



# Seussical

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Based on the Works of DR. SUESS

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**STARRING**

BEN BAUERDICK, IWAN JONES, MATTIA MAGNI, ASIA CARRA, CAITLIN SLATTERY, SOPHIA CHON,  
MAXENCE DELCOURT, CHARLOTTE BANYARD, FELIZ HO POK WONG, CIARA GILSENAN, ZANDER BROWN, BRIAN GHEORGHE

# SEUSSICAL

Seussical was originally created by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty with the aim of bringing everyone's favourite Dr. Seuss characters to the stages of Broadway, the West End and other theatres around the world.

Told from the perspective of The Cat in the Hat and the Who child, Jojo, the musical follows the adventures of Horton the Elephant. These adventures begin when Horton discovers a special speck of dust; a speck of dust that is home to an entire population of tiny people. These invisible people are known as the Whos, and they need Horton's help and protection.

Not only must the lovable elephant look out for the Whos, however, but he must also look after an abandoned egg left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. While trying to keep his new friends safe, Horton faces many challenges. However, Horton's own special friend, Gertrude McFuzz, never loses faith in him. Can they work together to overcome Horton's challenges and emerge triumphant?



# MUSICAL NUMBERS

## ACT I

**Oh, The Things You Can Think!**  
Company

**Horton Hears a Who**  
Horton, Bird Girls, The Jungle of Nool

**Biggest Blame Fool**  
The Jungle of Nool, Bird Girls, Cat in the Hat

**Biggest Blame Fool/Gertrude McFuzz**  
The Jungle of Nool, Bird Girls, Cat in the Hat

**Here on Who**  
Mayor, Mrs Mayor, Whos, Horton

**How to Raise a Child**  
Mayor, Mrs Mayor

**Oh, The Things You Can Think!**  
Cat in the Hat

**It's Possible (Part 1 & 2)**  
Jojo

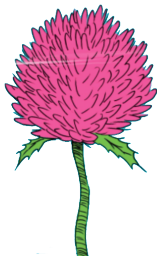
**Alone in the Universe**  
Jojo, Horton

**The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz**  
Gertrude, Mayzie, Bird Girls

**Amazing Gertrude (Part 1 & 2)**  
Gertrude, Mayzie, Bird Girls

**Monkeying Around/Chasing the Whos**  
The Jungle of Nool, Bird Girls, Whos, Horton

**Notice Me, Horton**  
Gertrude, Horton



**How Lucky You Are**  
Cat in the Hat

**Mayzie's Exit/Horton Sits on the Egg/Dilemma**  
Mayzie, Bird Girls, Horton

**Egg, Nest and Tree.**  
The Jungle of Nool, Bird Girls

**Sold/Mayzie on Palm Beach**  
Mayzie

**Mayzie at the Circus**  
Mayzie

**Amazing Horton**  
Mayzie

**Alone in the Universe (Reprise)**  
Horton

## ACT II

**Solla Sollew**  
Horton, Jojo, Mayor, Mrs Mayor, The Jungle of Nool

**All For You**  
Gertrude, Bird Girls, Cat in the Hat

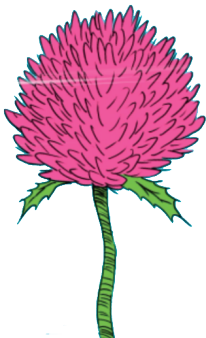
**The Who's Return/The People versus Horton Part 1**  
Company

**The People Versus Horton Part 2**  
Company

**Alone in the Universe**  
Gertrude, Horton

**Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! (Finale)**  
Company

**Green Eggs and Ham (Finale Bows)**  
Company





# INTRODUCTION

As many of the cast and staff will tell you, BISS Puxi has a reputation for putting on fantastic productions. While the production teams may vary, and the students may change, the quality of Performing Arts remains consistently excellent. This has been especially true over the past few years due to the collaboration between our school and Julliard. The joining of forces has provided increasing opportunities for students to get involved in the Performing Arts: during the school day in subject Drama and Music, as well as in extracurricular classes provided by the BISS Lions School of Dance. While the collaboration with Julliard is fantastic, the quality of Performing Arts is also due to the experienced specialist teachers which BISS Puxi is lucky to have. Their passion and ambition are evident in their lessons, which in turn excites the students and drives them to success. It is this collective excitement and commitment which always leads to fantastic productions, and this show is no different. A special mention should also be made of the resilience which this year's cast have demonstrated. In a year full of challenges and setbacks, they have remained enthusiastic and optimistic; feelings we hope that you, the audience, will also experience.

With that, it is now time to sit back, relax and enjoy the ride. The dazzling dialogue, stunning sets, and colourful costumes found in *Seussical* makes this another ambitious musical, and one which we cannot wait to share with you.

