

"Seussical" Character Descriptions

The Cat in the Hat:

The essence of mischief, fun and imagination, The Cat in the Hat is the Narrator of this show. The Cat stirs things up, causes trouble, but always sets things right again. The Cat is the host and emcee of the evening and plays many comedic parts throughout the story to fit in. The Cat often improvises with the audience and is present in almost every scene, singing and dancing. The Cat in the Hat can be played by a male or female character.

Horton:

Gentle, big-hearted, appealing. Horton 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 becomes a laughing stock for trying to save the plant Who and in doing so, befriends JoJo. Horton is a true hero. Horton sings and dances throughout the show.

Gertrude McFuzz:

A ditzy comedic character who falls in love with Horton, but he doesn't notice her. She does her best to get his attention and may be a bit naive at times. She is very self-conscious, shy, and nervous at the start but grows into becoming a hero to help Horton. Gertrude sings and dances throughout the show.

JoJo:

The only child of the Mayor of Whoville and his wife, and can be played by a male or female. JoJo is smart and has a wild imagination full of "thinks" which cause trouble. He befriends Horton, and enlists his help to save Whoville. In the end, JoJo's thinks save the day. JoJo must be a strong singer/actor and will often sing alone.

Mayzie La Bird:

An irresponsible and selfish character who thinks highly of herself and always takes the better offer. Very boisterous and vain. She manipulates anyone she can into doing what she wants. Mayzie has a sassy/jazzy style of singing and dancing and is very comedic.

Sour Kangaroo:

A character full of attitude. The Sour Kangaroo is loud, brassy, and fun. She voices her (negative) opinion about everything to everyone. She is the main antagonist and the cause of all of Horton's trouble. A soulful, gospel-like singer, think Queen Latifah and Patti LaBelle.

Young Kangaroo:

The Sour Kangaroo's daughter who does whatever her mother does. She is very sassy with lots of attitude and showcases it in her many solo opportunities.

The Wickersham Brothers:

Imagine tough guys hanging out on the street corner like West Side Story. The Wickersham Brothers are a lot like kids who tease, play pranks and get a kick out of making mischief even if it is at others' expense. They side with the Sour Kangaroo in her campaign against Horton and cause more trouble. They are strong singers and movers with a lot of soulful singing and dancing, kind of like a hip hop group.

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The Bird Girls:

A clique of pretty, "back up birds" who will do whatever Mayzie does. The Bird Girls often act as storytellers, picking up the gossip where The Cat left off. They have a big presence throughout the show, performing physically and vocally in almost every song.

Mr. Mayor:

The Mayor of Whoville and JoJo's Dad. . He is a recently-elected official who is proud of his new role and eager to prove his abilities. He feels he must embody the high standards he hopes his citizens will live up to. He deems JoJo as a difficult child and struggles to raise him in a difficult world. He and his wife get aggravated with JoJo, but still love him dearly and try to do the right thing for him, even if it turns out to be a mistake. Strong singer/actor.

Mrs. Mayor:

The Mayor's Wife and JoJo's Mom who wants, above all else, to be a good wife and mother. She is married to a recently-elected politician who takes great pleasure in representing the community he loves. She is proud to be his wife and wishes to uphold the values they share and she strives to present their family as an exemplary, well-put-together unit. Strong singer/actor.

The Grinch:

A happy member of the Who community, but this wasn't always the case. He once lived angrily apart and wished to disrupt the pleasantries of the Whos. His story and change of heart are all part of Who culture now, and happily retold every Christmas.

Vlad Vladikoff:

Vlad Vladikoff does the Wickershams' dirty work. In his full glory, with his large imposing wing spread, he is scary and formidable.

Judge Yertle (the Turtle):

Yertle believes he has been endowed with some superior gifts not shared by the other animals and deserves a higher stature. He has a sense of entitlement and has a need for order. He (or she) likes to be the one who is looked to for decision-making and setting things right.

Chorus Roles:

The chorus will need to be filled with a wide range of versatile performers who will be involved in scenes as Citizens of the Jungle of Nool, Citizens of Whoville, McElligot's Pool Creatures/Dancers, Circus McGurkus performers, and more. They must be willing to participate in movement and choreography while also using strong voices and harmonizing.