

# SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL!

Stage Artz Charity Musical Production ~~2021~~ **2022**

When our production of SEUSSICAL was cancelled last year due to Covid-19, we were all so disappointed. Now it's finally time to finish what we started! Our plans to perform SEUSSICAL in 2022 are going ahead. Covid didn't stop us... it merely delayed our show a little bit to build the anticipation and excitement even more! Stage Artz is bringing back the magic, fun and incredible music of SEUSSICAL THE MUSICAL!

By the end of our last charity musical, Stage Artz had raised \$278,000 for The Children's Hospital at Westmead. This year, we are hoping to raise an impressive \$22,000, taking our total donation to \$300,000.

SEUSSICAL will be performed at the Glen Street Theatre 24<sup>th</sup> Sept to 1<sup>st</sup> Oct (the last week of term 3 and first week of the school holidays), ten performances including one weekday of matinee performances.

*Just imagine a world where anything's possible – an elephant in a tree, a person too tiny to see, a heroic child and dreams running wild! SEUSSICAL is a fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza that creates the witty, wild and whimsical world of Dr. Seuss as it has never been seen before. When chaos erupts in the Jungle of Nool, it will take the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, and a gaggle of wonderful characters to bring harmony back to their world.*

*Written by Tony Award winners Lynn Ahrens & Stephen Flaherty, SEUSSICAL is now one of the most performed shows in America. It was produced by Stage Artz in 2005 and again in 2010, and is considered one of our most memorable shows.*

## SEUSSICAL REHEARSALS:

Rehearsals are held at Mackellar Performance Space (Manly Vale) and St Kevin's Hall (Dee Why) and will begin in June. Detailed rehearsal schedules will be sent out to every cast member via email, listing each and every rehearsal day/time each performer is required. Cast members should be available for all of their scheduled rehearsals.

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS (all ages)

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (adult/senior cast members and principals only)

SATURDAY AFTERNOONS (all ages/roles – Saturday rehearsals don't start until August)

Final rehearsals will be held at Glen Street Theatre from 19<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

## SEUSSICAL FUNDRAISERS:

We have some fundraising events lined up to help with production costs. We ask all SEUSSICAL cast members and families to assist with these fundraisers.

A \$100 production fee will be charged to each cast member to help with costumes, rehearsal hall & theatre hire, technical costs, copyright fees, insurance, set & props etc. This fee will include a SEUSSICAL promotional T-Shirt. Profits raised from SEUSSICAL will be donated to The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

### ***\*Note to parents of Stage Artz students:***

*Being involved in a full scale musical production with accomplished adult performers is an experience your children will never forget. All Stage Artz students who have the time to commit to this production are encouraged to audition. However, this is a complex show and rehearsal time is limited, so please make sure your children are available for rehearsals before they audition (if they have an unavailable date/time, it must be listed on the audition form).*

*Anyone under the age of 17yrs must be a student of Stage Artz to audition. Students in Grade 8 and over will perform in all shows. Students in Grade 7 and under will be split into separate casts.*

**If you have any questions regarding auditions, rehearsals or performances of SEUSSICAL, please contact the director, Sam, on 9971-5147 or [sam@stageartz.com.au](mailto:sam@stageartz.com.au).**

### **STUDENTS WHO HAVE ALREADY BEEN CAST IN SEUSSICAL (IN 2021):**

Currently enrolled Stage Artz students who auditioned for SEUSSICAL in 2021 and would like to continue in our 2022 production... you do NOT have to audition again. Instead, you will need to attend a cast registration session: SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY – 10:30-12:00 at Mackellar Performance Space (Campbell Parade, Manly Vale).

### **STUDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO AUDITION FOR SEUSSICAL:**

Currently enrolled Stage Artz students who were NOT in our 2021 production and would like to be involved in the show this year... you will need to attend a SEUSSICAL audition at Mackellar Performance Space (Campbell Parade, Manly Vale):

*Anyone who would like to audition for SEUSSICAL must book an audition time.*

- To book an audition time, please send an audition request via email to [sam@stageartz.com.au](mailto:sam@stageartz.com.au) by 14<sup>th</sup> May (unfortunately, due to number restrictions, we will not be able to accept late audition requests).
- Please arrive 15 minutes prior to audition time to fill in the audition form.
- It is important to let us know of any unavailable rehearsal dates (to be taken into consideration during casting).

