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# Seussical™

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In the early 2000's, my twin sister bought me some musical CDs (yes, CDs. For you young ones in the audience, ask your parents or grandparents). One of them was *Seussical*. I fell in love. My kids and I would sing along (yes Drew, even you). The show connected us in a way that just normal kids' songs could not.

In 2002, my daughter Demi and I saw it in Chicago. Suddenly, the gap in the years of the characters from my childhood and my kids' childhood no longer seemed so far apart. I got to see the beloved characters come alive on stage. I felt Horton's big heart as he tries to save the Whos, and helps Mayzie when she needs a break. I got lost in the Cat's silliness as he tries to change a child's life for the better. Jojo was no longer just a kid who said, "YOPPI!", but a real human being with the frustrations of a real child who could not identify with the adults in his life.

I knew at that moment, I had to direct it someday. Luckily that dream came true and here we are today. This has been a true team effort; this would not have been done without my astounding production team, Jennifer, Heather, Merrit and Suzzen. You ladies have made this show better than I ever could have imagined. Thank you to my husband who not only has listened to me talk about this show constantly, but who has taken this wild ride with me. My cast, what can I say; you are wonderful. I am lucky to have some of the most talented people in the area. Cast and crew, you have brought this beautiful *Seussical* world to life and can hopefully cause others to fall in love with this world just as much as I am.

The stories brought to life in this musical are fun and upbeat. They have a meaning and a message that we sometimes forget. Dream big. Use your imagination. Help others. Don't judge. Notice how wonderful the world and the people around you are. And, sometimes, you have to yell "YOPPI!" as loud as you can.

~Lisa Strain, Director

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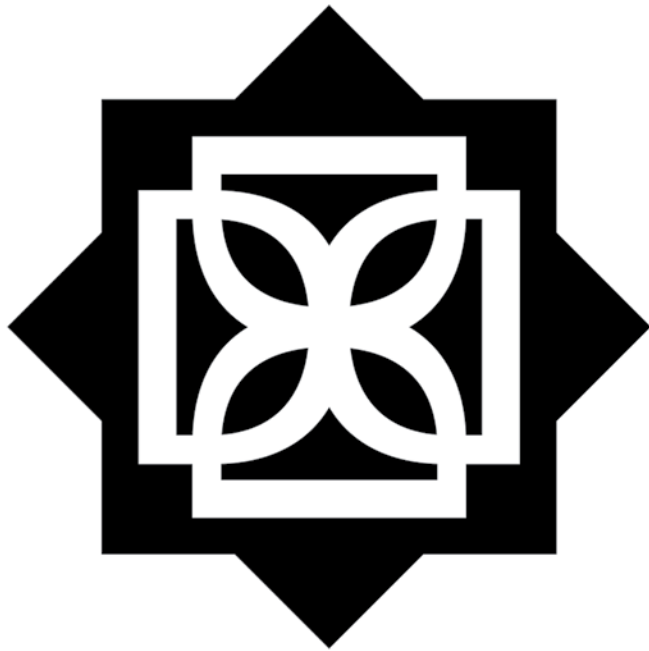
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 Horton.....Jerry Strain  
 JoJo.....Erin Cox  
 Gertrude McFuzz.....Kady Richey  
 Mayzie La Bird.....Brooke Kuchefski  
 Bird Girls.....  
 Jeannette Cullum, Haley Youhas, Bailey Thompson  
 Sour Kangaroo.....Kelli Carlton  
 Young Kangaroo.....Emma France  
 The Wickersham Brothers.....  
 David Zych, Dalton Chrzanoski  
 Yertle the Turtle.....Lee Bridgman  
 Vlad Vladikoff.....Scotty Dean  
 Mr. Mayor.....Jackson Lewis  
 Mrs. Mayor.....Isabella Norton  
 General Genghis Khan Schmitz.....Craig Krukewitt  
 The Grinch.....Tyler Thompson  
 Max.....Cabey Pankey

### JUNGLE ENSEMBLE:

Jakhi Anderson  
 Breely Arford  
 Bailee Easton  
 Jonathan Estes  
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 Aiden McDaniel  
 Lizzie Skovran  
 Barb Whaling  
 Jackson White

### WHO ENSEMBLE:

Paityn Adams	Liz Higgins
Katalaya Becker	Paige Norton
Jordyn Brooks	MaCabe "Cabey" Pankey
Kah'Meiryonna Cox	Gideon Thompson
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## Act 1

Oh The Thinks You Can Think!

