



The Auburn Community Players Presents...

Seussical

The Musical

Auburn Ave Theater
10 Auburn Ave Auburn, WA 98002

Shows:
June 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, 21 at 7:30 pm
June 8, 14, and 21 at 2 pm

Music by STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Lyrics by LYNN AHRENS
Book by LYNN AHRENS and STEPHEN FLAHERTY
Co-Conceived by LYNN AHRENS, STEPHEN FLAHERTY, and ERIC IDLE
Based on the Works of DR. SEUSS

Direction and Choreography by MEGAN HICKS
Musical Direction by KATHYANNE BAUMGARDNER



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About the Auburn Community Players

“Auburn Community Players is a theater troupe that collaborates with high quality performers and artists to produce contemporary and classical theater works. It is the mission of Auburn Community Players to educate, entertain and enrich lives.”

Welcome to the Auburn Community Player’s production of Seussical the Musical. This is our 8th production to this date. We are very excited to bring the fun filled show to you, and we hope you enjoy.

We are very proud to continue to bring great musicals to the Auburn community. We are very excited you are here with us and we hope you continue to come back for each show we do.

The Auburn Community Players are produced and presented by the City of Auburn. We also continue to partner with Auburn area businesses to make this a true community theater experience.

The actors are residents from the Auburn area and surrounding areas as well; there are all levels of experience, ranging from highly seasoned performers to people that are new to the stage. Here at Auburn Community Players, we truly believe there is a place for everyone. So, come and join us in one of our upcoming productions.

We are always looking for behind the scenes help with our productions. Also, if you are interested in being involved as an actor in a show please contact Jim Kleinbeck at jkleinbeck@auburnwa.gov

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General Information

- The lobby box office opens one hour prior to every performance.
- Visual and audio recording of all performances is strictly prohibited.
- Please silence all cellular phones and any other electronic devices before the start of the show.
- Some Auburn Ave Theater performances may not be appropriate for the very young. Please use discretion when choosing performances. Please no “babes in arms.”
- Late arrivals will be escorted into the theater at appropriate intervals, as determined by the artist and/or theater management.

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Cast

Cat in the Hat – Brynne Geiszler
Jojo – Miranda Hildner
Horton – Ben Fisher
Gertrude – Haley Meier
Mayzie – Maddie Latora-Guinn
Sour Kangaroo – Brittany D. Henderson
Mrs. Mayor – Grace Nirschl
Mr. Mayor – Drew Baker
Mr. Mayor (6/14) – Spencer Rock
General Schmitz – MacKenzie Mason
Wickersham #1 – Brandon Kinney
Wickersham #2 – Mathew Graham
Wickersham #3 – Marco Garcia
Wickersham #3 (6/14) – Logan Swank
Bird Girl #1 – Sammy Cattin
Bird Girl #2 – Sam Hefford-Anderson
Bird Girl #3 – Sydney Payne
Yertle the Turtle – Maggie Barry
Vlad Vladikoff – Noah Nieves Driver
The Grinch – Rachel Faria
Cindy Lou Who – Alliya Miller-Espinoza
Thing 1 – McKenna Webb
Thing 2 – Meredith Graham

Whos

Carly Nirschl
Drew Bates
Jenni Miller
Leslie Clark
Luis Espinoza
Meredith Graham

Jungle Animals

Julia Wyman
Madison Watkins
McKenna Webb

Fish

Alliya Miller-Espinoza
Brandon Kinney
Carly Nirschl
Drew Bates
Jenni Miller
Julia Wyman

Leslie Clark
Luis Espinoza
Madison Watkins
Maggie Barry
Marco Garcia
Mathew Graham
Noah Nieves Driver
Rachel Faria
Sam Hefford-Anderson
Sammy Cattin
Sydney Payne

Cadets

Hannah Davis
Keira Glancy
Rory Goodrich
Allie Guest
Mason Marta
Luci Sain
Malia Tewey
Kendyll Webb

Hunters

Drew Bates
Jenni Miller
Luis Espinoza

Hunches

Julia Wyman
Maddie Latora-Guinn
Madison Watkins
Maggie Barry
Noah Nieves Driver
Sydney Payne