### **JUNIORS (GRADES 2 TO 5) SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY – 1pm to 2:30**

It is understood that some young students have little or no auditioning experience, and we try to make the experience as easy and enjoyable as possible. Auditioning students will be asked to sing a song. Songs must be kept short (one or two verses is sufficient). No music is necessary... it is quite acceptable for junior students to sing unaccompanied. If, however, the student would like to sing with a backing, there will be speakers available to connect to a device (MP3/phone) and an audition pianist for anyone with sheet music. After singing, juniors will learn a few very simple dance steps. Finally, the students will be asked to act out a character from the show and/or read from the script.

### **INTERMEDIATES (GRADES 6 TO 7) SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY – 2:30pm to 4pm**

Intermediates are required to sing part of any song from a musical or Disney film (songs must be shorter than one minute). Intermediates are encouraged (but not required) to sing with a backing - they may bring sheet music if they would like to be accompanied by our audition pianist or an MP3/phone (there will be speakers available, please no vocals on the backing). After singing, students will be asked to learn a few dance steps and read from the script.

### **SENIORS (GRADES 8 TO 12) SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY – 4pm to 5:30**

Seniors are required to sing part of any song of their choice in the style of the show, no longer than one minute in length. Seniors must sing with a backing - please bring sheet music for our audition pianist or an MP3/phone (no vocals permitted on recorded backings). After singing, students will be asked to learn a short dance routine and they will read from the script.

### **ADULTS (17YRS AND OVER) SUNDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY – evening**

Adults are required to prepare no longer than 90 seconds of a song of your choice in the style of the show, that will demonstrate your singing. Adults will be accompanied by our audition pianist. Please bring sheet music. After singing, auditionees will be asked to learn a short dance routine and read from the script.

### **CHARACTER LIST:**

*\*Please note that many of the lead roles have already been filled from our 2021 auditions*

<b>Cat in the Hat</b>	<i>The host. Stirs up a lot of trouble. Challenging role to be played by a versatile actor.</i>
<b>Jojo</b>	<i>A clever child with a wild imagination. Must be a confident singer.</i>
<b>Thing 1 &amp; Thing 2</b>	<i>Cat's helpers – the essence of mischief and fun.</i>
<b>Horton the Elephant</b>	<i>A gentle giant. Big hearted &amp; appealing. Wants to save the Whos. Strong singer.</i>
<b>Gertrude McFuzz</b>	<i>Self-conscious of her shortfalls. Sweet and timid. In love with Horton.</i>
<b>Mayzie La Bird</b>	<i>The most beautiful bird in the jungle. Self centred and manipulating.</i>
<b>Bird Girls</b>	<i>Sassy backing singers. Like the "popular girls in school". Must be confident with harmonies.</i>
<b>Sour Kangaroo</b>	<i>Loud, brassy and soulful. The leader of the jungle. Big singing voice required.</i>
<b>General Schmitz</b>	<i>A proud, regimental, bombastic military man who trains the cadets.</i>
<b>The Wickersham Bros</b>	<i>Cool monkeys who enjoy playing pranks and getting up to mischief.</i>
<b>Mayor &amp; Mrs Mayor</b>	<i>Leaders of the Whos, and Jojo's loving parents.</i>
<b>Yertle the Turtle</b>	<i>The judge in charge of the case - "The People vs. Horton the Elephant".</i>
<b>The Grinch</b>	<i>No explanation needed!</i>
<b>Vlad Vladikoff</b>	<i>The eagle who kidnaps the Whos. Scary and formidable.</i>
<b>Circus McGurkus</b>	<i>The ringmaster of the circus that comes to town.</i>
<b>Showbirds</b>	<i>Mayzie's backing dancers.</i>
<b>The Whos</b>	<i>The tiniest people in the universe... the entire population fits onto one speck of dust.</i>
<b>Cadets</b>	<i>Students of General Schmitz.</i>
<b>Citizens of the Jungle</b>	<i>A variety of crazy characters, including some featured, named roles.</i>
<b>Monkeys</b>	<i>Friends of the Wickersham Brothers.</i>
<b>Jury</b>	<i>A combination of some of the above characters, They attend the court case against Horton.</i>
<b>Circus Members</b>	<i>Performers for Circus McGurkus. Featured roles for those with circus skills.</i>
<b>Hunches</b>	<i>Jojo's "having a hunch" thinks.</i>
<b>Fish &amp; Bubbles</b>	<i>Jojo's "anything's possible" thinks.</i>
<b>Featured Singers &amp; Featured Dancers</b>	<i>(VERY important to make this show spectacular! Will include some soloists.)</i>