

Master Class Performing Arts
2017/2018 Season

Theatrical Summer Intensives
2017/2018 Season

July 27 & 28, 2018

Dreamworks Madagascar

August 17 & 18, 2018

Wonderland!

2018/2019 Season!

Sneak Peak:

October 25 – 28, 2018

Disney's NEWSIES

December 6 – 9, 2018

ANNIE

Thank you to everyone who helped us pick our
2018/2019 Season!

We are very excited for the shows that have been selected and licensing
houses have been contacted.

To learn the full season join us for our Awards Show on Sunday, June 10,
2018!

All Performances to be held at:
QUEST, 826 State Street, Schenectady

Master Class Performing Arts



Seussical
The Musical

June 8 & 9, 2018

QUEST

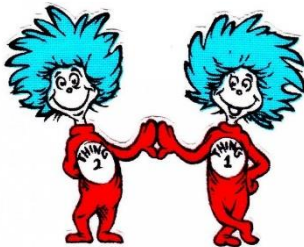
826 State Street, Schenectady

Directed by Andrew Higgs
Music Direction by Peter Darling
Produced by Kelly Jaeger

Wishing Broken Legs to our
AMAZING Cast of Seussical!

The **MORE** that you **READ**,
The **MORE** things you will **KNOW**.
The **MORE** that you **LEARN**,
The **MORE** **PLACES** you'll **GO**.
-Dr. Seuss

Lots of Love!
Kelly & Andrew
(AKA Thing 1 & Thing 2)



MCPA AWARDS

Sunday, June 10, 2018

After producing **SIX** Musicals, **THREE** Cabarets, **FOUR** Broadway Master Classes, over **FIVE HUNDRED** Costumes and **COUNTLESS** lifelong memories we are very excited to celebrate our achievements during the first ever MCPA Awards!

2:00pm ~ Red Carpet

3:00pm ~ Award Ceremony

5:00pm ~ Catered Dinner

8:00pm ~ Screening of the 2018 TONY Awards!

General Admission \$20.00

Master Class Performing Arts

Disney's Newsies & Annie Audition Notice

Auditions for actors and actresses age 8 and up are scheduled for Saturday, June 16th beginning at 10:00am at QUEST, 826 State Street, Schenectady, NY. Applicants should come prepared to perform 32 measures of any Broadway song, and complete a dance audition. An accompanist will be available. NO ACAPELLA OR CD AUDITIONS will be permitted.

Please bring appropriate dance wear for a dance call. ALL students are required to participate in the dance call in order to be cast in the production.

We are very excited to be hosting guest choreographer Nicholas Masson from Disney's Newsies.

Please keep in mind that we provide several forms that must be completed prior to the audition. If you are under the age of 18 a parent must accompany you to the audition in order to fill out the forms and sign the paperwork.

DISNEY'S NEWSIES

Performance Dates: October 25 – 28, 2018

Rehearsal Dates:

Dance Workshops TBA (August/September);

Thursday & Saturday (September);

Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday (October).

Performance and Rehearsal Location: QUEST (826 State Street, Schenectady)

Tuition Payment for Newsies:

For students participating in our production (18 & under) tuition will be \$300.00.

For adults participating in our production (above age 18) we ask for a costuming fee of \$50.00.

Annie

Rehearsal Dates:

October (Some Saturdays)

November/December (Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday)

Performance and Rehearsal Location: QUEST (826 State Street, Schenectady)

Tuition Payment for Annie:

For students participating in our production (18 & under) tuition will be \$250.00.

For adults participating in our production (above age 18) we ask for a costuming fee of \$50.00.

At the time of audition, we will be collecting a \$50.00 non-refundable deposit that will be deducted from tuition.

Master Class Performing Arts

presents

SEUSSICAL

Book by Lynn Ahrens
Music by Stephen Flaherty
Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens
Stephen Flaherty

Co-Conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty, and Eric Idle

Based on the Works of Dr. Seuss

Starring

Chad Miller

Lacey Allen

Zoe Jaeger

Justin Osborne

and

Maura Dubuque

as

THE CAT IN THE HAT

With

Hailey Auster Harper Donnelly Gabriella Green Rachel Guyer
Aidan Halsey Ellie Jennings Leah John Katy Legasse Noël Lyman
Lauren McCabe Jacob Oliver Lucia Parker Sophia Parker

Direction & Choreography by

Andrew F. Higgs

Musical Direction by

Peter Darling

Produced by

Kelly Jaeger

Stage Management by Michelle McGinty-Miller
Costume Design by Kelly Jaeger & Andrew Higgs
Orchestrations provided by MTI Pit
Scenic Design by Rick Baker & Denise Lyman

Act 1: Musical Numbers

Overture

Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!