Horton Hears A Who

Biggest Blame Fool

Here On Who

It's Possible

How To Raise A Child

The Military

Green Eggs and Ham

Alone In The Universe

The One Feather Tail of Miss  
Gertrude McFuzz

Amazing Mayzie

Amazing Gertrude

Monkey Around

Chasing The Whos

How Lucky You Are

Notice Me, Horton

Act One Finale

## Act 2

Egg, Nest, & Tree

The Circus McGurkus

Mayzie in Palm Beach

Amazing Horton

Alone In The Universe (Reprise)

Solla Sollew

Green Eggs and Ham II

Into The Whos' Christmas Pageant

The Grinch Carved the Roast Beast

A Message From The Front

JoJo Alone In The Universe

Havin' A Hunch

All For You

The People Vs. Horton the Elephant

Yopp!

Oh The Thinks You Can Think!  
(Act Two Finale)

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 Bass.....Ian Palacios  
 Drums.....Nathaniel Mahoy  
 Trumpet 1.....Kerry Barrett  
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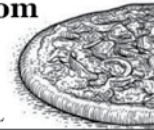
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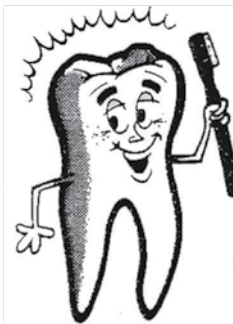
**Haley Youhas (Bird Girl)** is currently a history teacher at Danville High School. After a long day of teaching, Haley loves to perform and help behind the scenes. Last summer Haley helped stage manage *Descendants*. The last DLO show Haley performed in was *Sister Act*. Needless to say, Haley is extremely excited to be on stage again! Haley would like to thank all of her theatre mentors who have inspired her throughout the years. Enjoy the show, everyone!



**Laramie Ziegler (The Cat in the Hat)** Laramie, twenty-one, knows a lot about fun. Involved in theatre for 9 long years, filling theaters far and wide full of laughs, tears, and cheers. *SpongeBob* at Parkland and *Grease* two times to be sure. Wilbur Turnblad in *Hairspray* and 22 more. But *Seussical* is a rollercoaster, no telling which direction we'll go. So sit back, relax, and I hope you enjoy the show!



**David Zych (Wickersham)** is a lifelong Seuss fan who first learned to read at age 3 by memorizing *The Cat in the Hat Comes Back*, yet as of this writing has still never eaten a cake in the tub. Previous cast credits include DLO's *Beauty and the Beast* (Lumiere), *Les Miserables* (Valjean), and *The Secret Garden* (Dickon). Thanks to Mom, Dad, and Charlie, and to Jennifer for music directing.



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**Lee Bridgman (Yertle the Turtle)** Richard "Lee" Bridgman, a local mason and contractor, joined theatre some years ago, enamored by the technical aspects of building grand landscapes and rapidly fell in love with the community as whole. He has since joined in as an actor, stage manager, and general aid to the arts in any way he can. *Seussical* is a project that his friends were passionate about, so he thought it may be a good opportunity to spread some whimsy. He's happy to have been given the challenge of a bass heavy turtle with an authoritarian complex. Thanks to all involved for making the world a more whimsical place.



**Kelli Carlton (Sour Kangaroo)** Some will say Kelli? Sour? ...Never! Others will say the same, but with heavy sarcasm! The Hatted Cat has pushed this Kanga out of her vocal comfort-zone for sure but, don't worry, she's got a strong little 'roo to lean on! Thank you for supporting this cast, this has been such a positive experience and I hope you leave feeling it, too!



**Dalton Chrzanoski (Wickersham)** 10 years after his first appearance in a DLO show as Jean Pierre in *Les Miserables*, Dalton returns to give it a go once again. He has appeared in shows such as *Shrek: The Musical*, *Breaking up is Hard to Do*, and *Inherit the Wind*. Taking a hiatus from being an adult, he is enthralled to be back on stage with such an amazing cast. Shout out to Director, Lisa Strain, his chosen family, for giving him the opportunity to do so.



