



Audition Information Pack

2021

TMT TWEENS

Audition Information

Tauranga Musical Theatre Youth are producing their first Kids Musical for our youth aged 10-14. Seussical will be an amazing opportunity for our TMT Tweens to be a part of an on-stage production in an inclusive learning environment. To be in the cast you need to be a member of TMT Youth and have paid your termly fees.

Performance season

May 21st-May 23rd

Creative Team

Director- Hugo Corin

Vocal Director- Ansh Dhot

Choreographer- Elodie Corin

Assistant Director- Aadit Tandon

Assistant Choreographer- Zoe Brockelbank

Production Manager- Hannah Lee

Creative Mentor- Tayla Skudder

About Seussical

Transporting audiences from the Jungle of Nool to the Circus McGurkus, the Cat in the Hat, our narrator, tells the story of Horton, an elephant who discovers a speck of dust containing tiny people called the Whos, including Jojo, a Who child, who gets in trouble for thinking too many "thinks." Horton's challenge is twofold — not only must he protect the Whos from a world of naysayers and dangers, but he must also guard an abandoned egg that's been left in his care by the irresponsible Mayzie La Bird. Although Horton faces ridicule, danger, kidnapping and a trial, the intrepid Gertrude McFuzz never loses faith in him. Ultimately, the powers of friendship, loyalty, family and community are challenged and emerge triumphant!

Audition Dates

Vocal Auditions Wednesday 3rd March at Westside Theatre. Please enter through the green room door. The dance call for all children auditioning will be during our Tweens time slot at 5:30pm – 6:30pm at Westside on Friday 5th March.

Preparations for Auditions

On the day, please arrive at least 15 minutes prior to your audition time, already warmed up. Please bring a backing track for your audition song (without vocals). We will provide backing track playback facilities for smart devices.

- prepare a short (approximately two minutes or less) musical theatre song of your own choosing that showcases your voice.

Do not be offended if you do not get to sing all your prepared vocals. It does not mean you are not being considered.

You will be auditioning before a panel consisting of the director, musical director, choreographer, and Hannah Lee and Tayla Skudder (TMT Youth Coordinators).

Characters

Jojo

JoJo is the audience's link to the story. The audience follows the narrative through their eyes. They are a great singer and actor.

The Cats

The Cats (Cat 1, Cat 2, Cat 3) are mischievous, spirited creatures who take JoJo and the audience on quite an adventure.

Horton

Horton is a loveable elephant with a heart of gold. A young performer who can sing and convey great loyalty and conviction to the Whos.

Mr. Mayor

Mr. Mayor is the mayor of Whoville and the perfect picture of patriarchy. He tries to keep the town happy and secure, which is quite a job since the tiny Whos are always in danger of being swept away and lost. Mr. Mayor has a few featured lines sung with Mrs. Mayor.

Mrs. Mayor

Mrs. Mayor is the mayor's wife and is most concerned with trying to make sure her son, JoJo, stays in line.

Gertrude McFuzz

Gertrude McFuzz is a bird with tail envy!

Mayzie LaBird

Mayzie LaBird is a sneaky bird who tricks Horton into helping her take care of her egg. They express a fun, jovial and careless spirit.

Sour Kangaroo

Sour Kangaroo is as sour as a kangaroo can be. They can sing and act and can serve up a good deal of attitude.

Wickersham Brothers

The Wickersham Brothers (Wickersham 1, Wickersham 2, Wickersham 3) are a trio of trouble-making monkeys!

Judge Yertle

Judge Yertle the turtle presides over Horton's court proceedings. This is a fun role for a performer who can make strong acting choices.

Vlad Vladikoff

Vlad Vladikoff is an eagle who drops Whoville into a field of clovers!

Ensemble

The Whos, Jungle Citizens (1-5), Fish, the Wickershams, the Talk Show Host and Marshal are all essential roles for creating the vivid and imaginative world of Seuss.

Timeline

- Vocal Auditions 3rd March 2021
- Dance Call 5th March 2021
- Rehearsals- During the Friday night Tweens slot 5:30-6:30pm
- There may be extra rehearsals added on Tuesday 11th May and Thursday 13th May.
- Black week (tech runs) Full Sunday rehearsal 16th May, and weeknight rehearsals 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th 6pm-8pm

Production expectations

Your participation in this production requires you to attend every TMT Tweens rehearsal in order to ensure a production of the highest possible quality. You should not audition if you are unable to commit to the rehearsal and production schedule. If you have any other commitments (personal or school productions) that may impact on your ability to attend rehearsals, you must provide full relevant details in your audition application.

Casting announcement

Performers will be notified by email or phone of the outcome of their audition as soon as possible following casting. Feedback will not be given. A full cast announcement will be subsequently made on the Tauranga Musical Theatre media channels.

All cast and crew and considered to be goodwill ambassadors for Tauranga Musical Theatre and for the show and we expect all cast and crew to meet that responsibility both in person and online. There will be a closed group Facebook page which cast and crew are encouraged to join and actively participate in.

Please direct any queries that you may have to Hannah Lee at youth@tmt.org.nz

Tauranga Musical Theatre

21st February 2021