Circus Members

Alliya Miller-Espinoza
Leslie Clark
Madison Watkins
Maggie Barry
Marco Garcia
Noah Nieves Driver
Rachel Faria
Sam Hefford-Anderson

Production Team

Jim Kleinbeck, Producer
Megan Hicks, Director/Choreographer
Kathyanne Baumgardner, Music Director
Bri Selin, Cadet Direction
Nick Fitzgerald, Production Assistant
Haley Meier, Costumer
Austin Taylor, Lights
Paul Racey, Sound
Chris Olds, Lead Carpenter
Grace Nirschl, Scene Painter
Megan Hicks & the cast, Props
Sam Mashek, Spot Light
Auburn Youth Council, Concessions

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Thanks to the cast and crew for help with
props, sets, and painting.

A Note From The Director

Dr. Seuss has written countless books enjoyed by all ages. Children and adults share these tales when teachers read to their students, parents read to their kids, or someone wants a fun rhyming story. Seussical takes about thirty of these books and combines them into a story of acceptance, friendship, determination, and using your imagination.

The main story line follows "Horton Hears a Who" and "Horton Hatches the Egg". Horton is a loyal friend and always tries to keep his promises. He faces many challenges but never gives up. This is an important philosophy in life. Times get rough for everyone, but it can always turn around.

Seussical is one of my favorite shows. Just like the books, it can be enjoyed by all ages. The characters from the stories come to life on stage with fun songs. It is an escape from real life to enter a world of imagination and make believe. Sometimes we just need to forget about life for a couple of hours and be entertained by the Cat in the Hat and his friends. Hopefully our show will put a smile on your face for days.

We appreciate you sitting in our audience
Yes that means all you ladies and gents
In a moment, the lights will go down and we'll start
The room will fill with energy, for everyone has their part
We'll do the singing, the dancing, and acting
You get to do the laughing, and clapping
So sit back, relax, and enjoy the show on the stage
As Dr. Seuss's characters jump off the page

Cast Bios

Drew Baker - This is Drew's fourth show with the Auburn Community Players, having been in Bye Bye Birdie, Wizard of Oz, and Footloose. He wishes to thank the cast and crew of Seussical for giving him another opportunity to be on stage. He also wishes to thank his wife Jamie for giving him the time to pursue one of his passions.



Maggie Barry is thrilled to be in her first Auburn Community Players performance. Seussical is one of her favorite musicals and she is excited to be playing with the Cat in the Hat again! Maggie most recently was a Silly Girl and featured dancer in Beauty and the Beast (At The Ridge Theatre). Special thanks go out to Megan for casting her in this show and being a wonderful director. Of course...she could never forget her family. Thanks for all the love and support from each and every one of you!



Drew Bates - Seussical is Drew's second production with the Auburn Community Players, the first being Willy Wonka. When not performing, he takes piano lessons, vocal instruction and reads. Drew would like to thank the entire cast for making his experience so enjoyable.



Sammy Cattin is thrilled to be taking part in her second show with the Auburn Community Players, this time as one of the lovely Bird Girls. She's been very lucky to have taken part in several amazing shows as some very colorful characters. These include, but aren't limited to, Dorcas from Seven Brides for Seven brothers, Step Sister Lucinda from Into the Woods, and most recently Ziggy, the Village Idiot, in Young Frankenstein. Enjoy the show!



Leslie Clark is excited to be performing in her third Auburn Community Players production! You may remember her as Violet Beauregarde in Willy Wonka, and as the Shoe Shine Kid in Young Frankenstein. Leslie has also acted in many other community plays throughout the area. When she's not on stage, Leslie is an 8th grader and Student Body President at Glacier Middle School in Buckley.



Luis Espinoza is very excited to be playing a Who in the Auburn Community Players production of Seussical. Luis worked the spot light for Young Frankenstein but this is his first production ever to be on stage. He is happy to be sharing this experience with his wife and daughter who have been very supportive and helpful. He would like to thank the director, Megan Hicks, for the opportunity to be in this show.