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**Lisa Strain (Director)** 40 years ago, when Lisa was in her 1st DLO show, *How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*, (directed by her father, Jim Gilmour) she never imagined she would direct a show for DLO. She also couldn't have imagined how DLO would affect her life. Since then, she's been involved in over 100 productions throughout the area; received a Theater degree from Illinois State University; directed her daughter, Demi Winn, and annoyed her son, Drew Richter, by taking him to countless rehearsals. During *Promises, Promises*, she met Paul Strain, who proposed during *Beauty and the Beast*, and made her part of the Strain clan. Theater now is a family affair with her husband and stepchildren: Abby, Thomas and Jerry. Now, she's excited to bring theater to life for her granddaughter, Ophelia, who will see a play for the 1st time. Thanks for all the wonderful moments, DLO.



**Bailey Thompson (Bird Girl)** was last seen on the stage as Molly Jensen in DLO's production of *Ghost*. Bailey has directed *Christmas at Granny's*, *Disney's Descendants*, and *Frozen Jr.* at the Fischer Theatre. She has performed with numerous professional and community theaters, and is owner of Party Princess Bailey. On most days, she can be found raising her three young children (Gideon, Hank, and Zuzu) and her family's many pets while coordinating her many theatrical pursuits. She'd like to thank her husband, Tyler, and her parents and siblings (Williams) for their love and support. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Tyler Thompson (The Grinch)** Tyler wishes you hadn't come to see this show, and hopes it doesn't entertain you or lift your spirits. He especially doesn't want you to become a regular patron of DLO or the arts around the area. Get lost.



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**Isabella Norton (Mrs. Mayor)** is very excited for her role as Mrs. Mayor! This is Bella's 9th show with DLO. Some of her most notable performances include: Princess Anna in *Frozen, Jr.* and Mal in Disney's *The Descendants*. Bella hopes you enjoy the show and that you check out all of the upcoming summer productions that will be offered.



**Kady Richey (Gertrude McFuzz)** is beyond thrilled to return to the stage with DLO in *Seussical* as Gertrude McFuzz! Kady was most recently seen in DLO's production of *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* as Florika/Gargoyle/Congregation. Past roles include: *Mamma Mia!* (Sophie Sheridan), *The Bridges of Madison County* (Marian/Chiara/Ginny), *Carousel* (Julie Jordan), *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (Olive Ostrovsky), *Narnia* (Susan), *The Producers* (Usherette/Ensemble), *South Pacific* (Bloody Mary), *Sweeney Todd* (Woman 1), *Young Frankenstein* (Ensemble/Sasha), and many more!



**Jerry Strain (Horton)** Jerry Strain, big and tall, is definitely the largest of all. Active in theatre for 10 plus years, he has acted in many theaters far and near. When not on stage, he's behind the scenes with his sewing machine. Props, costumes, wigs and more, who knows what he'll ever have in store! He thanks the director for the opportunity to play the character. Well look at that- it's time to start the show! So sit back, relax, and enjoy the places we go!



# The Cast and Directors

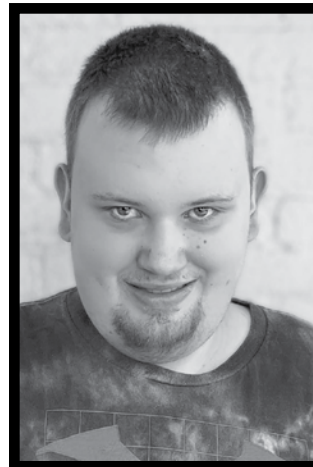
**Erin Cox (Jojo)** is thrilled to be back on stage with DLO at the historic Fischer Theater. Her past DLO productions have included *Descendants* (Maleficent) and *Frozen Jr.* (Middle Anna/Troll). Being on stage in musical theater is where she feels at home. She would like to thank her incredibly talented cast mates for this unforgettable experience and the fun ride of creating *Seussical*! She dedicates her performances to her nurses and doctors at Lurie Children's Hospital who during her treatments made sure her hospital room was her stage and always cheered on every performance. She thanks them for being the reason why anything is possible for her!



