

SEUSSICAL CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

The characters in Seussical are fantastic and imaginary creations based on characters featured in the Dr. Seuss collection of stories. They speak in Seussian verse, very rhythmic with incredible rhymes, even when not singing.

Even though there are four main characters (The Cat, Horton, Gertrude, and JoJo), this really is an ensemble show. The characters work together to tell the story, each playing an important part.

The majority of the show is accompanied by music and involves all the characters. In the individual character breakdown, only the main songs each character is featured in are listed, but each character may be involved in many other songs.

THE CAT IN THE HAT

Male or female.

The essence of mischief, fun, and imagination. The Cat stirs things up, causes trouble, but always sets things right again. He or she is the host and emcee of the evening, playing many comic minor parts throughout the story, sometimes improvising with the audience, and a presence in almost every scene. Strong singer with strong movement skills and comic ability.

Main songs:

Oh, The Things You can Think

A Day for the Cat in the Hat

How Lucky You Are

Having a Hunch

HORTON THE ELEPHANT

Male.

An elephant and a citizen of the Jungle of Nool. Gentle, big-hearted, appealing. He 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 is responsible for saving the planet Who and in doing so befriends JoJo. Strong singer/actor with good comic timing.

Main songs:

Horton Hears a Who

Alone in the Universe

Notice Me Horton

Solla Sollew

GERTRUDE McFUZZ

Female.

A bird and a citizen of the Jungle of Nool. Very self-conscious, shy, and nervous at first, she grows into a kind and caring protector. She is in love with Horton and does what she can to get his attention, including foolishly growing an enormous feathered tail. She is a bit naïve at times, but always is a voice of reason. Strong singer/actor with good movement skills and comic timing.

Main songs:

One Feathered Tail

Amazing Gertrude

Notice Me Horton

All For You

MAYZIE LA BIRD

Female.

A bird and a citizen of the Jungle of Nool. Self-centered, selfish and vain. She manipulates anyone she can (especially Horton) into doing what she wants, but she isn't all bad. Strong singer/actor with strong movement skills. Very comic.

Main songs:

Amazing Mayzie

How Lucky You Are

Amazing Horton

SOUR KANGAROO

Female.

A kangaroo and a citizen of the Jungle of Nool. She isn't really sour at all: she's just got a lot of attitude. She's loud, brassy and a lot of fun. Is the main antagonist and the cause of all Horton's trouble. A strong singer/actor with good comic ability and soulful singing.

Main songs:

Biggest Blame Fool

Chasing the Whos

Egg, Nest, and Tree

The Trial of the People vs. Horton the Elephant

WICKERSHAM BROTHERS

Male.

Three monkey brothers and citizens of the Jungle of Nool. These are not bad guys! They're simply a lot like kids who tease, play pranks, and get a kick out of making mischief, although often at others' expense. They side with the Sour Kangaroo in her campaign against Horton and cause more trouble for poor Horton. Strong singer/movers with lots of soulful singing.

Main songs:

Biggest Blame Fool
Monkeying Around
Chasing the Whos
Egg, Nest, and Tree

BIRD GIRLS

Female.

Three sassy birds and citizens of the Jungle of Nool. Self-centered "back up birds" who do whatever Mayzie does. They often act as storytellers, picking up where The Cat left off. A big presence throughout the evening. Good singer/movers with lots of soulful singing.

Main songs:

Horton Hears a Who
Amazing Mayzie
Amazing Gertrude
All For You

MR. & MRS. MAYOR

Male & Female.

The Mayor of Whoville and his wife. They try hard to raise their son JoJo 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. Strong singers/actors.

Main songs:

Here on Who
How to Raise a Child
Solla Sollew

JOJO

Male or female.

A young boy. JoJo is a Who and is the only child of the mayor and his wife. A "Thinker" -- a smart child with a wild imagination. A little bit awkward, a little bit of a loner, or simply a rambunctious kid whose "Thinks" get him into constant trouble. In the end, his Thinks save his planet. Strong singer/actor.

Main songs:

It's Possible
Alone in the Universe
Solla Sollew
Having a Hunch

GENERAL GENGHIS KHAN SCHMITZ

Male.

A Who General who is bursting with pride at the military academy he runs, and the boys he turns out. He is not mean; he honestly thinks he is doing the right thing and is making the world a better place. Strong singer/actor with comedic ability.

Main songs:

Military Academy

ENSEMBLE:

JUNGLE OF NOOL CHARACTERS

6 - 8 Required

Male/Female

Strong dance/movement ability

Ensemble Singing

WHOS IN WHOVILLE

10 - 16 Required

Males/Females

Adults and children

Children will also be cadets