

Seussical the Musical – Character List

The Cat In The Hat

The essence of mischief, fun and imagination. The Cat stirs things up, causes trouble, but always sets things right again, helping JoJo to discover the power of his imagination as they create the story for the show together. Look for a physically dynamic actor (male or female) to play the Cat, one who will be able to play many comic cameos (Dr. Dake, helicopter reporter, TV interviewer, auctioneer, Mr. McGurkus, etc.) and is comfortable improvising with an audience.

Jojo/the Boy

Jojo is a "Thinker"--a smart child with a wild imagination. He 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 world, using the power and possibilities of his own 'Thinks.'

Horton The Elephant

Gentle, rotund and appealing. Think of him as a big-hearted blue-collar guy who is steadfast, responsible and always tries to do the right thing for his friends. He is imaginative and receptive to the world around him. He is very un-self-conscious. Horton's view of the world never changes--he believes in its goodness. But by the end of the show, without even realizing it, he is ready to become a parent.

Gertrude Mcfuzz

very self-conscious and aware that her one-feather tail isn't perfect. Gertrude changes during the show from a neurotic, nervous and shy bird into one with the power to protect and care for a baby elephant bird and commit herself to Horton. In other words, she stops worrying about her looks and grows up.

Mayzie Labird

Self-centered, selfish and vain, Mayzie will never admit to her own flaws. She manipulates anyone she can (especially Horton) into doing what she wants. But Mayzie isn't all bad. In giving up her egg to Horton once and for all, she has a moment of generosity--she realizes she isn't the kind of person who'd be a good parent, and she does the best thing she can do for the egg.

Sour Kangaroo

She isn't really sour at all. She's just got a lot of attitude. She's loud, brassy and a lot of fun.

The Wickersham Brothers

These are not bad guys! They're simply a lot like kids who tease, play pranks and get a kick out of making mischief, (even though it's often at others' expense). The Wickershams are a fun, dynamic trio. They enjoy hanging around with one another, making music together on the street corner, and playing off one another. Encourage each of your actors to find his own Wickersham persona.

The Who's

They're a lot like you and me, only so small, they're almost invisible. Don't think of them as

weird little aliens. They should be played for inherent humanity. Encourage everyone playing a Who to try and create his or her own unique character.

Jungle Creatures

The denizens of the Jungle of Nool. Passionate, joyful and fun, these jungle creatures play a large part in Horton and the Who's story. No matter how these actors are costumed, please ask each one to create a distinct human persona. They are real people at heart, just like us, even though they may be described as animal characters. We discourage masks and literal "animal costumes." Be imaginative. Be Wild. Be simple.

The Bird Girls

They are like the popular girls in any school--a clique of pretty, self-centered "back up birds" who do whatever Mayzie does.

Mr. and Mrs. Mayor

Mr. and Mrs. Mayor are parents trying 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.

Ensemble

Circus Performers, Whos, Jungle Citizens, Etc.