*The Production Team*

# CAST

## LEAD ROLES

Horton the Elephant...Ben Bauerdick

The Cat in the Hat...Iwan Jones

**Jojo**...Mattia Magni

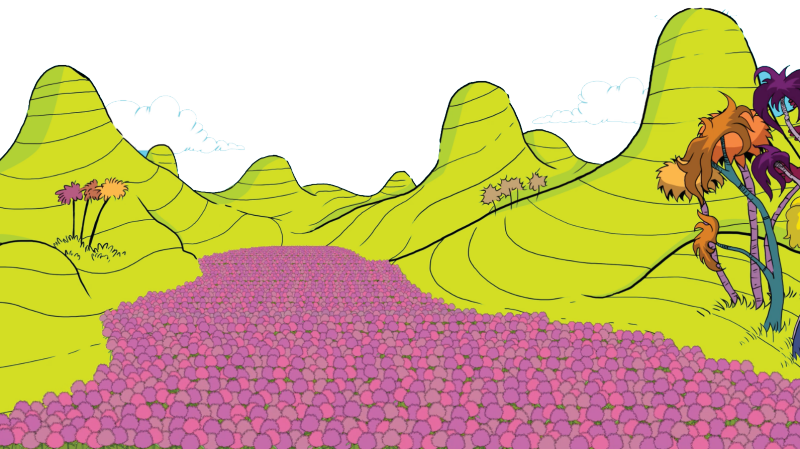
Gertrude McFuzz (Bird Girl)...Caitlin Slattery

Mayzie La Bird (Bird Girl)...Asia Carra

Sour Kangaroo (Jungle of Nool)...Charlotte Banyard

Mayor (Who)...Maxence Delcourt

Mrs Mayor (Who)...Sophia Chon



# CAST

## BAND

Violin...Queenie Xu, Michelle Yu

Viola...Joseph Li

Cello...Louis Chen

Clarinet...Minna Xu

Trumpet...Justin Graf, Stephen Davies

Tuba...Phil Laverick

Guitar...Kevin Chen, Sumin Park

Bass...Mika Matthe

Drum Kit...Jimin Park

Percussion...Matthew Yick

Keys...Victoria Gasmann, Azaliia Kaibysheva

Sound Engineer ...Aho

Lighting Engineer...Elaine Wang

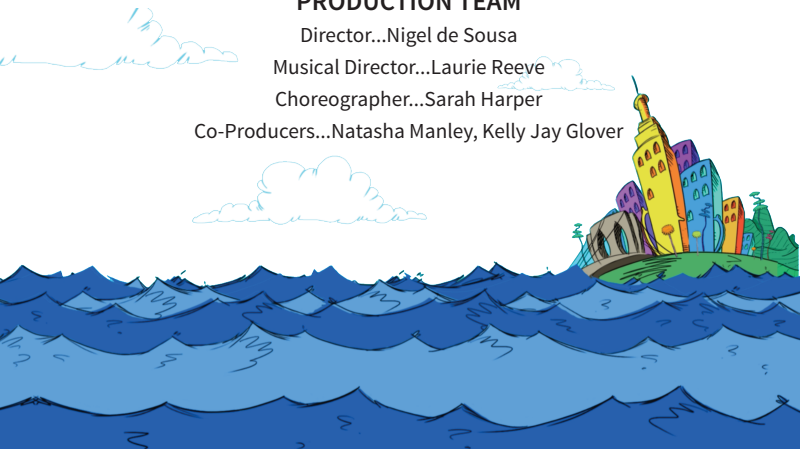
## PRODUCTION TEAM

Director...Nigel de Sousa

Musical Director...Laurie Reeve

Choreographer...Sarah Harper

Co-Producers...Natasha Manley, Kelly Jay Glover



# CAST

## LEAD ROLES

### **Horton the Elephant – Ben Bauerdick**

My name is Ben Bauerdick, and I have been in BISS since I was in Year 6. I have always been interested in the school productions and every single one that I have been in has given me many memorable memories. They have been so much fun to be a part of. To continue this in Year 11 as Horton the Elephant is really exciting!

### **Cat in the Hat – Iwan Jones**

Having lived in Shanghai for six years, there is nothing I've enjoyed more than the school productions and the wonderful memories I've gained from them. My discovery of performing arts has defined who I am, and I'm so grateful to be part of these plays every year. This will be my 8th production in BISS, and I can't wait to be the Cat in the Hat: probably my most exciting character yet.

### **Jojo – Mattia Magni**

Hello! I'm Mattia and I am currently in Year 10. I started participating in musicals at a very young age. My first role was in Year 3 and it created a newfound passion for acting and singing. Recently, I played Bugsy Malone in Year 7 and was part of last year's Little Shop of Horrors. This year I am honoured to have the chance to act as Jojo in Seussical, and I hope to perform in more plays in years to come!

