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LUX Performing Arts Jersey City, NJ



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PRESENTS



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

Director Andrés López-Alicea Music Director Dan Pardo Choreographer Meagan Woods

Stage Manager Rebecca Werner Set/Costume/Props Design Pat Christodulidis Production Manager Catriona Rubenis-Stevens

Producer/ Vocal Coach Molly Dunn Assistant Stage Manager Vienne Voysey

Assistant Stage Manager Isabelle Foti

Hair & Makeup Jerly Marquez

Seussical™ was originally produced on Broadway by SFX Theatrical Group, Barry & Fran Weissler and Universal Studios

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, Y	Young Kangaroo, Horton, Wickersham Brothers,
••••••	Bird Girls, JoJo, Cat, Gertrude, Mayzie
Here On Who	Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, JoJo, Whos, Horton
Meet JoJo The Who	
How To Raise A Child	
Oh, The Thinks You Can Think (Reprise)	
It's Possible (Part 1)	Cat, JoJo, Company
It's Possible (Part 2)	Cat, JoJo
Alone In The Universe	Horton, JoJo
The One Feather Tail Of Miss Gertrude McFuzz/ Amayzing Ma	yzie Gertrude, Mayzie, Bird Girls
Amayzing Gertrude (Part 1)	Gertrude, Cat
Amayzing Gertrude (Part 2)	Gertrude, Cat, Nurses, Bird Girls
Monkey Around/Chasing The Whos	Wickershams, Horton,
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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
Egg, Nest, And Tree	
•••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	Horton, Wickershams
Sold/Mayzie In Palm Beach	
Mayzie At The Circus	Mayzie, Horton
Amayzing Horton	Mayzie, Horton
Alone In The Universe (Reprise 1)	Horton
Solla Sollew	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Gertrude/Espionage (Part 2)	
All For You	
The Whos Return/The People Versus Horton The Elephant (Pa	crt 1) Company
The People Versus Horton The Elephant (Part 2)	
Yopp!	
Alone In The Universe (Reprise 2)	Horton, Gertrude, Cat, JoJo
Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! (Finale)	
Green Eggs And Ham (Finale Bows)	

Cast Members

JoJo	Emma Origenes
The Cat in the Hat	
Horton the Elephant	·
Mr. Mayor	Ivan Bulatkın
Mrs. Mayor	Rosie Willett
Gertrude McFuzz (2pm)	Elizabeth Larsen
Gertrude McFuzz (5:30pm)	Nadia Holohan
Mayzie La Bird	Kayla Lynn Rivera
Sour Kangaroo	Gianna Mainor
Young Kangaroo	
Cindy Lou Who	Nishka Arvindh
Hedy McDodd	Aubrianna-Rae White
Hildy McDodd	Nithya Joseph
Hooly McDodd	Maria Porcelli
Izzy Who	Haddy Jobarteh
Ozzy Who	Michael Caporale
The Wickersham Brothers	Gabriel Olano, Serena Percy
	Haley Roca, Eloheem (EJ) Gay
Bird Girls	Raquel Collazo, Aishwarya Joseph
	Marlyenni Suarez, Fia Seminowicz
Yertle the Turtle	Eloheem (EJ) Gay
Elephant Birds	Luna Krauskopf
	Nikolas Plesnarski

Creative Team

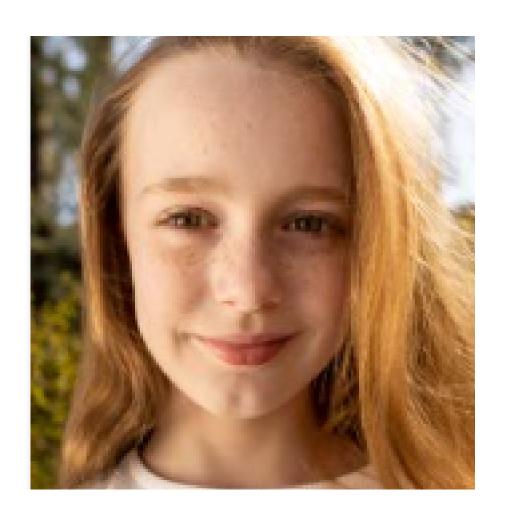
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Production Manager	Catriona Rubenis-Stevens
Lighting Design	Lance Michel