Horton Hears a Who!

Biggest Blame Fool in the Jungle of Nool

Here on Who

A Day for the Cat in the Hat

Oh, the Thinks You Can Think! (Reprise)

It's Possible (In McElligot's Pool)

How to Raise a Child

The Military

Alone in the Universe

The One Feather Tale of Miss Gertrude McFuzz

Amazing Mayzie

Amazing Gertrude

Monkey Around

Chasing the Whos

How Lucky You Are

Notice Me, Horton

How Lucky You Are (Reprise)

Horton Sits on the Egg

~ 15 Minute Intermission ~

Act 2: Musical Numbers

Entr'acte

Egg, Nest and Tree

The Circus McGurkus

Mayzie in Palm Beach

Amazing Horton

Alone in the Universe (Reprise)

Solla Sollew

The Butter Battle

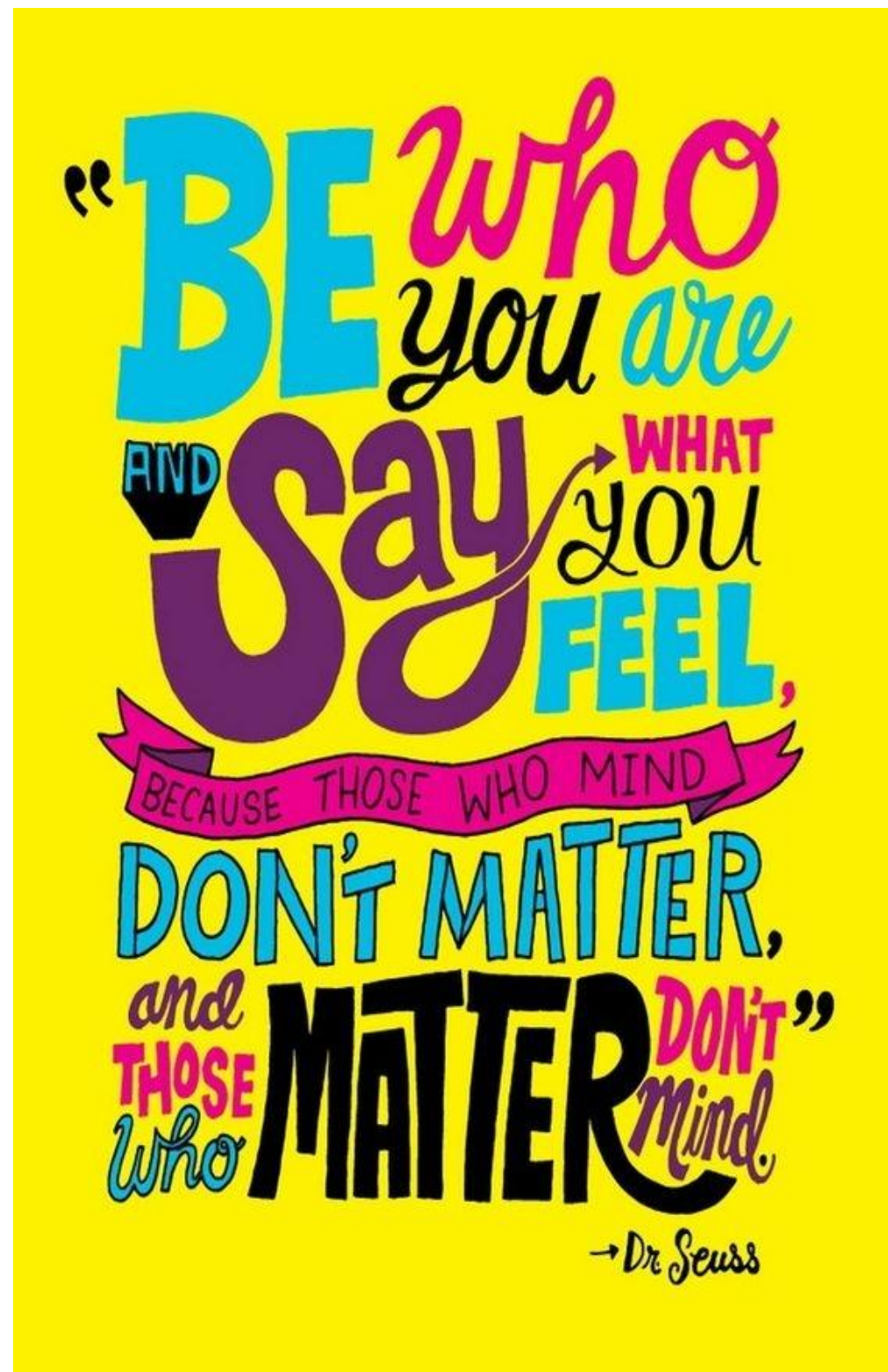
Havin' a Hunch

All for You

The People Versus Horton the Elephant

Finale

Green Eggs and Ham



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***Wishing Broken Legs to the cast of
Seussical the Musical!***

Especially to my beautiful daughter Lauren!



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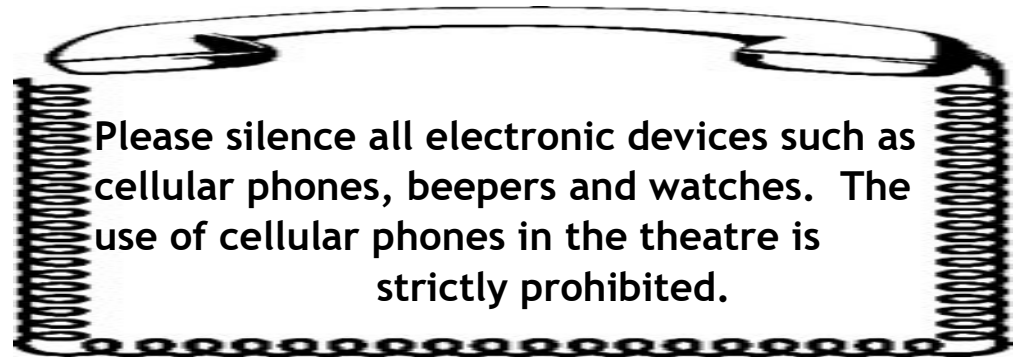
Introducing Our Cast of Seussical the Musical!

The Cat in the Hat.....	Maura Dubuque
Horton the Elephant.....	Chad Miller
Gertrude McFuzz.....	Zoe Jaeger
Jojo.....	Justin Osborne
Mayzie La Bird.....	Lacey Allen
Mr. Mayor.....	Aidan Halsey
Mrs. Mayor.....	Rachel Guyer
Sour Kangaroo.....	Lauren McCabe
Young Kangaroo.....	Ellie Jennings
General Gangis Kahn Schmitz.....	Jacob Oliver
Wickershams.....	Gabriella Green, Leah John, Noël Lyman & Lucia Parker
