings on in the jungle & support Mayzie throughout the show. They often act as narrators/storytellers, picking up where the Cat/Thing 1/Thing 2 left off. A big presence throughout the evening. Strong singers/movers.

**Wickersham Brothers** The Wickersham Brothers are not bad guys! They're simply a lot like kids who tease, play pranks, & get a kick out of making mischief, although often at another's expense. They side with the Sour Kangaroo in her campaign against Horton. Strong singer/movers with soulful singing/harmonies. Acrobatics & physicality a plus.

**Sour Kangaroo** She's loud, brassy, & a lot of fun. She's got a lot of attitude but isn't mean – she's just very confident & unafraid to tell it like it is. Is the main antagonist & the cause of many of Horton's troubles. Strong singer/actor with good comic ability & soulful singing.

**Young Kangaroo** Sour Kangaroo's feisty daughter. She may be pint-sized, but she's got a big personality & is following in her mother's footsteps.

**Judge Yertle the Turtle / The Marshall** The authoritative judge / Marshall who preside over Horton's trial. Strong singer/actor.

**Mr. McGurkis (Circus Owner)** Circus announcer & owner of Circus McGurkis. Strong actor with over the top stage presence.

**Vlad Vladikoff** The black-bottomed eagle who flies off with the Whos. Good physicality.

**General Genghis Khan Schmitz** A Who General who is bursting with pride at the military academy he runs, & the boys he turns out. He is not mean; he honestly thinks he is doing the right thing & is making the world a better place. Strong singer/actor with comedic ability.

**Colonel BonBon AParte & Major Atilla the Hunkletter (Boy or Girl)** Helps the General run the academy & train the cadets. Strong singer/actor with comedic ability.

**The Grinch** Arguably the most famous Seuss character of all! Strong character actor & comic timing.

**The Who Cast**

**The Jungle Cast**

**Specialty Numbers**