Rachel Faria - Rachel has done shows at HTA and Rainier Middle School where she has played many fun and wacky characters, such as The Mad Hatter in Alice in Wonderland and The Wicked Witch in Wizard of Oz. This is Rachel's first show with the Auburn Community Players and she was very excited that she got accepted into Seussical. This show was a great experience for her and she was glad to have made many new and great friends!



Ben Fisher is absolutely exultant to be performing for the second time with the Auburn Community Players. His preceding performance at the Ave. was as Inspector Hans Kemp in Young Frankenstein. Ben would like to praise his family and friends for all of their exemplary encouragement.



Miranda Hildner: She is thrilled to be in her first production with Auburn Community Players. She has performed in over 6 musicals at Auburn Ave Theater. Recently you may have seen her as Mushu in Mulan or Grimsby in Little Mermaid Jr. Miranda would like to thank Dave and Stephanie for giving her this opportunity to share with such an amazing and talented cast. Enjoy the show!



Spencer Rock: You may recognize Spencer from previous performances with the Auburn Community Players as Fineas Trout in Willy Wonka, Cowboy Bob in Footloose and Dr. Frankenstein from Young Frankenstein. He has really enjoyed having the opportunity to bring three classic literary characters to the stage for the Auburn Community. He hopes you enjoy the show.



Cast Bios

Marco Garcia - Marco has been in two previous shows here with the Auburn Community Players. He has been acting for about three years and has been in ten shows, going on eleven. This will be his second time being in Seussical The Musical. He is very grateful for the opportunity that Megan gave him to be a part of this wonderful cast and show once again.



Brynne Geiszler - This is Brynne's first show with the Auburn Community Players and she is very excited to be performing in the community she grew up in. After graduating Cornish College of the Arts, Brynne had been seen in many shows around the area. Favorite roles include: Judy (9 to 5), Jo (Little Women), Delilah Strict (Zombie Prom), and Gabriella (High School Musical). Much love to her family, friends, and especially her Michael.



Matthew Graham is very happy to be performing with Auburn Community Players again. He was last seen at Auburn as Charlie Bucket in 2012 production of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. His most recent performances were Shrek the Musical at Kentlake High School and the Nutcracker with Auburn Children's Dance Theater. Matthew would like to thank his parents and everyone who has helped support him in drama and he hopes you enjoy the show!



Meredith Graham is in 7th Grade at North Tapps Middle School. She has been in 8 plays including Mulan and Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory here at Auburn Avenue Theater. She was also fortunate to play Helen Keller in "The Miracle Worker" when she lived in Oregon. Meredith loves to act and sing. She plays piano and guitar and sings competitively. She is excited to be a part of Seussical the Musical and loves this theatre community.



Brittany D Henderson (Sour Kangaroo) is making her first appearance with the Auburn Community Players. Previous local credits include: Housekeeper-Man of La Mancha, Sophie/Ensemble-Annie, Margaret-9 to 5, Enid-Legally Blonde, Olga-Nine, Agatha-Guys & Dolls (Tacoma Musical Playhouse); Fabian-Twelfth Night, Postulant/Ensemble-The Sound of Music (Lakewood Playhouse); Edith-Blithe Spirit, Agnes Gooch-Auntie Mame, Ginger-The Best Little WH in Texas; Kate McGowan-Titanic, Mrs. Beaver-The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe (Tacoma Little Theatre); Poppy-Noises Off (Paradise Theatre); and Judy-If Spiders Made Honey (Burien Little Theatre). Brittany has a BA in Theatre Arts from the University of Puget Sound and is currently pursuing a PhD in Education.



Sam Hefford-Anderson is so pumped to not only be in her fourth Auburn Community Players show, but to also be in Suessical for a third time! She's been seen in Willy Wonka (Mrs.Teavee), Footloose (Cowboy Bob), and the Wizard Of Oz (ensemble) here at the Ave, and most recently in Godspell (George) and Suessical (Mrs.Mayor) at Hi-Liners, along with Legally Blonde (Brooke Wyndham) at Renton Civic! She can be next seen as Linda in The Wedding Singer at RCT, and Nikki Kay Kane in Runaways at Hi-Liners. Much love to Mom, Dad, Jen, her fantastic siblings (who've seen this show now twice), and Ryan, for all the love support and encouragement for this project, along with all the Thinkers in the audience!



