

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

The characters in Seussical are fantastic and imaginary creations based on characters 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 four main characters (The Cat, Horton, Gertrude, and JoJo), this is an ensemble based show. The characters work together to tell the story, each playing an important part.

The majority of the show is accompanied by music and involves all the characters. In the individual character breakdown, only the main songs each character is featured in are listed, however, the each character may be involved in many other songs.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

Male or female. The essence of mischief, fun and imagination. The Cat stirs things up, causes trouble, but always sets things right again. Is the host and emcee of the evening, playing many comic minor parts throughout the story, sometimes improvising with the audience, and a presence in almost every scene. Strong singer with strong movement skills and comic ability. Main songs include:

*Oh, The Things You Can Think
A Day for the Cat in the Hat
How Lucky You Are
Having a Hunch*

HORTON THE ELEPHANT

Male. An elephant and a citizen of the Jungle of Nool. Gentle, big-hearted, appealing. He is very imaginative and believes in the world's goodness. He is responsible and always tries to do the right thing for his friends. He is responsible for saving the planet Who and in doing so befriends JoJo. Strong singer/actor with good comic timing. Main songs include:

*Horton Hears a Who
Alone in the Universe
Notice Me Horton
Solla Sollew*

GERTRUDE McFUZZ

Female. A bird and a citizen of the Jungle of Nool. Very self-conscious, shy, and nervous at first, she grows into a

kind and caring protector. Is in love with Horton and does what she can to get his attention, including foolishly growing an enormous feathered tail. She is a bit naïve at times, but always is a voice of reason. Strong singer/actor with good movement skills and comic timing. Main songs include:

One Feathered Tale
Amazing Gertrude
Notice Me Horton
All For You

JOJO

Male or female. A young boy. JoJo is a Who and is the only child of the mayor and his wife. A "Thinker"--a smart child with a wild imagination. A little bit awkward, a little bit of a loner, or simply a rambunctious kid whose 'Thinks' get him into constant trouble. In the end, his 'Thinks' save his planet. Strong singer/actor. Main songs include:

It's Possible
Alone in the Universe
Solla Sollew
Having a Hunch

MAYZIE LA BIRD

Female. A bird and a citizen of the Jungle of Nool. Self-centered, selfish and vain. She manipulates anyone she can (especially Horton) into doing what she wants, but she isn't all bad. Strong singer/actor with strong movement skills. Very comic. Main songs include:

Amazing Mayzie
How Lucky You Are
Amazing Horton

MR. MAYOR

Male. A Who. The Mayor of Whoville and JoJo's Dad. He and his wife try hard to raise a difficult child in a difficult world. They may get aggravated with JoJo, but they love him dearly and try to do the right thing, even if it turns out to be a mistake. Strong singer/actor. Main songs include:

Here on Who
How to Raise a Child
Solla Sollew

MRS. MAYOR

Female. A Who. The Mayor's Wife and JoJo's Mom. Her and her husband try hard to raise a difficult child in a difficult world. They may get aggravated with JoJo, but they love him dearly and try to do the right thing, even if it turns out to be a mistake. Strong singer/actor. Main songs include:

Here on Who
How to Raise a Child
Solla Sollew

THING 1 & THING 2

Male or Female. The Cat's main helpers and an extension of his personality. Essence of mischief, fun and imagination. They assist The Cat in many ways, either playing small roles or causing havoc. They have a presence in almost every scene. Strong singers and movers with good comic ability. Main songs include:

Oh, The Thinks You can Think
A Day for the Cat in the Hat
How Lucky You Are
Having a Hunch

SOUR KANGAROO

Female. A kangaroo and a citizen of the Jungle of Nool. She isn't really sour at all. She's just got a lot of attitude. She's loud, brassy and a lot of fun. Is the main antagonist and the cause of all Horton's trouble. A strong singer/actor with good comic ability and soulful singing. Think Patti LaBelle meets a Desperate Housewife. Main songs include:

Biggest Blame Fool
Chasing the Whos
Egg, Nest, and Tree
The Trial of the People vs. Horton the Elephant

YOUNG KANGAROO

Female. A baby kangaroo and a citizen of the Jungle of Nool. She is the Sour Kangaroo's daughter and does whatever her mother does. She's very sassy with lots of attitude. Good singer/actor with comic ability. Main songs include:

Biggest Blame Fool
Chasing the Whos

Egg, Nest, and Tree
The Trial of the People vs. Horton the Elephant

WICKERSHAM BROTHERS

Male or Female. Three monkey brothers and citizens of the Jungle of Nool. These are not bad guys! They're simply a lot like kids who tease, play pranks and get a kick out of making mischief, although often at others' expense. They side with the Sour Kangaroo in her campaign against Horton and cause more trouble for poor Horton. Strong singer/movers with lots of soulful singing, much like a hip hop group. Main songs include:

Biggest Blame Fool
Monkeying Around
Chasing the Whos
Egg, Nest, and Tree

BIRD GIRLS

Female. Three sassy birds and citizens of the Jungle of Nool. The popular girls in any school--a clique of pretty, self-centered "back up birds" who do whatever Mayzie does. They often act as storytellers, picking up where The Cat left off. A big presence throughout the evening. Good singer/movers with lots of soulful, sassy singing. Think Destiny's Child. Main songs include:

Horton Hears a Who
Amazing Mayzie
Amazing Gertrude
All For You

YERTLE THE TURTLE

Male. A turtle and citizen of the Jungle of Nool. He is the King of the Pond and thinks he is more important than what he really is. Presides as the Judge at Horton's trial. Strong singer/actor. Main songs include:

The Trial of the People vs. Horton the Elephant

GENERAL GENGUS KHAN SCHMITZ

Male. A Who. A General who is bursting with pride at the military academy he runs, and the boys he turns out. He is not mean; he honestly thinks he is doing the right thing and is making the world a better place. Strong singer/actor with comic ability. Main songs include:

Military Academy

CITIZENS OF NOOL

Male and Female. Jungle animals and other characters that live in the Jungle of Nool. They all side with the Sour Kangaroo on her campaign against Horton. Strong singer/movers. Main songs include:

Biggest Blame Fool

Chasing the Whos

Egg, Nest, and Tree

The Trial of the People vs. Horton the Elephant

THE WHOS

Male and Female. Citizens of Whoville on the Planet of Who. They're a lot like you and me only so small as to be invisible. They live in fear that their planet is in trouble. Strong singer/actors. Main songs include:

Here on Who

Solla Sollew

THE CADETS

Male and Female. Cadets of General Schmitz' Military Academy and Citizens of Who. They bully JoJo. Not mean, just doing what they are told to do. Strong singer/movers. Main songs include:

Military Academy

OTHER ROLES

Male and Female. Other roles as cast from the ensemble. Play circus animals in Mr. McGurkus' Circus, Hunches, and 'Thinks' that JoJo creates. Strong singer/movers. Featured in the following songs:

It's Possible

Circus McGurkus

Solla Sollew

Having a Hunch