Emma Origenes

as JoJo

Emma Origenes is super excited to play Jojo in Lux Performing Art's production of Seussical JR. She is grateful for the cast and crew who have made this experience unforgettable! She would like to thank the entire team for providing a great environment to learn and grow. She would also like to thank her family, friends, and all of her teachers at LUX, Theater Steps, Blüthner School of Music, Hoboken Children's Theater, Kerri Smith Academy, Impress Ballroom, Cadencia Dancers, Shehnaaz Dance Academy, Nimbus School, and the Ailey School.



Sasha Blum

as The Cat in the Hat

Alexandra (Sasha) is in 6th grade. She loves singing, dancing, acting, knitting, playing with babies and dogs. Sasha dreams to be on Broadway one day.



Cy Rowan

as Horton the Elephant

Cy Rowan is thrilled to continue on stage at LUX Performing Arts. He's a 12 yo Hudson County homeschooler who is passionate about theater, tinkering, and ice hockey. He began performing with Nimbus Dance Works' The Nutcracker at the age of 3. Cy made his Off-Broadway debut as Santa's son in Greg Kotis' dark comedy, The Truth About Santa. He was excited to be part of the first full production at LUX in Matilda. Cy's also performed at Different Directions and Hoboken Children's Theater. The musicals at Different Directions are actor created, and include Into Oz, and The Mystery of the Missing Page. Other performances include: Gomez in The Addams Family, 101 Dalmations Kids, Willy Wonka Jr., A Year With Frog and Toad Kids, The Knight at Dawn Kids, The Aristocrats Kids, Journey of the Noble Gnarble, Seussical Kids, Space Pirates, Winnie the Pooh Kids, Aladdin Jr., Honk Jr., We Are Monsters.



Ivan Bulatkin

as Mr. Mayor

Ivan is almost 14 years old and has participated in a few musicals befor, including Aladdin, The Jungle Book, and Annie. In the short film Checkmate, he played a leading part and collected multiple awards at international film festivals. Ivan also plays Lacrosse and loves science.



Rosie Willett

as Mrs. Mayor

Rosie is so excited to rejoin the LUX team in her second production, having been a member of Matilda's cast in Summer 2021. She's a 5th grader at TECCS, loves to read, make jewelry, hang out with her friends, and of course, sing and dance!



Elizabeth Larsen

as Gertrude McFuzz

Elizabeth is ecstatic to be in this production of Seussical Jr. She has been a LUX student since she was 5 years old. She has also been dancing and playing the piano since she was 4. Lizzy is from Elizabeth, NJ and she's a 6th grader at Terence C. Reilly School. Her previous performances include Frog and Toad KIDS (Turtle), The People Garden (Bethany), Junie B. Jones Jr (Emily), Frozen Jr, Beauty and the Beast Jr, Seussical Kids, and various other showcases and revues. On her off days, she loves going on family pizza review road trips.



Nadia Holohan

as Gertrude McFuzz

Nadia Holahan has been singing and performing at LUX for 6 months. Outside of LUX, she has been in "High School Musical Junior" and "A Charlie Brown Christmas". Nadia has taken tap and ballet lessons for 9 years at Next Step Broadway and violin lessons at the studio of Mengwei Shen for 7 years. She loves to traveling and carrying for her plants, turtle and hamster.



Kayla Lynn Rivera

as Mayzie La Bird

Kayla Lynn is 13 years old and in the 7th grade. She has been dancing since she was 2 and singing since 9. She is playing the part of Mayzie La Bird and this her my first on stage speaking role. She has been with LUX for over 3 years and it's been awesome. She loves theater and hopes to always be a part of it. Her ultimate goal is to be a Drama Teacher when she grow up. This experience has been great and she hopes you all enjoy the show!!



Gianna Maynor

as Sour Kangaroo

Gianna is a caring and compassionate person who loves to sing. She has been a part of LUX for the past 6 years. She was also part of LUX's summer production of Spring Awakening and is very excited to perform in Seussical JR along side her little sister.