Miranda Hildner is thrilled to be in her second Auburn Community Players production. She has performed in over 7 musicals at the Auburn Ave Theater. Recently you may have seen her as Mushu in Mulan or Grimbsy in Little Mermaid Jr. Miranda would like to thank Megan for giving her this opportunity to play Jojo with such an amazing and brilliant cast. Enjoy the show!



Brandon Kinney is excited to be in another Auburn Community Players production... He has been in Bye Bye Birdie, Foot Loose, Wizard of Oz, The 25th Annual Putnam Co. Spelling Bee and Young Frankenstein.



Maddie Latora-Guinn - This will be Maddie's 7th show with the Auburn Community Players and she is so excited and thrilled to play the part of Mayzie La Bird. She is an active member of her drama club at Auburn Mountainview High school, where she is a junior and just finished the Odd Couple. She one day hopes to get into a school in New York and be on Broadway. She would like to thank her dad, grandparents, and her best friends: Kelsey J., Savana S., Brandon K., Anthony D., Taylor C., and Carrie L.



Mackenzie Mason is at it again for the second time with the Auburn Community Players...not turning in his bio that is! So, the program writers feel the need to write what they want to and let you know that Mackenzie, hopefully by the third show he is in, will turn in a bio... but we highly doubt it. Peace, Love and Bell Bottoms.



Haley Meier is thrilled to return to Auburn Ave with the Auburn Community Players! Past rolls include Audrey (Little Shop), Sally (YAGMCB), Lena (Singin'), Belle (Beauty), and Sandy (Grease). She thanks Megan and Jim for this opportunity and her husband Luke for his support, encouragement, and hours of kid duty. This is for London and Lily!



Alliya Miller-Espinoza is excited to be playing Cindy Lou Who in this Auburn Community Players production of Seussical. Alliya is 9 years old and this is her 13th performance, 6 of which have been here at Auburn Ave Theater. Some of her favorite roles include being a Bird Girl in Seussical Jr, Laozi in Mulan Jr, Jetsam in Little Mermaid Jr, and Mike Teavee in Willy Wonka Jr. Alliya would like to thank her mom and dad for being a part of this musical with her and for always encouraging her talent as a performer.



Jenni Miller is very excited to be performing as a Who in Seussical with both her husband and daughter. Jenni has worked back stage and done costumes for several shows here including Little Mermaid Jr. and Willy Wonka Jr., but this is her first production being on stage with the Auburn Community Players. Some of the past productions she has been in include The Boyfriend, Music Man, Annie Get Your Gun, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum, and Damn Yankees. Jenni would like to thank the director, Megan Hicks, for giving her the opportunity to be a part of this great adventure and her family for sharing it with her.



Cast Bios

Noah Nieves Driver is excited to be playing as Vlad Vladikoff in his first performance of "Seussical The Musical." After playing as Tom Robinson in "To Kill A Mockingbird," Noah is looking forward to doing a fun and energetic show. Noah hopes to soon be on Broadway, and he wants to thank Megan Hicks for helping him on his journey, through "Seussical."



Carly Nirschl - this is Carly's debut performance with the Auburn Community Players. She has been enjoying working on and off stage in her school and ASTRA productions since she was 3 years old. Her favorite Musicals are "Legally Blonde" and "Now, Here, This." She cannot imagine her life without all the people and joys theatre has offered her.



Grace Nirschl thought it might be fun to audition for her first show 10 years ago. NEVER would she have imagined her experiences would have evolved into her performing here tonight. Young Frankenstein last fall was her first show in this theater. The time she has spent singing, dancing, painting sets, working on costumes with such kind and creative people has enriched her life immensely. She is truly grateful for all that is good in her life! Enjoy the show!



