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SEUSSICAL

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STEPHEN FLAHERTY**

Co-Conceived by LYNN AHRENS,
STEPHEN FLAHERTY and ERIC IDLE

Based on the Works DR. SEUSS

Starring

AUGUST ABATECOLA

KYLE EDWARDS

ISABELLA CAMPISI

VERONICA DECKER

CHRISTINE GAVIN

GABRIELLE PAIGE

AMELIA BISACCIA

JARRETT BRUNO

GRACE CAPPS

BEN CAPUTO

JESSICA CERASOLI

CASSIDY DINEEN-HERZOG

KAYLA DiSANZO

CARINA FLORIO

JASON FOGARTY

JULIANA GIANNASCA

AVA HOFF

HENRY HOFF

ADDISON MACKYNZIE

ALEX MALECKI

BARBARA MALECKI

CLAIRE MALECKI

GRAEME McENEANY

CHRISTOPHER OLDI

DONNA SCHEER

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August Abatecola

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Seussical™ is more than a string of Dr. Seuss Stories set to music. It's a full-length musical, which weaves together his most famous tales and characters in unexpected ways. Some of these characters will fall in love, some will have desperate adventures and some will save the world – all while traveling everywhere from the Jungle of Nool to McElligott's Pool to Palm Beach!

A young girl, Jojo, a “thinker of strange and wonderful thinks!” brings the colorful and classic tales together. There's the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, the Whos of Whoville, including the Mayor and his Wife, the General Genghis Kahn Schmitz, Mayzie LaBird, Sour Kangaroo and the Citizens of the Jungle of Nool.

Dr. Seuss believes in the pure power of imagination, helping a friend, keeping a promise and not giving up. He also believes in the value and dignity of others, working to preserve the fragile sweetness of the natural world, and that peace is the ultimate ideal, among nations and in every heart. As each of the stories unfolds, you will see how relevant and profound Dr. Seuss's subtle themes are.

Theodore “Seuss” Geisel

Theodore Geisel (Dr. Seuss) was born in Springfield, MA, in 1904. He changed the world of children's literature with his first book *And to Think That I Saw it on Mulberry Street*, which made its way to bookstores only after being rejected by 28 different publishers. In 1957, Seuss fused 225 words with rhyme and humor to create *The Cat in the Hat* and went on to inspire four generations to read. He defied the establishment and revolutionized the process that children use to learn and read. “Children want the same things we want. To laugh, to be challenged, and to be entertained and delighted,” he said. The author and illustrator of 44 books, he received the Pulitzer Prize, two Emmys, three Academy Awards and remains the world's best-selling author of children's books.

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CAST

(in order of appearance)

The Cat in the Hat	Augie Abatecola
Horton the Elephant	Kyle Edwards
Gertrude McFuzz	Veronica Decker
Mayzie LaBird	Christine Gavin
Jojo the Who	Isabella Campisi
Sour Kangaroo	Gabrielle Paige
The Mayor of Whoville	Christopher Oldi
Mrs. Mayor	Donna Scheer
General Genghis Khan Schmitz	Jason Fogarty
The Bird Girls	Carina Florio, Caitlyn Stellwagen, Juliana Giannasca
The Wickersham Brothers	Graeme McEneaney, Peter Stoop, Nico Van den Bergh
Young Kangaroo	Jarrett Bruno
Whos/Jungle Creatures	Amelia Bisaccia, Grace Capps, Ben Caputo, Jessica Cerasoli, Cassidy Dineen-Herzog, Kayla DiSanzo, Ava Hoff, Barbara Malecki, Claire Malecki, Addison Mackynzie, Michelle Tsentides
Vlad Vladikoff	Alex Malecki
Judge Yertle the Turtle	Alex Malecki
Elephant Bird	Henry Hoff

MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT I

<i>Overture</i>	Orchestra
<i>Oh, The Thinks You Can Think</i>	The Cat in the Hat, Company
<i>Horton Hears A Who</i>	Bird Girls, Horton, Citizens
<i>Biggest Blame Fool</i>	Sour Kangaroo, Horton, Wickersham Brothers, Bird Girls, Gertrude McFuzz, Mayzie LaBird, Citizens of the Jungle of Nool, Cat
<i>Here on Who</i>	Mayor of Whoville, Mrs. Mayor, the Grinch, Whos, Horton
<i>Oh the Thinks You Can Think (Reprise)</i>	The Cat & Jojo
<i>It's Possible</i>	Jojo, The Cat, Fish Chorus
<i>How to Raise a Child</i>	Mayor, Mrs. Mayor
<i>The Military</i>	Gen. Genghis Kahn Schmitz, Jojo, Cadets
<i>Alone in the Universe</i>	Horton, Jojo
<i>The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz</i>	Gertrude
<i>Amazing Mayzie</i>	Mayzie, Gertrude, Bird Girls
<i>Amazing Gertrude</i>	Gertrude, The Cat, Bird Girls
<i>Monkey Around</i>	Wickersham Brothers
<i>Chasing the Whos</i>	Horton, Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickersham Brothers, The Cat, Vlad Vladikoff, Whos
<i>How Lucky You Are</i>	The Cat
<i>Notice Me, Horton</i>	Gertrude, Horton
<i>How Lucky You Are (Reprise)</i>	Mayzie, Horton, The Cat
<i>Act One Finale</i>	Company

ACT II

<i>Egg, Nest and Tree</i>	Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickersham Brothers, The Cat, The Cat's Helpers, Hunters
<i>Amazing Horton</i>	Horton, Mayzie, The Cat
<i>Solla Sollew</i>	Horton, Animals and Performers, Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Cadets
<i>Alone in the Universe (Reprise)</i>	Jojo
<i>Havin' a Hunch</i>	The Cat, Jojo, Hunches
<i>All for You</i>	Gertrude, Bird Girls
<i>The People Versus Horton the Elephant</i>	Horton, Sour Kangaroo, Wickersham Brothers, Judge Yertle the Turtle, Bird Girls, Gertrude, Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Jojo, Whos, The Cat
<i>Alone in the Universe (Reprise)</i>	Horton, Jojo
<i>Finale/Oh, The Thinks You Can Think</i>	Company

ORCHESTRA NOTE:

WE ARE LIVE: Yorktown Stage employs professional musicians who perform the show from the orchestra pit.

Keyboard 1	Ricky Romano
Keyboard 2	Rachel Cohen
Keyboard 3	Jordan Klein
Reed 1	Victoria Vespucci
Reed 2	Joe Natale
Trumpet 1	Chris Melito
Trumpet 2	Liam Webb
Guitar	Henryk Kress
Bass	Don Cooksey
Drums	Taylor Simpson

CAST BIOGRAPHIES

AUGUST ABATECOLA (*the Cat in The Hat*) is excited to be donning the red and white striped hat once again, after first playing the role at the Westchester Broadway Theatre! He has performed internationally, Off-Broadway, and recorded original music with Four Kings Productions. However, nothing is as fulfilling as having the honor of being the Artistic Director at Yorktown Stage. For the last decade, August has worked to bring the best of local, youth and professional talents to northern Westchester County. To our wonderful patrons, thank you for all the years of support and applause. Enjoy the show!

ISABELLA GRACE CAMPISI (*Jojo*) is thrilled to be part of the production of *Seussical*. She has performed in many productions at Yorktown Stage and Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, including *Heathers* (student ensemble), *The Lion King* (Old Simba), *Frozen* (middle-aged Anna), *Annie* (Tessie), *Peter Pan* (Wendy) and *The Little Mermaid* (Ariel).

KYLE EDWARDS (*Horton*) a NYC native, Kyle is excited to be making his Yorktown Stage debut. He is thankful for his family and friends. Enjoy the show!

VERONICA DECKER (*Gertrude*) makes her third jaunt into the land of Seuss, having last made star turns as Sloth with the Gallery Players and as Mrs. Mayor in high school. After performing regionally and in the middle of the sea (Mrs. Potts, Disney Cruise Line), she is

grateful to this incredibly good-looking production team for welcoming her home for her tenth mainstage production here in Yorktown.

CHRISTINE GAVIN (*Mayzie la Bird*) is thrilled to return to Yorktown Stage after appearing in several of their productions. Favorite roles here include Ado Annie in *Oklahoma*, Cinderella in *Into the Woods* and Tiger Lily in *Peter Pan*. When not on stage, Christine is the creative director for Hollywood Pop Gallery in Greenwich. She also enjoys her lovely home with her fiancé Fred and fur babies in New Fairfield. Thank you to Barry, Ricky, Carrie, Casey, and the cast and crew for all your dedication. Special appreciation to Augie, our multi-talented director and Cat, for inviting me to share the stage again with him in this uplifting musical.