Raina Warrier

as Young Kangaroo

Raina is thrilled to make her musical theater debut in "Seussical." She has loved music and dance since she was a baby and is looking forward to many more shows! When she is not singing and dancing, she is a third grader at PS16 who loves to ski!



Nishka Arvindh

as Cindy Lou Who

Nishka Arvindh is a third grader at Jersey City Global Charter School. She made her stage debut in LUX's summer musical - Matilda as Lavender. She loves music, comedy, art and is very excited to be a part of Seussical!



Aubrianna-Rae White

as Hedy McDodd

Aubrey is a spunky 7 year old who loves to sing and dance. She has been a part of LUX for about 2 years and she loves it. She is super excited to be in Seussical Jr. along side her big sister.



Nithya Joseph

as Hildy McDodd

Nithya enjoys music and playing the piano. She is also a member of LUX Performing Art's Junior Company.



Maria Porcelli

as Hooly McDodd

Maria is excited to perform at LUX! She is a 10 year old 5th grader at PS5. She has performed in recitals at LUX and is taking vocal lessons and songwriting classes. She is currently in rehearsals for The Jungle Book at her school. She's attended musical arts camps and aspires to be a singer, songwriter, and actress both in movies/shows and on Broadway. She loves animals, fashion, reading, writing, singing, songwriting - she writes daily! She hopes that one day, she'll become famous and be able to show off her talents beyond the stage she'll be performing on today.



Haddy Jobarteh

as Izzy Who

Haddy is very excited to be making her musical theatre debut with LUX. She is a 9-year-old student at The Ethical Community Charter School. When she is not singing, making art, or spending time with her hamster (and other family members), she likes to skateboard and play ice hockey.



Michael Caporale

as Ozzy Who

Michael loves to read, sing, act, and do arts and crafts. Along with his twin brother, Matthew, he also enjoys parkour, ice hockey, and playing in the park with good friends. Michael is always happy to be spoiled by his parents, grandparents, and big sister, and he loves to spoil Milo, the family cat.



Gabriel Olano

as Wickersham Brother

Gabriel thoroughly enjoyed monkeying around as a Wickersham brother. He previously gave life to Eric in Matilda last summer. A fourth-grader at OLC, he would mostly be seen at the field playing soccer or at LUX, jamming with his friends in the Junior Company. When he is not otherwise occupied with learning animation, he can be found by his piano working on personal compositions and learning advanced music theory in pursuit of his dream to be the next Lin Manuel Miranda. A few vocal/piano pieces can be viewed on his YouTube channel, King of Dunes. http://tiny.cc/h8t9uz



Serena Percy

as Wickersham Brother

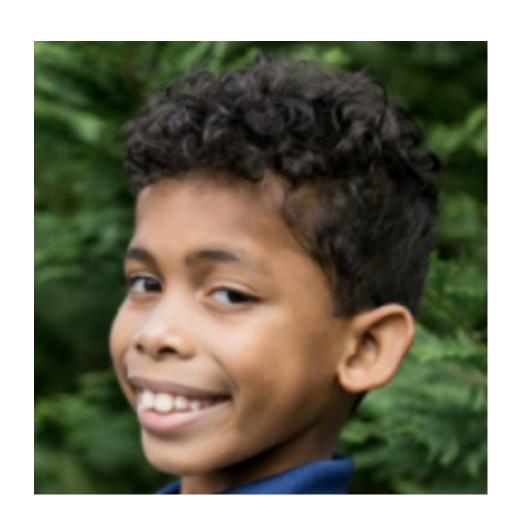
Serena Grace Percy is 8 years old, and Seussical is her acting debut. When she is not singing or playing piano, Serena enjoys sketching characters and turning them into original videos. She loves being in nature and spending time with her 4 cats, dog, and fish. Her Broadway inspiration has come from Lin-Manuel Miranda and the cast of "Hamilton".



Haley Roca

as Wickersham Brother

Haley is excited to be making her musical theater debut in Seussical Jr. She started taking voice lessons with LUX in 2021, and is a member of LUX Junior Company. Haley is 10 years old, and a 5th grader at PS#16. She's an honor student who enjoys piano class at PS-16, swim classes at British Swim School, and equestrian classes at Seaton Hackney Stables. After her 5th grade graduation in June, she looks forward to middle school in the Fall. Apart from her studies and extracurricular activities, Haley relaxes at home with her Mom & Dad, and 2-year old minipoodle named, Furby. She enjoys reading, baking cookies, meeting-up with friends, playing board games, movie night, and taking road trips.



