

A bit about the show...



Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat, our narrator, tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child, who gets in trouble for thinking too many “thinks.” Horton’s challenge is twofold – not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must also guard an abandoned egg that’s been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

Characters

ENSEMBLE: The Whos, Jungle Citizens (1-5), Fish, the Wickershams, the Talk Show Host and Marshal are all essential roles for creating the vivid and imaginative world of Seuss.

GERTRUDE MCFUZZ

Gertrude McFuzz is a bird with tail envy! Cast a great performer who can sing, act and is a perfect match for HORTON

Horton is a loveable elephant with a heart of gold.

JOJO

Lead Character

JoJo is the audience’s link to the story. The audience follows the narrative through his eyes (he’s also referred to as Child)

JUDGE YERTLE

Judge Yertle the turtle presides over Horton’s court proceedings. This is a fun role for a performer who can make

MAYZIE LABIRD

Mayzie LaBird is a sneaky bird who tricks Horton into helping her take care of her egg.

MR. MAYOR

Mr. Mayor is the mayor of Whoville and the perfect picture of patriarchy. He tries to keep the town happy and

MRS. MAYOR

Mrs. Mayor is the mayor’s wife and is most concerned with trying to make sure her son, JoJo, stays in line.

SOUR KANGAROO

Sour Kangaroo is as sour as a kangaroo can be.

THE CATS

The Cats (Cat 1, Cat 2, Cat 3) are mischievous, spirited creatures who take JoJo and the audience on quite an adventure.

VLAD VLADIKOFF

Vlad Vladikoff is an eagle who drops Whoville into a field of clovers!

WICKERSHAM BROTHERS

The Wickersham Brothers (Wickersham 1, Wickersham 2, Wickersham 3) are a trio of trouble-making monkeys!

YOUNG KANGAROO

Sour Kangaroo is as sour as a kangaroo can be. This character has a lot of attitude!

Seussical Audition Monologues



Choose one monologue to read at auditions. Make some choices about the character. Show us as much personality and creativity as possible.

You will notice below, that not every character is represented. Just because you choose to read one character does NOT mean that you will not be considered for other roles. You may indicate on your audition form if there is a character for which you would especially like to be considered for, or if there is a role for which you do not want to be considered. Please look at the character descriptions to see a list of all of the characters in the show. It is not required to memorize your monologue.

Jojo:

Now that is a very unusual hat. I wonder what's under a hat such as that? It could be a creature they call the Gazat. Who balances things on his head 'cause it's flat. Or a stripe-loving pipester from Upper Mount Bat. Or a sort of a kind of a hat wearing . . . CAT! Are you a very large "think" or a genuine cat? I can't say I've ever met a cat in a hat.

Cat in the Hat:

I can see that you've got quite a mind for your age! Why, one Think and you dragged me right on to the stage! Now I'm here there is no telling what may ensue with a Cat such as me and a Thinker like you! An unusual story will soon be unfurled of an elephant trying to save a small world. Our story begins with a very strange sound the drums of a jungle beginning to pound.

Horton:

I've been guarding this clover for over a week, getting laughed at for thinking a dust speck can speak. Well, let them all laugh I'll try not to mind, for I have found something that they'll

never find. Hello. Hello? Who's there? You say it's JoJo the Mayor's son? I'm Horton, the elephant. Are there more than one? Wow, JoJo you say that there's a whole town? I'll guard this speck carefully I won't let you down. I meant what I said and I said what I meant an elephant's faithful one hundred percent.

Gertrude:

I'm Poor little Gertrude! A sorry sight. Mayzie took me under her wing and now I'm all right! I had only 1 feather, hardly a tail, but Mayzie shared her plan and I knew it couldn't fail. You see I flew to the doctor, the doctor named Dake whose office was high in a tree by the lake. I cried, Mr. doctor, oh please do you know of some kind of pill that will make my tail grow? Now I'll cut to the chase, see the tail I'm sportin'? Amazing huh, do you think it will impress Horton?

Mayzie:

Hey Horton, would you maybe sit on my nest? I'm bored and I'm tired. I'm due for some rest. I won't be gone long, kid, I give you my word. I'll hurry right back, 'cause I'm that sort of bird. Oh Horton, I promise I'll fly back real soon. I'd only be gone for say, one afternoon. I'm sad and I'm cranky sitting day after day. I need a vacation. I need to get away. Don't worry yourself about your friends down in "Who". I'm off, thanks a million! Bye bye, tootle – loo!