Bird Girls.....	Hailey Auster, Harper Donnelly, Sophia Parker & Grace Lyman

Introducing Our Seussical the Musical Crew

Director/Choreographer.....	Andrew F. Higgs
Producer.....	Kelly Jaeger
Stage Manager.....	Michelle McGinty-Miller
Costume Design.....	Kelly Jaeger & Andrew Higgs
Props Mistress.....	Denise Lyman
Scenic Design & Construction.....	Rick Baker & Denise Lyman

Special Thank You to our Volunteers!



Please silence all electronic devices such as cellular phones, beepers and watches. The use of cellular phones in the theatre is strictly prohibited.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST & CREW

Lacey Allen (Mayzie La Bird) is 15 years old and is a freshman at Guilderland High School. She has performed in *Oklahoma!* and *Peter Pan* at Farnsworth Middle School. She played the role of Jukes the pirate in *Peter Pan Jr.* with Broadway Sings Young Artist Program. With Master Class Performing Arts she has played the role of Beatrice in *Sleepy Hollow*, she filled in as Mr. Salt in *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*, Matthews in *Elf Jr.*, and, most recently, Penny Pingleton in *Hairspray!* She has enjoyed performing in the cabarets as well. In addition to singing and acting Lacey enjoys volunteering working for and with people with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. She has really enjoyed working with Andrew, Peter and everyone else here at Master Class Performing Arts. She would like to thank her family for all of their support.

Hailey Auster (Bird Girl & Others) is a 7th grader at Van Antwerp Middle School in Niskayuna. She has performed in several Capital District area musical productions, including *Hairspray* (Tracy Turnblad), *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*, *Sleepy Hollow*, *13*, *Disney's The Little Mermaid*, *Legally Blonde*, *Peter Pan*, *Treasure Island*, *Annie Jr.*, *Moses and the Freedom Fanatics*, *Noah and the Ark*, and (as Jonah) *Jonah and the Whale*. She plays the bass for the Niskayuna Middle School Orchestra and is an alto with the Middle School Choir. This year, she was on the Niskayuna Modified field hockey and basketball teams as well as the 7th Grade girls travel basketball squad.

Harper Donnelly (Bird Girl & Others) is a 6th grader at Bethlehem Middle School. She cannot wait to sing and shake her tail feathers in this production, her second with Master Class Performing Arts. Harper previously performed in *Hairspray*, *Annie*, *Shrek the Musical*, *Disney's The Little Mermaid Jr.*, *Peter Pan*, and *To Kill a Mockingbird*, where she played Scout. Harper is looking forward to performing, and thanks the director, cast, Quest and her parents for this opportunity.

Maura Dubuque (Cat in the Hat) is 8th grade and has been performing since she was in kindergarten. She studies acting, dance and voice with Broadway Bound Performing Arts Academy. She is very excited to be in this show! Favorite roles include: Little Red in *Into the Woods*, Cruella De Vil in *101 Dalmatians*, Bagheera in *The Jungle Book* and Roo in *Winnie the Pooh*. She has performed in the Berkshires at the Williamstown Theatre Festival. Break a leg to the entire cast, and thanks to family and friends for their support.

Gabriella Green (Wickersham & Others) plays a Wickersham. In her free time, she enjoys singing, gymnastics, listening to music, reading books and writing poetry. Gabriella is 13 years old and lives in East Greenbush, attending Goff Middle School. She is in 8th grade and her favorite subject is English. Hope you enjoy our casts wonderful performance!

Rachel Guyer (Mrs. Mayor & Others) is fourteen years old and is a freshman at Guilderland High School. Other than acting, she enjoys dance and being on the youth worship team at her local church. Recent credits include *Hairspray*, *Elf the Musical Jr.*, *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*, *Sleepy Hollow*, and *Oklahoma!* Rachel is happy about being a part of MCPA's production of *Seussical the Musical*. She would like to thank the production crew and cast for a great experience, and her mother for being so supportive of her passion for the arts.

Aidan Halsey (Mr. Mayor & Others) is 13 and is a seventh grader at Loudonville Christian School. He has been active in theater since he was six and loves to sing and act. Recent credits include Link in *Hairspray*, Buddy in *Elf the Musical Jr.*, Ralph Herdman in *Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, Hugo in *Tuck Everlasting*, Evan Goldman in *13 the Musical*, Pugley in *The Addams Family*, Mufasa in *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, Tinman in *The Wizard of Oz*, Cogsworth in *Disney's Beauty and the Beast*, and Schroeder in Park Playhouse's production of *A Charlie Brown Christmas*. His hope is to continue to pursue his God given abilities and is thankful for all the love and support he gets from family and friends.

Zoe Jaeger (Gertrude McFuzz) is currently in 8th grade at Goff Middle school. In her free time, she likes to volunteer helping with the kids at Quest, volunteer at the library and having fun with friends. She has performed in several productions some of her favorite roles are Amber in *Hairspray*, Deb in *Elf Jr.*, Violet in *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*, Young Nala in *Disney's The Lion King Jr.*, and Ensemble in *13 the musical*. Zoe would like to thank her mom for all her hard work, love, support and dedication. She would like to also thank her friends and family for all the love and support they continue to give her! Moreover, a special thank you to Andrew for giving her a chance to shine!

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST & CREW

Ellie Jennings (Young Kangaroo & Others) is nine years old and in the 4th grade at Slingerlands Elementary in Bethlehem. Recently, Ellie was Shawanda in *Elf the Musical Jr.*, the Mayor of Munchkinland in *The Wizard of Oz*, and the crocodile in *Peter Pan Jr.* She is thrilled to be the Young Kangaroo in *Seussical the Musical*. Ellie loves to ride horses and play with her dog Abby. Ellie thanks her mom, dad, and her brother Jerry for their love and support.

Leah John (Wickersham & Others) is twelve years old and a seventh grader at Myers Middle School in Albany. She enjoys basketball and playing the saxophone. This is her fourth production with Master Class Performing Arts and she is excited to be a part of it. Recent stage credits include Dwarf (*Shrek the Musical*), Silly Girl (*Disney's Beauty and the Beast*), Ensemble (*Little Shop of Horrors*), Florinda (*Into the Woods*), Irving (*Sleepy Hollow*), Ensemble (*Tuck Everlasting*), Charlotte Dennon (*Elf the Musical Jr.*), & Little Inez (*Hairspray*). She would like to thank her director Andrew and her amazing cast mates.

Grace Lyman (Bird Girl & Others) is excited for her first show with Master Class Performing Arts and plans to do more. Most recently, she has been on stage as the Cheshire Cat in Mohan Masque Jr Production of *Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr.* She also has been involved with Drama Kids for six years. Some of her other hobbies include color guard, sewing and painting.

Noël Lyman (Wickersham & Others) is very excited to be in *Seussical* and has had other roles in the MCPA. Such as Tammy in *Hairspray*, a soloist in *The Broadway Cabaret*, and was an ensemble member in *Elf*. On her free time, she likes to write, draw, read, and sing. Noël would like to thank her friends and family for being so supportive in her acting career.

Lauren McCabe (Sour Kangaroo & Others) is a 13 year old, Eighth grade student at Bethlehem Middle School. She loves to sing, dance, act and spend time with friends and family. Some her favorite roles were Wendy in *Peter Pan*, Cassie in *13 The Musical*, Glinda in *The Wizard of Oz* and Tracy Turnblad in *Hairspray*. She has also been in 3 Park Playhouse productions including *Disney's Cinderella Kids*, *Suessical Jr.* and *Disney's The Lion King Jr.* She would like to thank her mom and Dad for all the work they put in for her and all the support they give her, Andrew for being such an Amazing director and the cast for being so amazing and kind!

Chad Miller (Horton the Elephant) did not submit a bio, however, Andrew has written a special one for him. Chad began performing at an early age and has continued to grow ever since. Select roles include: Council Member (*Hairspray*), Mike Teavee (*Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*), Winthrop (*The Music Man*, TANYS Award), Collin (*The Secret Garden*), Ensemble (*Disney's Beauty and the Beast*), Newsboy (*Gypsy*), Narrator (*Into the Woods*), Soldier who ran out of shackles (*Aida the Musical*), and Ichabod Crane (*Sleepy Hollow*). He would love to thank his fabulous family, fantastic friends and dynamic director Andrew.

Jacob Oliver (General Schmitz & Others) is in the seventh grade at Albany Academy. His favorite performances include: *HAIRSPRAY* (Brad), *WILLY WONKA* (Augustus), *ANNIE* (Bert Healy), *SLEEPY HOLLOW* (Washington), *13 the Musical*, *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* and *PETER PAN* (Smee). Jacob has a background in piano, ukulele, trumpet, tap dancing and singing. Jacob would like to thank his family for their support and Master Class Performing Arts for giving him this opportunity.

Justin Osborne (Jojo) is 10 years old and in 5th grade at Guilderland Elementary School. He filled in as Grandma Josephine in *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka*, hence the nickname Josie. He performed in the *We Tell the Story Cabaret* and is looking forward to being JoJo in *Seussical*. He enjoys hanging out with his friends. He would like to thank Andrew for this opportunity and his family for their support.

Lucia Parker (Wickersham & Others) is a second Grader in Guilderland, NY. She enjoys playing tennis and Highland Dancing and has performed at the Capital District Highland Games and Tartan Day parade in NYC. Lucia had the pleasure of performing in *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka* this past winter.

Sophia Parker (Bird Girl & Others) is a fourth Grader in Guilderland, NY. She is a competitive Tennis player, and Highland Dancer, most recently placing 1st for her division in the Sword Dance at the Capital District Scottish Games. Sofia also plays percussion and her stage experience includes playing Jack in *Into the Woods* and Lola and Abigail in *Dear Edwina*.