**Jeannette Cullum (Bird Girl)** is a PhD student at the University of Illinois studying Ecology, Evolution, and Conservation Biology. She is so excited to be returning to the stage this summer for her first DLO production! Since seeing the show in 2009, she has dreamed of performing in *Seussical*! Past productions include *9 to 5: The Musical*, *Oklahoma!*, *That Lovin' Feelin'*, and *Godspell*. She would like to thank her friends and family for their continued support, and she hopes that you all enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed being a part of it!



**Scotty Dean (Vlad Vladikoff)** has participated in numerous plays at the Homer Opera House, including *The Lord of the Rings Trilogy*, *She Kills Monsters*, *As You Like It*, and *Little Women*. Scotty has also appeared in plays at Salt Fork High School. Scotty works at Worksource and enjoys plays, movies, and especially WWE wrestling. This is Scotty's first show with DLO, and he would like to thank DLO and the directors for being willing to accommodate people of all abilities.





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**Karrin Estes (Orchestra Director)** is currently working on her degree program at EIU for vocal music education with a minor in theatre. There, she is heavily involved in both vocal and instrumental ensembles. Karrin began her theatre career with DLO back in 2010. Since then, she has served as music director for previous summer youth productions, including *High School Musical: On Stage!* and *Frozen, Jr.* Karrin is so excited to be back home working with DLO, and hopes that you enjoy this marvelous show!



**Emma France (Young Kangaroo)** is a sixth grade student at South View Upper Elementary School. She is a member of the North Ridge Radiant Reds showchoir. Last summer Emma starred in the Beef House Dinner Theatre as Young Elvis in *Elvis The Musical*. Her other credits include *Frozen Jr* (DLO) as Young Anna; *The Neverending Story: Atreyu and the Great Quest* as Atreyu (Red Mask); *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*; and *Pollyanna* (Red Mask.)



**Brooke Kuchefski (Mayzie La Bird)** is thrilled to join the stage as the ever fabulous Mayzie La Bird! She has been a member of the Danville theatre community from a young age and has no plans of ever giving it up. When Brooke isn't on stage, you can find her hanging out with her love, Tony, and their dogs...probably watching *Forensic Files*. Brooke would like to thank her family and friends for their constant encouragement to do the things that set her heart on fire. Enjoy the show!

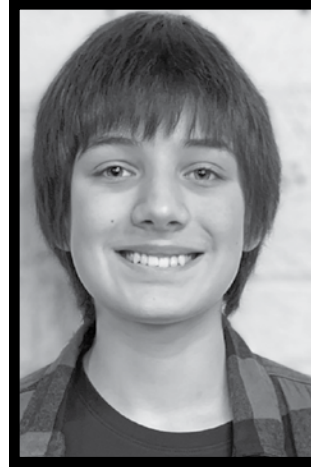


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**Craig Krukewitt (General Ghengis Khan Schmitz)** 2023 is shaping up to be Craig's busiest theater season in some time now! So far it's been *Ghost the Musical* (DLO); *Arsenic and Old Lace* (CUTC); and *Sweeney Todd* (Parkland College). Next up after *Seussical* is his debut with Country Theater Workshop in Cissna Park as Ted Scheider in *Disaster!*, a role he once played at BHDT. In a 2005 CUTC production of *Seussical*, he played one of the Jungle Creatures (half zebra-half iguana. There was also a female presenting half zebra-half iguana to whom he was apparently married). By day, Craig works for the University of Illinois in Human Resources, is a frequent traveler and voracious classical record collector, and rarely stops talking about his two papillon dogs, Paige and Ian.



**Jackson Lewis (Mr. Mayor)** is excited to be part of *Seussical the Musical*. This is his 5th DLO show. Previous roles include Michael Hobbs in *Elf the Musical*, Frances Flute in *A Kidsummer Night's Dream*, Romeo in *Newsies*, and ensemble in *Ghost the Musical*. Besides acting, dancing, and singing, Jackson enjoys drawing, reading, and Lego. He hope you enjoy this really fun show!



**Jennifer Lewis (Music Director)** is delighted to be music director for *Seussical*. Jennifer has appeared onstage with DLO as a part of the choir in *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*, and most recently as a nun and ensemble member in *Ghost the Musical*. Jennifer is the DHS choir accompanist and pianist at Fairview United Methodist Church.

