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Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens

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Based on the works of Dr. Seuss

DIRECTED BY JENNIFER YORK

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Director's Note

This show, as many know, holds a special place in my heart. Over a decade ago, my daughter played the role of the young kangaroo and I was asked to work backstage. It was the first official main stage production I was a part of and it was the first show I officially worked on with one of my theatre mentors, the late Marcus Walker. It was pure magic! Most theatre folks will know what I mean when I say it was "that show" for me. The one where the cast gels and you make life long friendships. Where every mention of it brings a smile to our face, over a decade later. I had reignited a lost love of theatre for me and like the Grinch, I'm sure my heart grew three sizes while working on it.

To say that I was thrilled to be offered the opportunity to direct *Seussical* as this season's holiday show would be an understatement. This show, with this amazing talented cast and crew, has been a dream come true. I do not have the words to express what it means to me to have had them, and now you, along on this journey. Sometimes, it's important to look back as we move forward. This project has allowed me to do just that and I am forever grateful.

Now you're asking, "What's so special about *Seussical*?" First, it's a mash-up of almost 20 of Dr Seuss' most loved stories. You really can't go wrong when you start there and *Seussical* does what any good musical does- it entertains! Most importantly however, hidden among all the clever rhymes and colorful characters, it accomplishes what all great theatre should- it makes us think! Great theatre can transport us to different worlds, worlds where magic is possible, and what a world Dr. Seuss has created! Deceptively simple, with fun rhymes and made up words, these stories, that we have loved since childhood, bring messages of tolerance, loyalty and friendship. In a world where people are often exposed to horrible realities, songs like "Alone in the Universe" and "Notice Me Horton" remind us to love the unseen. The lyrics of "Oh The Things You Can Think" remind us that it often takes big new ideas to change the world. "How Lucky You Are" puts personal challenges into perspective when compared to what's happening in the world around us.

Sit back, relax and allow your imagination to take you somewhere new. Let the world of Seuss wash away the stress of your busy lives.

Thank you for supporting local theatre. Thank you for spending this time with us and thank you for being you. As Dr. Seuss said, there is no one who is you-er than you.

See you in Solla Sollew....

Jen York

Artistic Staff

DirectorJennifer York
Musical Director..... Terry O'Hara
Choreographer..... Eric Clausell
Assistant Choreographer..... Melanie Gladstone
Stage Manager..... Dana Galagan
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Staff Biographies

Jennifer York (Director)

Jen is beyond thrilled to bring *Seussical* to life on the TLT stage. She has been a part of the local theatre community for over 14 years, serving as director, scenic artist, actor, stage manager, prop master, and youth educator for many of the area's theatres. Her most recent directorial credits include: *The Underpants* and *A Christmas Story* at Tacoma Little Theatre and *It's A Wonderful Life* and *Narnia* at the Lakewood Playhouse. Working on *Seussical* with this talented production team and amazing cast has been an unbelievable experience. She would like to offer love and thanks to her family and friends for their unwavering support of all of her theatrical endeavors—both well planned and hare-brained. -xoxo

Terry O'Hara (Musical Director)

Terry is a freelance pianist, musician, musical director who has now worked on several shows with TLT (*Spelling Bee*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Scrooge*, *Smokey Joe's Cafe*). His work has also been seen at Tacoma Musical Playhouse (*Shout*), Lakewood Playhouse (*A Funny Thing Happened...*), and countless others.

Eric Clausell (Choreographer)

Eric is thrilled to bring Dr. Seuss to life as choreographer of *Seussical*. This is Eric's 2nd choreographic work for Tacoma Little Theatre. His previous show was *Smokey Joe's Cafe*. Originally from New York City, Eric has performed all over the United States and abroad in musicals. He moved to the PNW in 2012 and has thoroughly enjoyed the rich performing arts scene and new-found theatre family. Enjoy this wonderfully talented cast of *Seussical*!

Dana Galagan (Stage Manager)

Dana was last seen on the TLT stage in *Blithe Spirit*. Now she has the pleasure of again working behind the scenes alongside director Jen York. It's been a delight to be part of *Seussical* and enjoy the company of an amazingly talented cast and crew. As always, thanks to Dan G for leaving the porch light on.