Sydney Payne - This is Sydney's first production with Auburn Community Players and she is thrilled to be a part of this wonderful cast. She has previously been seen in Tacoma Little Theatre's production of Miracle on 34th Street as an elf and Lakewood playhouse's Pride and Prejudice as Georgiana Darcy. She has also been seen in many of Peninsula High School's productions such as You Can't Take It With You where she played Alice. She would like to thank her friends and family for supporting her and Megan and Kathyanne for putting together this show.



Madison Watkins is excited to be part of Seussical for her first performance with the Auburn Community Players! Previous play credits include Annie in Annie, Young Cosette in Les Miserables, and Marta in The Sound of Music. Madison is a 7th grader at Harbor Ridge Middle School in Gig Harbor. She would like to thank her family and friends for all of their love and support, and Megan and Jim for this opportunity!



McKenna Webb is excited to be in her eleventh musical, Seussical the Musical, as a Jungle Animal, as well as Thing 1, at the Auburn Avenue! This is McKenna's third show with the Auburn Community Players, and she's thrilled to be working with her director, Megan Hicks, for the first time! She has ranged from roles such as Veruca Salt in Auburn Avenue's, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, to Marian the Librarian in Mt. Baker Middle School's production of, The Music Man Jr. She would like to thank her family and cast-mates for their ongoing support, and she hopes you have a spectacular time journeying into the colorful and creative world Seussical the Musical!



Julia Wyman is a just turned 13-year-old Lighthouse Christian School seventh grader from Gig Harbor who loves to sing, dance, and act. She was last seen as Annie in "Annie" at Tacoma Musical Playhouse and as Inspector Mildred In the murder mystery "Mayhem in Mayville" at her school. Big thanks to Megan and Kathyanne for this fun opportunity, and to family and friends for their endless support.



Cadets



Hannah Davis, Keira Glancy, Rory Goodrich, Allie Guest, Mason Marta, Luci Sain, Malia Tewey, and Kendyll Webb

Production Bios

Megan Heicks Director/ Choreographer: Megan has been a director and choreographer in the Puget Sound area for the past 6 years. With a special passion for tap dance, she loves teaching dance and inspiring others. Previous credits include Joseph...Dreamcoat as choreographer (ASTRA), and 42nd Street and Seven Brides as director/ choreographer (ASTRA). By day she is a junior high drama teacher and runs the after school drama program. Many thanks to her husband, Travis, and family for always supporting her theatre endeavors.



Kathyanne Baumgardner Musical Director: Kathyanne came from a musical family and has performed all of her life. After receiving her BA in Music Education, she moved to L.A. where she worked as the Assistant to the Talent Manager at RCA Records and with Hal Leonard Publishing as a studio vocalist. In 1983 she received a Grammy nomination for best vocal Jazz group. She is currently performing in local community theater productions. She has taught Voice lessons for over 23 years and is owner of Harbor Voice Studio. She is excited to be working with this talented cast of Seussical.