### **Gertrude McFuzz – Caitlin Slattery**

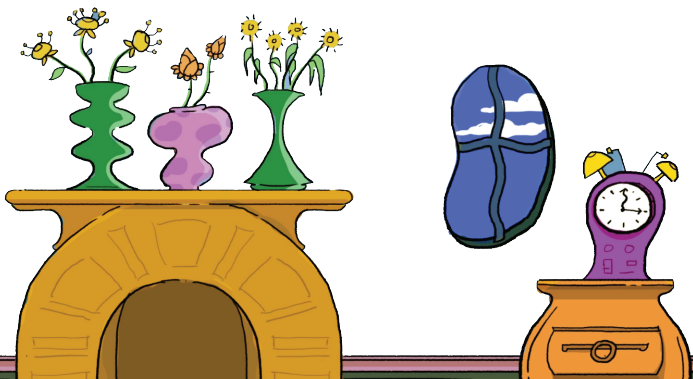
Hi, I'm Caitlin Slattery. I got into theatre around Year 7, and my passion only grew as I discovered Broadway musicals! I have been a part of many different school's drama programs, and my BISS production experience outshines them all. It was certainly worth joining everyone on this journey, and I'm proud to be a part of such a marvellous team of performers and technicians.

### **Mayzie La Bird – Asia Carra**

I'm Asia and I've been in BISS for 6 years now. I've been singing since before I could talk and I got into musical theatre when I joined BISS' sister school in Beijing. I adore being part of plays and always enjoy playing sassy/mean roles since they're challenging and fun. In the future, I hope to become a pop star (realistic right?), a musical actress, a film actress or a music teacher!

### **Sour Kangaroo – Charlotte Banyard**

Singing and performing are a huge part of my life! I began singing at a very young age and at age ten I performed in my first musical, Peter Pan, as Peter. Following that, I was chosen to play Hecate in my Year 6 performance of Macbeth. My passion and love of music and acting grows every year, and I have always hoped that it will be what I go on to do in the future.



### **Mayor – Maxence Delcourt**

My name is Maxence and I'm from Belgium. I chose to take part in musical theatre this year to try something new, improving my choreographic ability and my confidence while speaking in front of a crowd while doing so. I'm glad I got involved, as musical theatre has allowed me to create new connections; some of which I wouldn't have foreseen earlier.

### **Mrs Mayor – Sophia Chon**

Hi, my name is Sophia Chon and I am in Year 10. My passion for singing began at the age of 7, and I have since performed in school musicals and small bands. I've taken part in the last three musicals the school has produced and am excited to take part in Seussical for the experience of collaborating and enjoying the time together as a cast.



## BIRD GIRLS – ELITE DANCERS

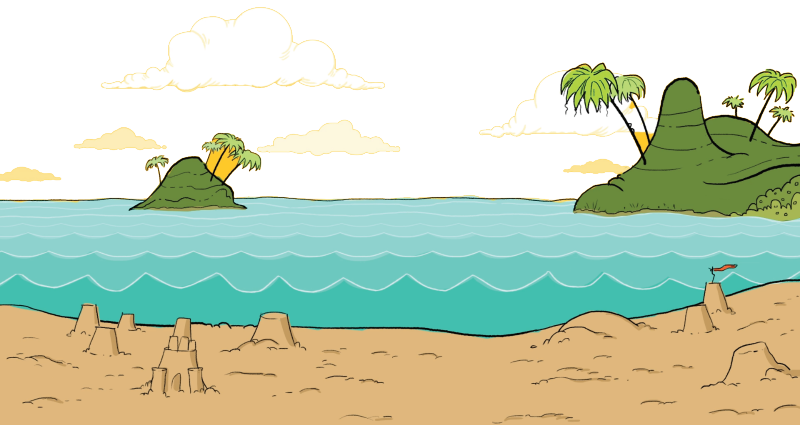
Eileen Pasinger . Catrin Jones . Jieun Lee . Zahra Peacock . Jiwon Shim .  
Yuki Sun . Alina Yucheng Ji . Chloe Yeoh

## THE JUNGLE OF NOOL – ELITE CHORUS

Wickersham Brothers: Feliz Ho Pok Wong, Zander Brown, Ciara Gilsean .  
Yertle the Turtle: Brian Gheorge . Vlad Vladikoff (Eagle): Theresa Rocklage .  
Bat: Chloe Tan . Crocodile: Eunice Chang . Giraffe: Clemence Martino .  
Leopard: Sasha Wilson . Snake: Alexandra Iskov-Boukia . Zebra: Ellie Grannellk

## WHOS - CHORUS

Annie Cao Hao . Arya Gawon Lee . Felix Zerfass . Lana Wright . Lexie Robertson .  
Lucia Chiodi . Olivia Lee . Ryan Tan . Stephanie Xu . Victoria Yee



# CREDITS

## SPECIAL THANKS TO

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## COMMENTS

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