GABRIELLE PAIGE (*Sour Kangaroo*) is ecstatic to be in her twenty-second Yorktown Stage production. In 2016, Gabrielle played The Cat in the Hat in Yorktown Stage's production of *Seussical Jr.*, so it feels very full circle for her to return to the Jungle of Nool. She has also performed at Broadway Method Academy, Westchester Broadway Theatre, WPPAC and Feinstein's/54 Below. BFA in Musical Theatre from the Boston Conservatory. Endless gratitude to Augie, Carrie, Casey and Ricky. All my love to Mama P. gabriellepaige.com

GRAEME MCENEANY (Wickersham) is thrilled to be joining this incredibly talented cast of *Seussical!* This is Graeme's second performance with YTS, he was last seen as the Grasshopper in *James and the Giant Peach*. Thanks so much to the creative team for all their hard work and dedication to keeping theater alive and thriving. Let's Monkey Around and have some fun!!!

NICO VAN DEN BERGH (Wickersham) is happy to be back in another Yorktown Stage production after last being seen in *The Little Mermaid* as Jetsam. This will be his fourth production of *Seussical*, third time playing a Wickersham, second *Seussical* production at Yorktown Stage, and first time back on stage since fall of 2019. Thanks to this cast, family, friends, Augie, Ricky, Carrie and Casey.

CHRISTOPHER OLDI (Mr. Mayor) is thrilled to be performing again with Yorktown Stage! When not performing, Christopher is a public interest attorney based out of White Plains. Westchester and NYC credits include Albert in *Bye Bye Birdie!* with Pail and Shovel Productions; *Pricilla Queen of the Desert*, *12th Night*, *Company*, *Sister Act!*, *Oklahoma* and *Miss Saigon* with Clocktower Players; *Our Love Will Keep You Warm* Cabaret at the Duplex in Greenwich Village; *Light in the Piazza* with ARC Stages in Pleasantville; *Joseph*, *Gypsy* and *Cinderella* at the Yorktown Stage.

DONNA SCHEER (Mrs. Mayor) has performed, directed and choreographed in regional theatres throughout the country. Her principal roles include major musicals, contemporary dramas and Shakespeare. With a BA and MA in Theatre, she has directed or choreographed more than fifty productions across the US and taught students at all levels. She returned east last year after 15 years teaching in Santa Fe, NM.

ALEX MALECKI (Who/Yertle/Vlad) makes his YTS debut alongside his wife, Barbara, and daughter, Claire. Alex first played Sir Evelyn Oakleigh in *Anything Goes*. He has since performed, directed and served as a trustee for the Hope for Change Foundation, a nonprofit supporting breast cancer research. Professionally, Alex is the director of Communications and Marketing for Iona Preparatory School PK-12 in New Rochelle.

CARINA FLORIO (Bird Girl) was born and raised in Westchester. Carina is a recent graduate of CCM with a BFA in musical theatre. When she's not performing, Carina likes to crochet, jam on her electric guitar and write music. You can find her music on all music platforms. She thanks the whole cast and crew who made this production possible. She is so grateful to be back on stage again now that theatre is back!

JULIANA GIANNASCA (*Bird Girl*) is excited to be in her first production here at YTS. Juliana is a graduate student at NYU studying ed. theatre. She is also the Educational Director at WPPAC and works with several performing arts companies in Westchester. *Seussical* is one of Juliana's favorite shows and she is so excited to be back in the Jungle of Nool!

AMELIA BISACCIA (*Jungle Creature*) is thrilled to take part in her first Yorktown Stage production! During her time in Hendrick Hudson's drama program, she participated in eight productions, including *Beauty and the Beast*, *West Side Story*, *Mary Poppins* and others. She is currently a nursing student, and couldn't be happier to be back on stage with this amazing cast and crew.

JARRETT BRUNO (*Young Kangaroo*) is an actor, dancer and aspiring performer from Northern Westchester. In 2019 Jarrett lent his vocal talents to the role of Young Walter Beckett in Disney/20th Century Fox's animated film, *Spies in Disguise*. Jarrett has performed in several regional productions including *The Aristocats*, *Pinocchio*, *Jungle Book*, *101 Dalmatians*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Lion King*, and most recently played the role of the Genie in *Aladdin Kids*. Jarrett is a member of SAG.

GRACE CAPPS (*Who*) is so excited to be in her second production of *Seussical* at Yorktown Stage! Her first ever show was in 2016 and she has been doing almost every program at

Yorktown Stage since. Some of her favorite productions she has been a part of at Yorktown Stage are *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Lion King*, *Spring Awakening* and *Heathers*.

BEN CAPUTO (*Who*) found his love of theatre while attending Yorktown Stage's summer camp. This is Ben's third play and he looks forward to doing many more. In addition to theatre, Ben enjoys playing baseball, singing, learning French and hanging out with friends.

CASSIDY DINEEN-HERZOG (*Who*) has been a part of the Yorktown Stage Kids program for three years, but this is her first mainstage production and she is so excited to be part of the cast of *Seussical*. Cassidy thanks Augie, Barry, Casey and Ricky for all their help in making her dream to perform come true.

KAYLA DiSANZO (*Jungle Creature*) is thrilled to be in her third mainstage production at Yorktown Stage! Yorktown Stage is her favorite place to be – from helping and performing with the youth shows to dancing with Debbie and singing with Augie. Performances include *Wizard of Oz*, *Frozen Jr*, *The Little Mermaid*, *The Lion King Kids*, *Seussical Jr* and more. When not at Yorktown Stage, Kayla enjoys playing basketball and softball. Special thanks to Augie, Debbie, Carrie and Ricky for their continued support.

JASON FOGARTY (*General Schmitz*) is thrilled to be returning to Yorktown Stage. Previous credits include The Giant in *Jack and the Beanstalk*, Jesus in *Godspell*, Bobby in *Company*, The Baker in *Into The Woods*, Caleb in *The Spitfire Grill*, Bobby in *The Boyfriend*, the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*, Jamie in the *Last 5 Years* and the Major General in *Pirates of Penzance*. He thanks Augie for the opportunity to work with such a talented cast. Jason also thanks his loving wife, Melissa, who inspires him every day and gives him the opportunity to play his greatest roles as husband and father.

AVA HOFF (*Who*) is performing in her first mainstage show with Yorktown Stage. She has appeared as Roquefort in *Aristocats Kids* and as a mission band member in *Guys and Dolls Jr.* She is thrilled to be performing in front of a live audience again.

HENRY HOFF (*Baby Elephant Bird*) is excited to make his Yorktown Stage debut as the Baby Elephant Bird! In his free time, Henry builds forts, plays basketball and soccer, and enjoys bird watching. He hopes to go to Hawaii someday and surf the big waves!

ADDISON MACKYNZIE (*Jungle Creature*) is excited to return to Yorktown Stage where her mainstage credits include *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin Coroner) and *Miracle on 34th Street* (Henrika). She is a proud member of Yorktown Stage Kids, and has been a part of *Annie Jr.* (Annie) and *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* (Ensemble). Special Thanks to Augie, Casey, Carrie, Ricky, Barry and the entire cast and crew of *Seussical*.

BARBARA MALECKI (*Jungle Creature/Who*) is the theater director and teacher at Scarsdale High School. Thrilled to perform for the first time with her daughter and husband, her favorite roles include Golde in *Fiddler* and Alice in *My Favorite Year*. Babs also founded The Hope Players, a theater company which supported a local soup kitchen. Thanks to the production team for the opportunity!

CLAIRE MALECKI (*Who*) loves to sing and dance, especially Hip Hop with Just Dance and summer camp at Yorktown Stage. She puts on shows for her family nightly, so she's thrilled to be in her first ever live show with her parents and her stuffie, Bella the dog. She thanks all her family and friends for coming to see the show.

MICHELLE TSENTIDES (*Who*) is 14 years old and very excited to be a part of *Seussical*. This is Michelle's sixth production at Yorktown Stage, where she also takes dance, acting and voice lessons. Previous productions include *Heathers*, (Veronica's mom) *Urinetown* (Mr/Miss McQueen), *Aristocats* (Amelia) and more. She thanks her parents and friends for supporting her in all she does.

MIA ZUCCHI (*Who*) has been seen on stage as Audrey in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Little Becky Two Shoes in *Urinetown* and Anna in *Spring Awakening*. Mia is excited to be in *Seussical* and thanks her friends, family and coaches for always supporting her.



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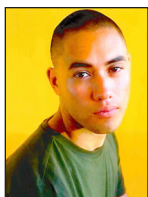
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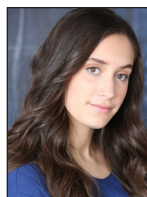
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