Alyshia Collins (Assistant Stage Manager)

Alyshia has been a constant technician at Tacoma Little Theatre for several years. Her most recent position was the Assistant Stage Manager for *Gypsy*. She has also worked extensively with the After School @ TLT program, and Summer Camp @ TLT.

Blake R. York (Technical Director/Set Designer/Master Carpenter)

Blake has been involved with theatre in the area for the past 14 years. Blake serves as TLT's Technical Director, Set Designer, and Graphic Designer for the season posters. Favorite designs in the area include: *Sleuth*, *Sylvia*, *Scrooge! The Musical*, *A Christmas Story*, *Rabbit Hole*, *Cabaret* (TLT), *Oliver!*, *A Funny Thing...*, *The Lion in Winter* (Lakewood Playhouse), *Seussical*, *Pippi Longstocking* (TMP), and *The Tempest* (Olympia Little Theatre). He would like to thank his wife Jen, his parents, and his friends for everything they have done and continue to do for him.

Staff Biographies

Niclas Olson (Resident Lighting Designer)

Niclas is is an actor, director, playwright, and designer based in Tacoma. His designs for Tacoma Little Theatre include *Someone Who'll Watch Over Me*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Cabaret*, *Dracula*, and *Of Mice and Men*. His work can be seen regularly at Lakewood Playhouse (*The Woman in Black*, *Oliver!*, *Pride and Prejudice*), Dukesbay Productions (*Tea*, *Night of the Iguana*), and New Muses Theatre Company (*Into the Woods*, *Frankenstein*, *Doctor Faustus*). Niclas is the managing artistic director of New Muses Theatre Company and line producer for Open Space for Arts and Community. www.niclasolson.com

Michele Graves (Resident Costume Designer)

Michele has been the Resident Costume Designer for the past four seasons. The quality and variety of the shows, casts, and crews make it a pleasure to be a part of this community theater. Whether doing a period production or a contemporary piece, she enjoys costuming the many actors and getting to know the characters they portray. Each season brings opportunities to create "just the right costume".

Jeffery Weaver (Resident Properties Manager)

Jeffery is thrilled to start his fourth year as resident properties master/hair consultant extraordinaire. He enjoys working with the amazing and collaborative staff here at Tacoma Little Theatre. A well-dressed set and believable props not only bring the audience along for the ride, they also transport the actors into their environment. Love to all who continue to support his hard work and allow him to give to the community. Bruce, Jen, Claire and the rest of my family I send my love. *"In life we are all born Naked and the rest is Drag"* -RuPaul

Ana Bury (Resident Scenic Artist)

Ana is thrilled to be back at Tacoma Little Theatre to paint for this production! Previously, she has painted for *The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance*, *Gypsy*, *A Christmas Story*, and *Rabbit Hole* at TLT, as well as a multitude of shows at the Lakewood Playhouse over the last four years. She would like to thank all of the volunteers who gave so much of their time to help get this show ready. This show wouldn't be what it is without their hard work and selflessness. Please enjoy the product of our sleepless nights!



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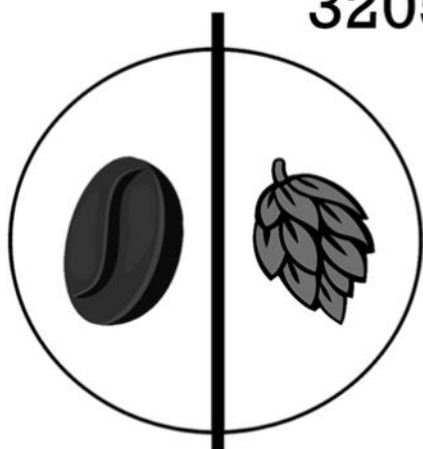
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 <p>THE JUNGLE BOOK</p>	After School @ TLT Grades 1-9	<u>February 5-March 17, 2018</u> Rehearsals: Mondays & Wednesdays 4:00-6:00pm Performance: Saturday, March 17, 2018 2:00pm	All your favorite characters from the classic story come to life as Mowgli learns what life is really like.	\$190
 <p>Snow White and Reality Royalty</p>	After School @ TLT Grades 1-9	<u>February 6-March 17, 2018</u> Rehearsals: Tuesdays & Thursdays 4:00-6:00pm Performance: Saturday, March 17, 2018 4:00pm	The Queen holds a reality TV competition to get her beautiful step-daughter, Snow White, voted into the forest!	\$190
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The Tacoma Little Theatre Board of Directors is delighted to have you in our audience, and we hope that you are enriched by this live theatre experience. Our Board has several goals for the upcoming year; please let us know if you want to be a part of achieving them!

- Provide greater access, on stage and off, to our community. While we have been known to cast broadly, we've taken it a step further, and our casting notices specify that auditions are open to all racial and ethnic backgrounds unless otherwise specified. We encourage auditions from people of all backgrounds.
- Provide clearer opportunities for volunteerism. We've always relied on our wonderful volunteers for ushering, and ticket taking, and event planning along with other work. We are now strengthening our Board committees and looking for people who are interested in volunteering with us on event planning, fundraising, facilities, and governance. If you have any interest in serving with any of those committees, please let Chris Surface (chris@tacomalittletheatre.com) know.
- Prepare for our upcoming 100th anniversary and begin planning for continued upgrades to our facility.

Tacoma Little Theatre is fortunate to have strong leadership in Chris Surface, and we look forward to continued success with his leadership and our connection to you and the rest of our community.

Enjoy the show!

The Tacoma Little Theatre Board of Directors

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Musical Numbers

ACT ONE (50 minutes)

<i>Ob The Thinks You Can Think</i>	The Cat in the Hat & Company
<i>Horton Hears A Who</i>	Bird Girls, Horton, Jungle Creatures
<i>Biggest Blame Fool</i>	Sour Kangaroo, Young Kangaroo, Horton, Wickersham Brothers, Bird Girls, Gertrude, Mayzie, Jungle Creatures
<i>Here On Who</i>	Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Grinch, Whos, Horton
<i>Ob The Things You Can Think (reprise)</i>	The Cat, Jojo
<i>It's Possible (McElligot's Pool)</i>	Jojo, The Cat, Fish
<i>How To Raise A Child</i>	Mr. Mayor & Mrs. Mayor
<i>The Military</i>	General Schmitz, Cadets, The Cat
<i>Alone In The Universe</i>	Horton & Jojo
<i>The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz</i>	Gertrude
<i>Amazing Mayzie</i>	Mayzie, Gertrude, Bird Girls
<i>Amazing Gertrude</i>	Gertrude, The Cat, Bird Girls
<i>Monkey Around</i>	Wickersham Brothers
<i>Chasing The Whos</i>	Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickersham Brothers The Cat, Horton, Whos, Jungle Creatures
<i>How Lucky You Are</i>	The Cat
<i>Notice Me, Horton</i>	Gertrude & Horton
<i>How Lucky You Are (reprise)</i>	Mayzie & The Cat
<i>Finale Act I</i>	Horton, Gertrude, The Cat, Jojo Whos, Bird Girls, Ensemble

—15 MINUTE INTERMISSION—

ACT TWO (45 minutes)

<i>Entr'acte</i>	Orchestra
<i>Egg, Nest & Tree</i>	Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickersham Brothers, Ensemble
<i>The Circus McGurkus</i>	The Cat, Circus Members
<i>The Circus On Tour</i>	Horton, The Cat, Circus Members
<i>Mayzie In Palm Beach</i>	Mayzie, The Cat
<i>Amazing Horton</i>	Mayzie, Horton
<i>Alone In The Universe</i>	Horton
<i>Solla Sollew</i>	Horton, Circus Members, Jojo, Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor
<i>The Who's Christmas Pageant</i>	Grinch, Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Whos
<i>A Message From The Front/Solla Sollew (reprise)</i>	Cadets, Schmitz Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor
<i>Havin' A Hunch</i>	The Cat, Hunches, Jojo
<i>All For You</i>	Gertrude, Bird Girls, Horton
<i>The People Versus Horton The Elephant</i>	The Cat, Yertle, Horton Sour Kangaroo, Bird Girls, Wickersham Brothers Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Jojo, Ensemble
<i>Finale/Ob The Thinks You Can Think!</i>	Company

Cast of Characters

<i>The Cat in the Hat</i>	Christopher Sweet
<i>Jojo</i>	Alexandria Bray
<i>Horton the Elephant</i>	Steve Barnett
<i>Gertrude McFuzz</i>	Brittany Griffins
<i>Mayzie LaBird</i>	Samantha Lobberegt
<i>Sour Kangaroo</i>	Courtney Eggert
<i>Young Kangaroo/Lorax/Fish/Vlad</i> (Dec 1, 3, 9, 14, 16, 20, 22, 23 7:30pm).....	Caleb Corpeno
<i>Young Kangaroo/Lorax/Fish/Vlad</i> (Dec 2, 8, 10, 15, 17, 21, 23 2:00pm, 24).....	Evie Merrill
<i>Wickersham Brother/Hunter/Hunch/Circus/Yertle the Turtle</i>	James Wrede
<i>Wickersham Brother/Fish/Cadet/Hunter/Hunch/Circus</i>	Charlie Stevens
<i>Wickersham Brother/Fish/Cadet/Hunter/Hunch/Circus</i>	Liam Loughridge
<i>Green Bird Girl</i>	Caiti Burke
<i>Purple Bird Girl</i>	Maddie Fry
<i>Pink Bird Girl</i>	Emma Konop
<i>Blue Bird Girl</i>	Jayda Slack
<i>Mr. Mayor</i>	Micheal O'Hara
<i>Mrs. Mayor</i>	Sharry O'Hare
<i>General Gengus Khan Schmitz/The Grinch</i>	Andrew Fry
<i>Who/Fish/Hunch/Circus</i>	Kathy Kluska
<i>Who/Cadet</i>	Gunnar Ray
<i>Who/Fish/Cadet</i>	Thalia Wood
<i>Jungle Creature/Who/Fish/Cadet</i>	Megan Ross
<i>Who/Fish/Circus/Hunch</i>	Olivia Zamira
<i>Jungle Creature/Who/Fish/Hunch/Circus</i>	Caje Johnson
<i>Elephant Bird</i> (matinee performances only).....	Hazel Barnett

Cast Biographies



Hazel Barnett (Elephant Bird*) *matinee performances only

Hazel is excited to appear in her first theatrical production with her daddy! Hazel wants to wish you all happy holidays and to enjoy the show. She would like to thank her mommy, Lexi, for bringing her to the shows. Enjoy!



Steve Barnett (Horton the Elephant)

Steve is thrilled to be appearing in his second show at TLT (*Bye Bye Birdie* being his first) and thrilled to be playing Horton the Elephant for the third time! During the day, Steve is a choir and drama teacher at Franklin Pierce High School where he loves to share his love for the arts with his students. He would like to thank his amazing wife Lexi and his beautiful elephant bird Hazel for allowing him to do this show!



Alexandria Bray (Jojo)

Alexandria Bray is 12 years old and in the 6th grade at St. Charles Borromeo. Alexandria is thrilled to be back on the TLT stage, where she played Baby June in the 2017 production of *Gypsy*. Some other shows she has been in include: *Evita*, *Oliver*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. When she isn't performing, Alexandria enjoys skiing, basketball, and spending time with family.



Caiti Burke (Green Bird Girl)

Caiti is excited to return to the TLT stage in *Seussical*. Caiti made her debut in the Puget Sound at TLT this spring as Electra in *Gypsy*. Some of her other notable roles include Ado Annie (*Oklahoma*, Elgin Opera House), Lucy (*Jekyll & Hyde*, EOU), Martha (*The Secret Garden*, EOU). She would like to thank Cody for his undying support and love. Enjoy the show!



Caleb Corpeno (Young Kangaroo/Lorax/Fish/Vlad)

Caleb is 8 years old and in 2nd grade. Recently, he played a newsboy in TLT's *Gypsy*. Caleb has been in 6 shows at TLT playing Hansel (*Hansel and Gretel*) and Viktor Frankenstein (*Frankenstein's Last Chance*). He loves doing magic. Caleb would like to thank his mom and dad for driving him to rehearsals...and staying up late a lot. Caleb hopes that you enjoy *Seussical*!

Cast Biographies



Courtney Eggert (Sour Kangaroo)

This is Courtney's first show at TLT. She studied musical theater at Marin School of the Arts in California, and vocal performance at WSU. She has performed in numerous musical groups and various local theater companies throughout Washington and northern California. Previous musical roles include Cindy Lou, *The Marvelous Wonderettes* and *Winter Wonderettes*; Narrator, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.



Andrew Fry (General Gengus Khan Schmitz/The Grinch)

Andrew has performed in over 40 productions in the area and is thrilled to be performing once again at TLT where he was last seen as Cohen in Steve Martin's *The Underpants*. Favorite roles: The Old Man (*A Christmas Story*), Henry Bingham (*The Fox on the Fairway*), Mushnik (*Little Shop of Horrors*), Georges (*La Cage Aux Folles*), and Caldwell B. Cladwell (*Urinetown*). He also appears on TV Tacoma's Business Matters and teaches at UWT. Thanks to his family for sharing his love of theater, love you Julie, Savannah, Delaney, Madeline and Beau.



Maddie Fry (Purple Bird Girl)

Maddie Fry is currently a senior at Stadium High School and is thrilled to be back on the Tacoma Little Theatre stage. She has been on the stage dancing and singing since age 3 and has most recently been seen as Amber in *Hairspray* and a Silly Girl in *Beauty and the Beast*. Occasionally she also acts as a psychic's intern named Izzy at Adventures By Appointment in Tacoma. She would like to thank her friends and family for being so supportive.



Brittany Griffins (Gertrude McFuzz)

This is Brittany's second show at TLT and she is delighted to be back! Favorite roles: Penny (*Hairspray*) at Auburn Community Players, Ensemble (*Ragtime* & *Mary Poppins*) at TMP, Laker Girl (*Spamalot*) & Mary Hatch (*It's A Wonderful Life*) at Lakewood Playhouse, and Brooke (*Noises Off*) with TOAD. "Thanks to the cast and crew for being such wonderful people to share this experience with, and thank you Jen for believing in me, Ian for being super supportive and her favorite person, as well as my family and friends for always being so supportive!"



Caje Johnson (Jungle Creature/Who/Fish/Hunch/Circus)

This is Caje's first production outside of his high school plays and musicals at Spanaway Lake High School. He has played many interesting roles including Lenny (*Rumors*), John Procter (*The Crucible*), and Wilbur Turnblad in (*Hairspray*). He wants to give this his all and one day have a big role in a major play or musical.

Cast Biographies



Kathy Kluska (Who/Fish/Hunch/Circus)

Kathy was last seen as Tessie Tura in Tacoma Little Theatre's production of *Gypsy*. Other TLT roles include Helga in *Cabaret*, Mrs. Fezziwig/Winnifred in *Scrooge*, and a member of the ensemble of *Annie* which she also co-choreographed. Kathy has also performed at Tacoma Musical Playhouse and Lakewood Playhouse. She has a BFA in Musical Theater Dance from US International University in San Diego.



Emma Konop (Pink Bird Girl)

Emma is ecstatic to be in her first main stage show at TLT. She is a senior at Bellarmine Preparatory and is hoping to continue musical theatre in college. She was recently in Tacoma Musical Playhouse's *Disney's The Little Mermaid* as Arista. She would like to thank her amazing friends and parents for their support and love. Enjoy the Show!



Samantha Lobberegt (Mayzie LaBird)

This is Samantha's first show at Tacoma Little Theatre and she is very excited to be a part of such a talented group of individuals. Some of her favorite past roles have been; Baker's Wife (*Into the Woods*), Natalie/Ed (*All Shook Up*), Truly (*Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*) and Elle (*Legally Blonde*). *Sensical* is one of her absolutely favorite shows and she hopes that you all enjoy every minute. Happy Holidays!



Liam Loughridge (Wickersham Brother/Fish/Cadet/Hunch/Hunter/Circus)

Liam is a freshman at Bellarmine. He is excited to be returning to TLT. He was last seen at TLT in *Gypsy* (ensemble) and *A Christmas Story* (Ralphie). Other productions include *Tom Sawyer* (Tom) at TMP, *A Christmas Story the Musical* at Auburn Community Players (ensemble) and The 5th Avenue Theater (Schwartz), and *Oliver!* at TMP (Oliver). He enjoys being on stage and working with so many talented people. Thank you to his family and Jen York for giving him this opportunity.