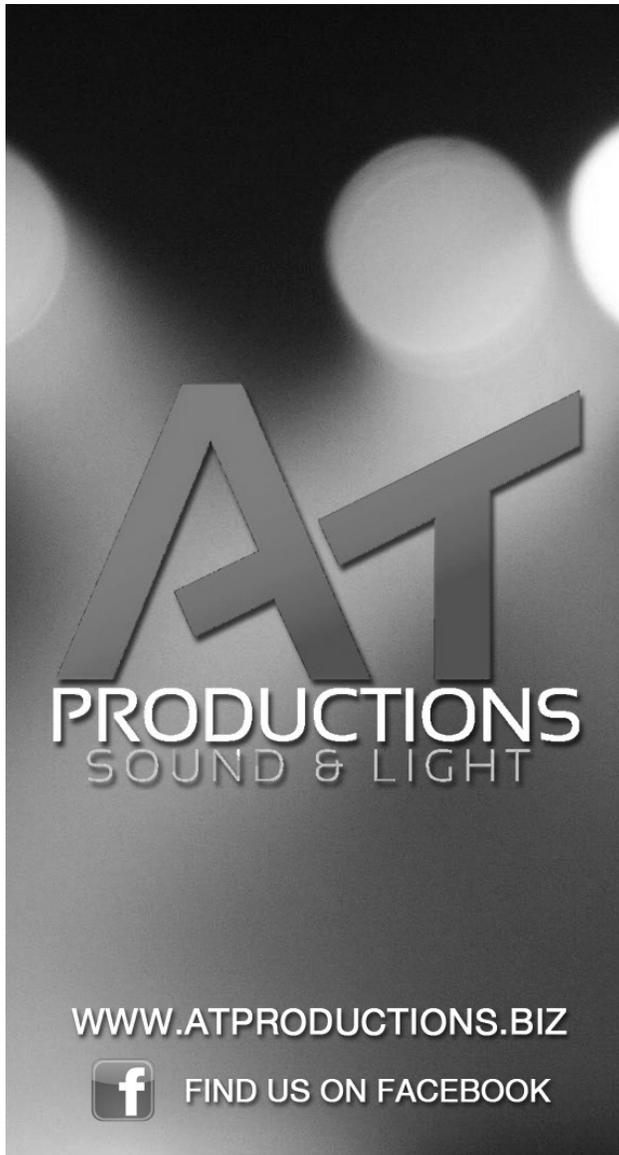
Nick R. Fitzgerald - Production Assistant/ Stage Manager: This is Nick's second show as a stage manager, and he is thrilled that he has been able to spend it with such a talented cast and crew. As a Theatre Graduate of Washington State University, GO COUGS!, Nick is no stranger to being on stage and has been broadening his theatrical horizons in the Auburn area for the past year. He would like to thank his family and friends and the Auburn Community Players for all their support. Enjoy the Show!



Jim Kleinbeck – Producer: Jim has been involved with the Auburn Ave Theater since 1993, acting, directing, producing, and anything else you can imagine. Along with Jim Westhusing, Dave and Stephanie Cox, they created the Auburn Community Players in 2010 and now are producing show number 8, with the hopes of many more. Jim is the Theater Operation Coordinator for the City of Auburn, WA. Jim is a performer himself and plays bass and sings with The Fabulous Murphtones. Jim would like to thank his wife for her understanding when it comes to tech week and runs for these shows. Sit back, relax, and enjoy the show.



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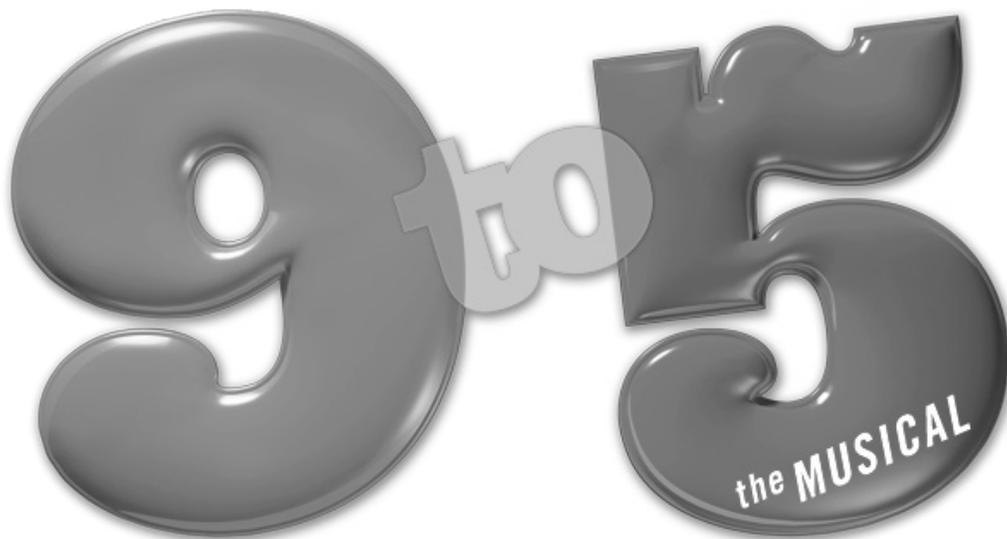
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