Eloheem (EJ) Gay

as Wickersham Brother/ Yertle the Turtle

EJ is 9 years young in 4th grade & loves Art. He enjoys telling stories & creating new characters he can act out. EJ has performed for Nimbus Dance company in The Jersey City Nutcracker. He looks forward to developing a career in performance arts. His BFF is Matheus.



Raquel Collazo

as Bird Girl

Raquel Collazo is thrilled to be performing for the first time in a LUX production. Raquel is 13 years old, in the 7th grade and got her start in acting from a young age. She would make videos with her brother and she has loved acting and dancing ever since. She has been in several school productions and she has a true passion for the arts.



Aishwarya Joseph

as Bird Girl

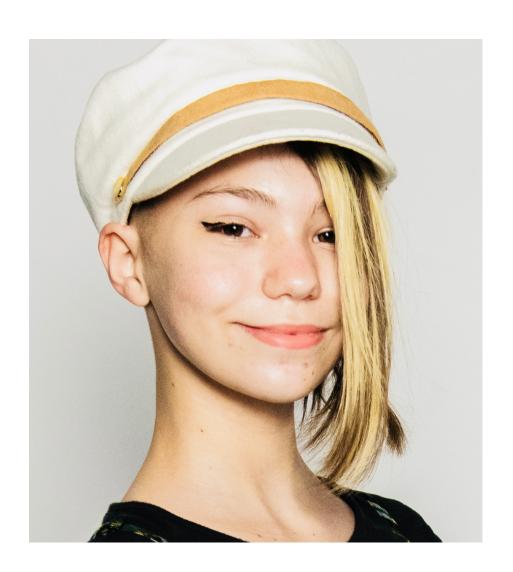
Ria enjoys music and reading. She is also a member of LUX Performing Art's Stars Company.



Marlyenni Suarez

as Bird Girl

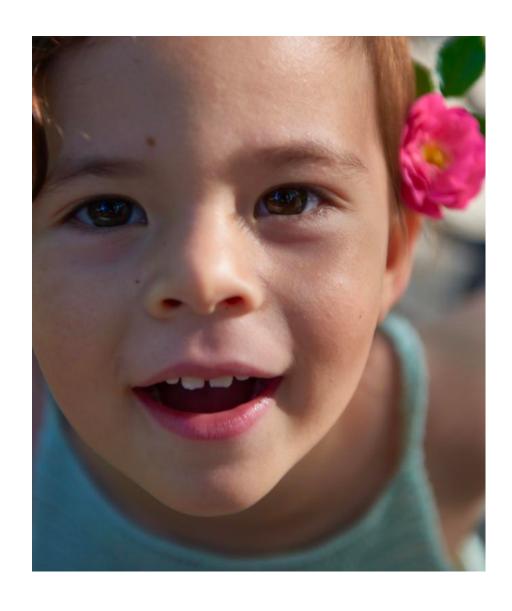
Enni has really enjoyed dancing and singing since she was a little girl. Taking classes at LUX Performing Arts has been an amazing opportunity for her. Seussical is her second musical and she looks forward to being in more in the future!



Fia Seminowicz

as Bird Girl

Fia is making her musical production debut as 'Bird Girl' in Seussical! A Jersey City native and 6th grader at Explore Middle School, her affection for the performing arts began at the age of 2, where she studied ballet, tap and jazz/lyrical for 8 years. Now an aspiring writer/singer-songwriter, she can often be found at her piano busily composing her next song, or writing poetry, stories and plays. Fia is EVER grateful for the unwavering support of her family, friends and teachers, and would like to extend a huge thanks to the entire Seussical Production Team for this opportunity to SHINE with her cast mates!



Luna Krauskopf

as Elephant Bird

Luna Krauskopf will be playing Elephant Bird. She is 3 years old, and is passionate about dancing and ice cream.