Sour Kangaroo:

Humpf! Why that speck is as small as the head of a pin. A person on that? Why, there never has been. Hahahahahaha! You're the biggest blame fool in the jungle of Nool and I don't care who I tell. Maybe I'm nasty, maybe I'm cruel but you're the biggest blame fool in the jungle of Nool! Elephants aint too swift as a rule and that Horton is just a great, big, gray fool.

Wickersham:

Ha! Laughed a voice. Ha! Laughed some others. Ha ha ha laughed the Wickersham brothers. We've been out on a limb looking down on him and he's fat, he's dumb and he's slow. Look at him talking to a speck! He's talking to a speck of dust! He's trying to save them because after all, a person's a person no matter how small! NOT!!!

Mayor:

Meet a tiny WHO family on a small rainy day. Mom and Dad are just home from the WHO PTA. And here's their son JOJo in trouble again! "Cuz his thinks take him places where no one has been. I'm the Mayor of WHO, why I've just been elected and upright behavior is thus forth expected. Son, we just had a talk with your teachers today and they didn't have one single good thing to say.

Mrs. Mayor:

You invented new thinks that defy all description you gave Miss O'Dooley a nervous conniption. Your Thinks were so wild they disrupted your classes and made Mrs. Mackelwho drop her new glasses. Which is why you're suspended. Yes, that's what they said. Young man what in Who has got into your head? We don't mean to sold you we love you oh yes dear. But couldn't you try thinking just a little bit less, dear?

Marshall:

This is the case of the People versus Horton the Elephant. Judge Yertle the Turtle presiding. The defendant is charged with talking to a speck, disturbing the peace and loitering...on an egg.

Judge Yertle:

Based on the evidence, I have no choice but to order the defendant, Horton the Elephant, remanded to the Nool Asylum for the criminally insane. And as for the speck of dust... it will boil in hot steaming kettle of beezelenut oil.

Audition Songs

It's Possible

JOJO

This might be a pool,
Like I've read of in books,
Connected to one of those underground brooks!
An underground river
That starts here and flows
Right under this bathtub!
And then-
Who knows!

It's possible!
Anything's possible!

JOJO, CAT
It's possible!
Anything's possible!

(JOJO's imagination starts to expand.)

JOJO

It might go along,
Down where no one can see
Right under state highway
Two hundred and three!
Right under the wagons!
Right under the toes
Of Mrs. Umbroso! ...
Who's hanging out clothes!

It's possible!
Anything's possible.

JOJO, CAT
It's possible!
Anything's possible!

JOJO
This might be a river
Now mightn't it be,
Connecting McElligot's Pool with the sea!
Then maybe some fish might be swimming...
Swimming toward me!

Oh The Thinks you Can Think

Oh, the thinks you can think!
Oh, the thinks you can think
If you're willing to try...

Think invisible ink!
Or a gink with a stink!
Or a stair to the sky...
If you open your mind,
Oh, the thinks you will find
Lining up to get loose...
Oh, the thinks you can think
When you think about...

(The company of "Seussian" characters now enters)

CAT, ALL (except BOY)
Seuss! Seuss!
Seuss! Seuss!
Seuss! Seuss! Seuss! Seuss!
Seuss!

CAT & ALL (except BOY)
Oh, the thinks you can think!
Any thinker who thinks
Can come up with a few!

BOY
Oh, the thinks you can think!

CAT & ALL
Think a trip on a ship
To the Vipper of Vipp

WOMEN
Or to Solla Sollew...

CAT (spoken)
Think of beautiful Schlopp ...

BOY (spoken)
With a cherry on top!

CAT, BOY, ALL
You don't need an excuse!

CAT, BOY (spoken)
Oh, the thinks you can think

CAT, BOY, ALL
When you think about Seuss!
Seuss, Seuss, Seuss,-
Seuss....

Alone In The Universe

He's Alone in the universe
I just have to save him
Because afterall
A persons a person no matter how small
A persons a person no matter how small

The One Tail Feather Tail Of Miss Gertrude McFuzz

Doo doo, doo doo, doo doo, doo doo doo doo...
There once was a girl bird named Gertrude McFuzz
And she had the smallest plain tail ever was.
One droopy-droop feather, that's all that she had
And oh! That one feather made Gertrude so sad

She curled it. She dyed it she gave it a puff
She decked it with flowers
But it wasn't enough.
For no matter what,
It just was what it was-
A tail that simply wasn't meant
To catch the eye of an elephant...
The one feather tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz.