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OH, THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK!

Seussical Jr.

Directed by Christine Hampton

April 28-30, 2023



Friday at 6 pm

Saturday at 2 pm and 6 pm

Sunday at 2 pm

Davis Auditorium

400 Cotton St.

Greenwood, Miss.

Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Music by Stephen Flaherty Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

Conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle

Based on the Works of Dr. Seuss

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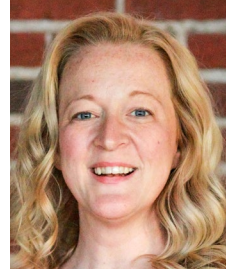
We are delighted to showcase the MVSU Jazz Band, who will be performing on Friday evening and Sunday afternoon, as well as the MVSU Jazz Horns, featuring the talented Dr. Ed Morse, Mr. Bryant Adeyemi, and Mr. Marquis Wafer, who will be performing before both of our Saturday shows.

In previous productions, such as *Blithe Spirit* and *It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play*, we have been blessed to feature the musical stylings of Dr. Edward Morse from MVSU, alongside student participation from our local schools. With this partnership, we look forward to expanding the reach and impact of the arts in our community.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

When I approached the GLT board with interest in directing a show for this season, I had some big and different ideas. I wanted to direct a musical, and I wanted it to have mostly children in the cast. This was something completely new and different for GLT, and the board was enthusiastic but also a little apprehensive.



My goal was to bring theatre to all of the children across Greenwood, so I searched for a script that would be fun, exciting, and entertaining for the audience while still being low-pressure and stimulating to my cast. And so, *Seussical, JR* was born!

This show is a condensed version of the Broadway show *Seussical*, which was a smash hit in 2000. *Seussical, JR* was the clear choice for GLT because it primarily features children in the cast and showcases imaginative storytelling and moral values like friendship, trusting others, and using your imagination. It also has some fast-paced and dramatic musical numbers, incredible set designs, over-the-top costumes and makeup, and a few familiar and heartwarming characters.

Directing this show has been an incredible experience, and I have counted every minute of this process as a joy. Even on hard days, this cast and crew made me smile. I want to thank my husband, Scott, mother, Martha Cloer, and children, Knox and Lucy Jane, for their support and love, which made this dream possible. And a special thanks to Dezarae Leto, who became like a sister to me during the show. Her work ethic, organization, foresight, and execution are on a professional level, and I am constantly amazed by her energy and creativity.

Lastly, I want to thank all the parents of the cast for their trust and encouragement during the process and for their unwavering love and support for their children. They are amazing, and I am so proud of my cast and crew for this show. It has been a blast introducing theatre to so many young people from our town. And now, on with the show!

CAST

JOJO	Charles Kimmel
THE CAT IN THE HAT	Lucy Cheatham
THING ONE	Anne Thomas Joiner
THING TWO	Addey Oates
HORTON THE ELEPHANT	Franklin Riley
MR. MAYOR	Amaan Jemsheer
MRS. MAYOR	Franchesca Bodin
GERTRUDE MCFUZZ	Sophie Owens
MAYZIE LA BIRD	Elizabeth Self / Rosalyn Washington
WICKERSHAM BROTHERS	Rivers Cascio, Isaac Dallas, Bristol Hammons, Brayden Splaingard
BIRD GIRLS	Jana Dees, McKenzie Edwards, Samantha Studley
SOUR KANGAROO	Parker Barnes
YOUNG KANGAROO	Josephina Bodin
YERTLE THE TURTLE	Adalyn Rae Davis-Smith
VLAD VLADIKOFF	Kaylee Haddon
THE GRINCH	Bob Draper
THE WHOS	Allyson Bedingfield, Liliana Morse, Lara Kate Phillips, Ava Harris-Robinson, Londyn Smith, Skylar Smith, Spencer Smith, Isabella Thomas
JUNGLE CITIZENS	Adalyn Rae Davis-Smith, Kaylee Haddon, Cecilia Hinckley, Eleanor Hinckley, Laila Hodges
ELEPHANT BIRD	Cecilia Hinckley

PRODUCTION CREW

DIRECTOR/MUSICAL DIRECTOR Christine Hampton
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR Brandice Williams
CHOREOGRAPHY Christine Hampton
STAGE MANAGER Dezarae Leto
PROPERTIES Dezarae Leto
WARDROBE Jeanne Gewalt
HAIR AND MAKEUP Dezarae Leto
SET DESIGN Dezarae Leto
SET CONSTRUCTION Dezarae Leto, Michael Haddon,
Shannon Haddon, Glenn Nail, Judy Nail, Cyndi Long
SOUND Glenn Nail
LIGHTS Alicia Dallas, Greg Dees
PROGRAMS Alicia Dallas
PUBLICITY Alicia Dallas, Nichole Buchanan
PHOTOGRAPHY Ed Blackstone, Alicia Dallas, Bob Draper
HOSPITALITY Elizabeth Johnson
TICKETING Kathryn Dyksterhouse, Amber Joiner

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

- Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! COMPANY
- Horton Hears A Who CAT, JOJO, HORTON,
JUNGLE CITIZENS, BIRD GIRLS, MR. MAYOR
- Biggest Blame Fool SOUR KANGAROO, YOUNG KANGAROO,
HORTON, WICKERSHAM BROTHERS, BIRD GIRLS,
JOJO, CAT, GERTRUDE, MAYZIE
- Biggest Blame Fool/Gertrude McFuzz SOUR KANGAROO,
CAT, MR. MAYOR, WICKERSHAM BROTHERS, JUNGLE CITIZENS
- Here On Who MR. MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR, JOJO, WHOS,
HORTON, THE GRINCH
- Meet Jojo The Who MR. MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR
- How To Raise A Child MR. MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR
- Oh, The Thinks You Can Think (Reprise) CAT, JOJO
- It's Possible (Part 1) JOJO, CAT, FISH
- It's Possible (Part 2) JOJO, CAT, FISH
- Alone In The Universe HORTON, JOJO
- The One Feather Tail Of Miss Gertrude McFuzz/
Amazing Mayzie GERTRUDE, MAYZIE, BIRD GIRLS
- Amazing Gertrude (Part 1) GERTRUDE, CAT
- Amazing Gertrude (Part 2) GERTRUDE, CAT,
NURSES, BIRD GIRLS
- Monkey Around/Chasing The Whos WICKERSHAMS,
HORTON, SOUR KANGAROO, BIRD GIRLS, VLAD VLADIKOFF
- Notice Me, Horton GERTRUDE, HORTON
- How Lucky You Are MAYZIE, CAT
- Mayzie's Exit/Horton Sits On The Egg/
Dilemma/Hunters BIRD GIRLS, HORTON, GERTRUDE

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Egg, Nest, And Tree	SOUR KANGAROO, BIRD GIRLS, HORTON, WICKERSHAMS, HUNTERS
Sold/Mayzie In Palm Beach	COMPANY, MAYZIE, CAT
Mayzie At The Circus	MAYZIE, HORTON
Amazing Horton	MAYZIE, HORTON
Alone In The Universe (Reprise 1)	HORTON
Solla Sollew	HORTON, CIRCUS ANIMALS, JOJO, MR. MAYOR, MRS. MAYOR
Gertrude/Espionage (Part 2)	GERTRUDE
All For You	GERTRUDE, HORTON, CAT, BIRD GIRLS
The Whos Return/ The People Versus Horton The Elephant (Part 1)	COMPANY
The People Versus Horton The Elephant (Part 2)	COMPANY
Yopp!	COMPANY
Alone In The Universe (Reprise 2)	HORTON, GERTRUDE, CAT, JOJO
Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! (Finale)	COMPANY
Green Eggs And Ham (Finale Bows)	COMPANY
Exit Music	COMPANY

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MEET THE CAST



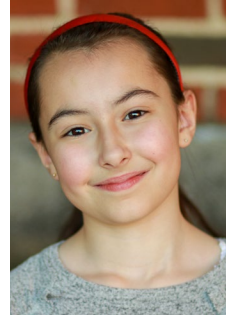
Parker Barnes
Sour Kangaroo



Allyson Bedingfield
Who



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Mrs. Mayor



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Cat in the Hat



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Wickersham Brother



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MEET THE CAST



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Hammons**

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Robinson**

Who



Cecilia Hinckley

*Jungle Citizen,
Elephant Bird*



**Eleanor
Hinckley**

Jungle Citizen



Laila Hodges

Jungle Citizen



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Jemsheer**

Mr. Mayor



**Anne Thomas
Joiner**

Thing One



Reese Jones

Jungle Citizen



Charles Kimmel

Jojo



Liliana Morse

Who



Addey Oates

Thing Two



Sophie Owens

Gertrude McFuzz



Parker,

We are so proud of all your hard work and are excited to watch you on stage. Congratulations to all the cast and crew of Seussical, Jr.

*Love,
Mom and Dad*

**Today you are you!
That is truer than
true! There is no
one alive that is
you-er than you!**

**We are so proud of
you Liza!**

**Mama, Daddy, and
Georgia Caroline**



MEET THE CAST



**Lara Kate
Phillips**

Who



Franklin Riley

Horton



**Elizabeth
"Liza" Self**

Mayzie La Bird



Londyn Smith

Who



Skylar Smith

Who



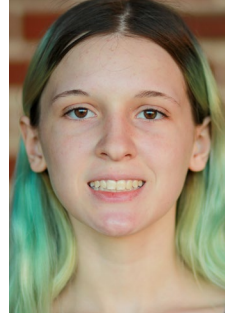
Spencer Smith

Who



**Brayden
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Isabella Thomas

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MEET THE DIRECTORS



Christine Hampton (Director) is making her directorial debut for Greenwood Little Theatre, however, she is no stranger to the stage. Mrs. Hampton has spent most of her adolescence and early adulthood performing, choreographing, and directing for Hattiesburg Civic Light Opera and Laurel Little Theatre. She also spent time in the professional theatre world doing summer stock theatre and repertory theatre around the southern USA.

Mrs. Hampton moved to Greenwood from Petal, Mississippi, in 2018 with her husband, Scott Hampton, and two children, Knox and Lucy Jane. She is employed at Pillow Academy and is a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Greenwood. Mrs. Hampton can now safely say that of all her theatre credits, *Seussical JR.* stands out as a clear favorite and the one she is most proud of.



Brandice Brown-Williams (Assistant Director) has received over five years of professional, rigorous training in her field. She graduated from Mississippi School of the Arts with a concentration in Theatre and earned a bachelor's degree in Drama from Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia. She was a part of every main stage play during her tenure. Her most recent role was that of "Sarah" in *Ragtime* which was staged at the historical Greenwood Little Theatre.

Her credits include extra work in notorious movies like *Selma*, *Get On Up*, and *Women of the Movement*. She currently serves as the Theatre Instructor at Amanda Elzy High School and is a proud board member of ArtPlace Mississippi. Her love for the arts is what keeps her grounded. She quotes, "To know art is to know God."



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Dezarae Leto (Stage Manager, Set Designer, Make-Up/Hair Designer) has worked in the arts industry for over 20 years. Her diverse experience includes theater, motion pictures, print, and runway productions. In her first production with GLT, Leto served as Assistant Director, Stage Manager, Set Designer, and Make-up/Hair Designer for the 2022 production of *Blithe Spirit*. Additionally, she directed GLT's *It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play* in 2022.



Michael Haddon (Set Construction)

"I was introduced to set building at eleven years old, helping build sets for plays in which my mother was cast. I have vivid memories of building those sets with my father. It is wonderfully nostalgic and truly a labor of love. Today I am blessed to have memories of building sets for my mother, and now for my daughter, Kaylee, who on some days reminds me so much of my mother, Janie."



Glenn Nail (Sound Technician) made his debut in GLT's 2003 production of *Godspell* as a guitarist. He served as GLT's President for the 2012-2013 season and co-directed *Smokey Joe's Cafe (2013)* with Anne Roberts. Nail's contributions include *Vintage Hitchcock (2013)*, *Jesus Christ Superstar (2008)*, and *Little Shop of Horrors (2004)*. Recently, he ran sound for *Blithe Spirit (2022)* and served as Technical Director for *It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play (2022)*.



Jeanne Gewalt (Costumer) hails from California and holds a BA in Art and a Master's Degree in Architecture/Historic Preservation. She has an extensive background in theater, having contributed to various university and community productions. She has also taught college Fashion Design. Jeanne has provided costumes for *Annie (2019)*, *Crimes of the Heart (2021)*, *Steel Magnolias (2022)*, *Blithe Spirit (2022)*, and *It's a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play (2022)*.

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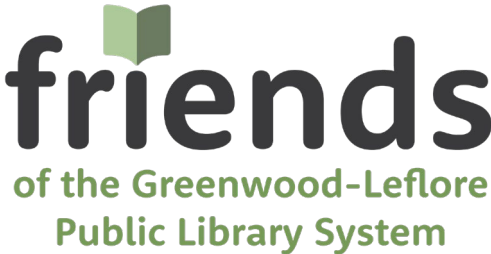
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