Nikolas Plesnarski

as Elephant Bird

Nikolas Plesnarski is thrilled to be making his theatrical debut in Seussical at LUX. In his spare time he likes to perfect his scooter skills at Enos Jones skate park, his screaming skills in Hamilton Park and his dancing skills in his kitchen. He would like to thank his mom and dad, his agent, and Spider-Man.



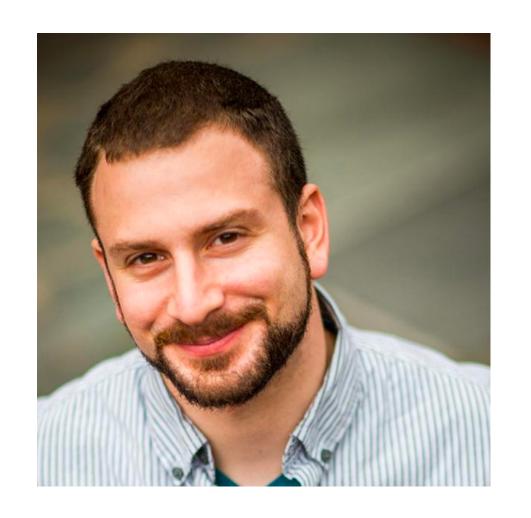
Andrés López-Alicea

Director

Andrés López-Alicea is Puerto Rican director, actor, and teaching artist based in New York. MFA Directing from The New School. BA degree in both Architecture and Drama. His work as an artist has been seen in Puerto Rico, Dominican Republic, Williamstown Theatre Festival, St Peter's University NJ and Oregon Shakespeare Festival. In New York at The Tank, NYU Tisch Musical Theatre, LATEA Theater, Story Pirates, The New School for Drama, MCC Theatre, Playwrights Realm, Ensemble Studio Theatre, The Cherry Lane Theater and many more. In July 2019 he was awarded with the 2019/2020 Clubbed Thumb Theater Directing Fellowship in New York. He was recently selected to be a part of the Roundabout Directors Group 2021-2022. Currently he is a teaching artist at Rybin Talent & Studio of Drama in Manhattan.

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Dan Pardo

Music Director

Dan Pardo is a music director, pianist, and educator. He made his Broadway debut with Amazing Grace at the Nederlander, and worked on several off-Broadway projects. Regional favorites include Company at the Barrington Stage, How to Succeed at The 5th Avenue Theatre, Fun Home at the Weston Playhouse, and Alice at Yale School of Drama. Dan has also spent three seasons at Goodspeed Musicals. In 2019, Dan music-directed John Mulaney and the Sack Lunch Bunch, for Netflix. Dan teaches for Harlem School of the Arts, and can be seen regularly in Manhattan's top piano bars and cabaret venues.



Molly Dunn

Producer/Vocal Coach

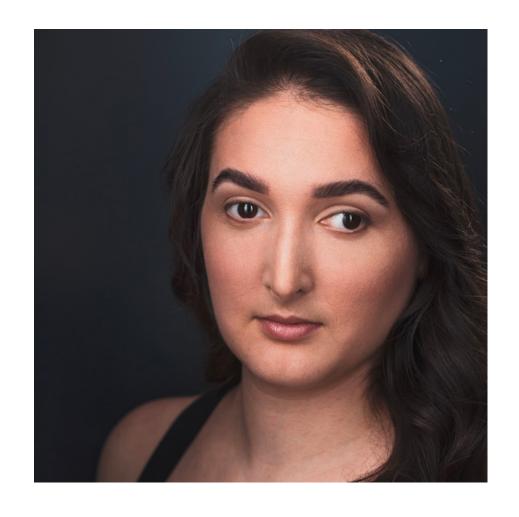
Molly Dunn is the Founder and Artistic Director of LUX Performing Arts. She is excited to add Producer to her list of artistic endeavors! She has been teaching for over a decade and created LUX Performing Arts to give young performers a theatre home and safe space to be 100% themselves. Alongside with teaching young artists, Molly is an international opera singer. She stars as Mimì in La Bohéme with Light Opera of New Jersey opening on March 19th. In April, Molly heads to Barcelona to debut Violetta in La Traviata at the Palau de la Música. To keep up to date with Molly's singing adventures: @mollysdunn molly-dunn.com



Meagan Woods

Choreographer

Meagan Woods is an interdisciplinary artist who works in dance, theatre, and costume designer. She holds an MFA from Simon Fraser, a BFA from Rutgers, and is the recipient of a Dance NJ Jete Award and a Golden Door Film Festival Award. Meagan is passionate about using performance and storytelling to share ideas about what this planet needs and how we can collectively contribute to its welfare. Her recent TEDx talk about "backstitching" uses sewing as a metaphor to explore reversal techniques that offer sustainable and generative practices we might apply towards critical social and environmental issues. meaganwoods.com



Rebecca Werner Production Stage Manager

Rebecca is a production freelancer, teaching artist & performer from NYC. She is excited to return to team LUX for Seussical Jr. after PSMing Matilda & Spring Awakening. Rebecca is currently an audio stagehand for Off Broadway & National Tours. She is a teaching artist with nonprofit Zara Aina in the U.S. and Madagascar. She has also performed in Florence, Italy. Congrats to the cast & crew on this magical show! Special thanks to Dad for the audio love & support. Upcoming Productions: Dance Nation & Exit Strategy (Atlantic Theater Company/NYU), The Whole Megillah (Workshop). www.rebeccawerner.com



Vienne Voysey

Assistant Stage Manager

Vienne loves being a part of Lux and assisting with production! Thank you to the cast and crew for such an amazing show!



Isabelle Foti

Assistant Stage Manager

Isabelle is currently a college student studying Popular Music, including Digital Music Creation, and Political Science at William Paterson University. This is Isabelle's first time working with LUX and as a member of the creative team after previously playing bass guitar in the pit orchestra for high school theater productions. Thank you to LUX for this incredible opportunity and congratulations to the cast and creative team for putting on an amazing production!



Pat Christodulidis Set/Costume/Prop Design

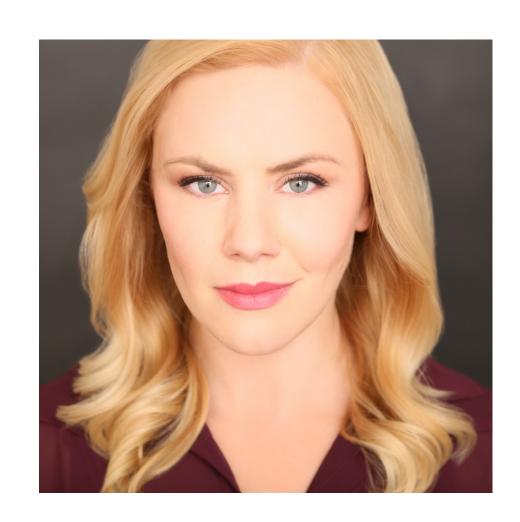
Pat is a theater, film, music videos and television Production Designer. She was born and raised in Geneva, Switzerland. She spent most of her career in event organization and production, advertising, and public relations. But she realized that her real passion lies, and always has, in the pure creation and "coming to life" of all aesthetic elements of artistic productions. She strongly believes that every detail in costumes, hair and make-up, props and set or stage, is what completes the actor's state of mind and that it all must fit like a puzzle to create this magical moment when a script comes to life seamlessly and effortlessly. Her credits include TV pilot, several award wining shorts and music videos, off Broadway Theater, immersive Theater and plenty Musical Theater. She is honored to be part of the crew of this "Seussical" production and given the chance to witness young and flourishing actors developing on stage.



Jerly Marquez

Hair & Makeup Design

Jerly is the founder of Hair is Happiness. A kid's salon located in Downtown Jersey City. Prior opening the salon, she spent 15 years in advertising working with some of the world's largest media agencies and brands. While hairdressing was not in her career plans, becoming an entrepreneur was, and it was during a search for a kid's salon for her daughter Lucia that Jerly found her passion. Today, Jerly spends her days reinventing and bringing children's hair services to a new world of happiness. Jerly is from Venezuela and enjoys dancing, tidying up, and spending time with her family.



Catriona Rubenis-Stevens

Production Manager

Catriona Rubenis-Stevens is an Academy Award Nominated filmmaker, director and producer. She recently directed several award-winning short films for the Easterseals Disability Film Challenge, that have screened across America including Slamdance, Hollyshorts Film Festival and Heartland. Her film e.ro.sion, noun screened at over 20 festivals worldwide, including The Sci-Fi London Film Festival, SoHo International Film Festival and the Fargo Fantastic Film Festival and went on to receive numerous accolades including Best Director, Best Film and Best Screenplay. Other directing credits include over a dozen short films, music videos for Broadway Cares and On The Quays, the web series Speak American, multiple episodes of the educational video series Maestro's Magical Music Box and Brainpop X. She was commissioned by Speak.a Technology in Hangzhou China to write, direct and produce over 50 videos for an English language learning app. Catriona is also an established children's theater director in New York and New Jersey. She is a graduate of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts conservatory program and was also invited to be a member of their prestigious Company Year. She holds a BA in Music and Film from New Jersey City University.

Note from the Director

Seussical: the kind of world I'm sure we've all created in our minds at some point, perhaps with a different name. Let's be honest, we've all had those days where we live in our imaginations, where we wished we were someone else, where we lived in a different world, where we met the strangest and coolest people in the world, even if they were imaginary friends. I invite all of you to enjoy this amazing story and let your imaginations fly. We all have wings and we all can fly, it's just up to us to believe it. Enjoy the show!

Andrés López-Alicea Director, *Seussical JR*

Note from the Producer

The history of LUX Performing Arts began nine years ago, when I started a voice studio called Singing with Molly. Over the following years, Singing with Molly grew from a few students into a studio too big for one teacher. In 2019 I brought on teaching artists and expanded our course offerings to include acting, film, songwriting, and more. The studio's new name, LUX, *light* in Latin, was chosen to reflect my passion for illuminating young talent. We have faced some unique growing pains, as the pandemic hit just after we had the grand opening of our first brick and mortar location. We moved the school online, and now have found a new home with Jersey City Theatre Center and Impress Ballroom on Newark Ave. In short, we've been growing, adapting, and changing... a LOT!

This school would be nothing without our amazing students and families. I want to thank every parent volunteer who have worked endlessly to help bring Seussical to life. I want to thank the entire artistic team of Seussical for constantly going above and beyond. Thank you Jersey City Theatre Center for hosting our performance.

"If you open your mind, oh the thinks you will find, lining up to get loose!"

Enjoy the show,

Molly Dunn

Founder and Artistic Director of LUX Performing Arts



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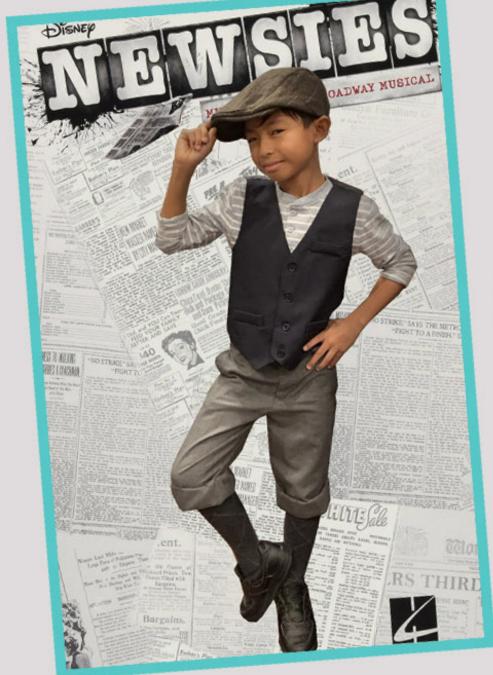


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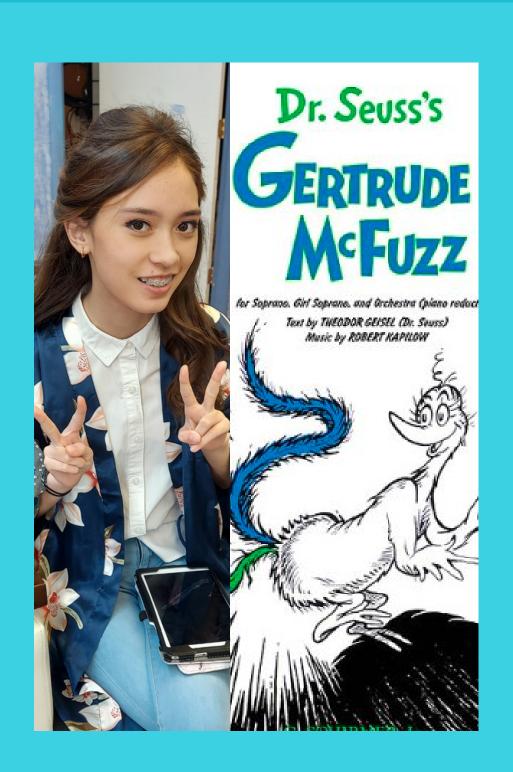
We're so proud of our Lizzy.

Go shake that one feathered tail!

Love,
Mommy,
Daddy,
David &
Hana



Keep shining, Lizzy!
We're so proud of you.
Love, Lola & Lolo



Dear Lizzy,

To an amazing and talented young lady of whom we are very proud to have as our granddaughter!

Wishing you the best of luck as you grace the stage!

All our love, Grandma and Grandpa Larsen ❤





Dear Raina,

Congratulations on your musical theater debut! We are so proud of you!

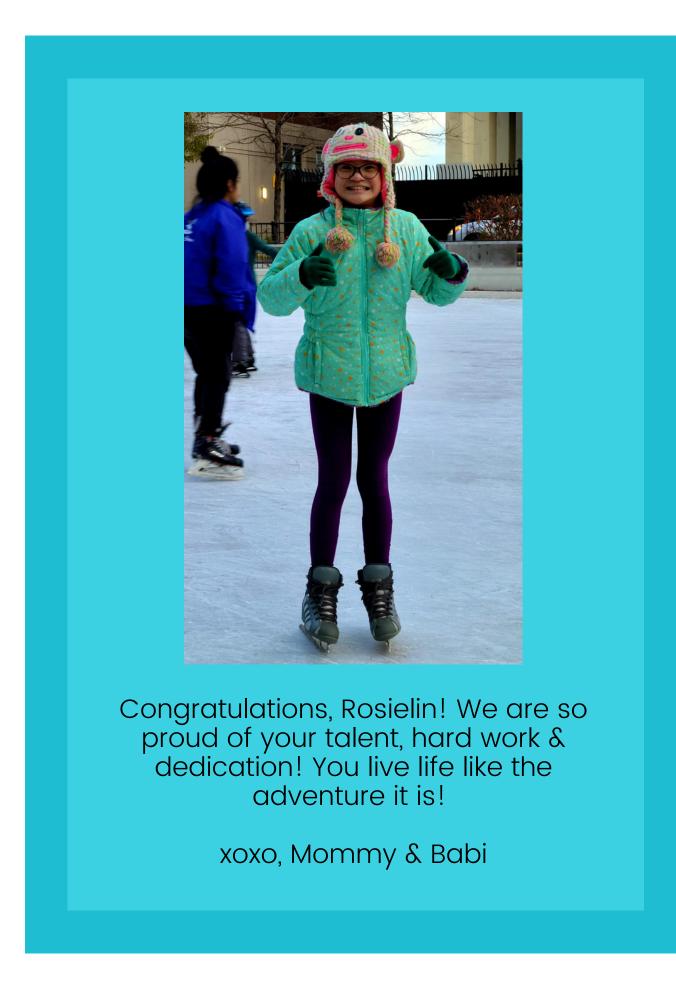
Love, Mom, Dad, Arjun, Keri, and All your Grandparents!

Bravo Haley!

Congratulations on your musical stage debut and wonderful performance! We are extremely proud of you. God Bless You.

Love, Mami & Papi





Hi Lizzy, or shall we say "Gertrude McFuzz,"

Go Get'em Girl!

Love, Elle, Uncle Erik & Aunt Daria



On behalf of Orthodontic Specialist P.C, we wish Elizabeth the best of luck!

Brake a leg, but not a brace!!!

-Dr. Donato and Team



Gianna and Aubrey,

We are so proud of both of you. We Love you so much. Keep shooting for the stars.

Nanny & Mommy



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