Evie Merrill (Young Kangaroo/Lorax/Fish/Vlad)

This is Evie's second show at Tacoma Little Theatre. Evie is eight years old, attends Browns Point Elementary and enjoys playing soccer, skiing and being with friends. She really enjoys being a part of the TLT family and the cast of *Sensical the Musical*. "I love this show and I know you will too."

Cast Biographies



Micheal O'Hara (Mr. Mayor)

Micheal directed the blockbuster musical *Smokey Joe's Café* in 2016 for TLT and will be directing *The Glass Menagerie* at Lakewood Playhouse in 2018. In August, he performed alongside wife Sharry in Philadelphia with their 2 person musical revue. He received critical acclaim for his role in *The Story of My Life*, seen at several local venues. Micheal is the owner of GlassWorks in Gig Harbor and proud Papa to the Canine Boys.



Sharry O'Hare (Mrs. Mayor)

Sharry is delighted to be cast opposite her favorite leading man, husband Micheal O'Hara. The duo performed *Love Letters* and *A Night on Broadway* for recent OLT special events. Earlier this year, she appeared in TLT's hit comedy, *Exit Laughing* followed by OLT's *All the King's Women*. Off stage, she is a journal writer, avid needlewoman and Mom to Fur Children, Bogart and Frasier.



Gunnar Ray (Who/Cadet)

Gunnar is very excited to be in *Seussical!* This is the sixth professional show that he has been in, but he has also been in several camps with CampTMP. His favorite professional theater roles have been Jeremy in *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, Michael in *Mary Poppins*, and Charlie Bates in *Oliver!*. He wishes his castmates "Break a leg!" and hopes you enjoy the show!



Megan Ross (Jungle Creature/Who/Fish/Cadet)

Megan is ecstatic to be in her first main stage show at TLT. She is 14 years old, an eighth grader at Saint Patrick's School, and was last seen in Club TLT's *I Hate Shakespeare* (Traditional Juliet/Fleance/Bob), CampTMP's *The Lion King Jr.* (Young Simba), and Saint Patrick's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank* (Mrs. Van Daan).



Jayda Slack (Blue Bird Girl)

Jayda is a 10th grader at Emerald Ridge High School and this is her second show at Tacoma Little Theatre. She attends Village Theatre's Musical Theatre Institute and was recently in *Aida* at Village Theatre. Jayda would like to thank the director & cast, as well as her family for supporting her during this production.

Cast Biographies



Charlie Stevens (Wickersham Brother/Fish/Cadet/Hunch/Hunter/Circus)

Charlie is thrilled to be back at TLT this Holiday season! You may have seen him on this very stage in *Gypsy* earlier this year. He is a Junior at Rogers High School, where he is active in choral and instrumental programs. Nine years ago, his first theatrical endeavor, *Seussical Jr.*, took place in this very theatre, as the same role. This show makes a full circle for him. Past credits: *The Chinese Question* (Young Weisbach), *The Adams Family* (Gomez), and *Death of a Salesman* (Bernard). So many thanks to this lovely cast, production team and crew. Enjoy!



Christopher Sweet (The Cat in the Hat)

Christopher is making his debut appearance at TLT, as The Cat in the Hat! He is a recent graduate from Central Washington University and an alum from Western Wyoming Community College. Christopher has had incredible opportunities in the theatre playing Stacey Jaxx in *Rock of Ages*, Henry in *Next to Normal*, and Fyedka in *Fiddler on the Roof*. He hopes he can help inspire children and “bigger” children through this amazing tale that is equally funny and kooky as it is sentimental and deep.



Thalia Wood (Who/Fish/Cadet)

This is Thalia’s fourth year participating in a musical. *Seussical the Musical* is her Tacoma Little Theatre debut. She hopes that you enjoy the show and have a wonderful holiday season.



James Wrede (Wickersham Brother/Hunch/Hunter/Circus/Yertle the Turtle)

James has acted and directed on three continents and sang bass in an opera company. Tacoma Little Theatre audiences have seen James as part of the cast and the puppeteer for *Little Shop of Horrors* in 2013. Other favorite roles include Miles Gloriosus (*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*), The Foreman (*12 Angry Men*), and Romain Tournel (*A Flea in Her Ear*). He is happy that his children share similar loves.



Olivia Zamira (Who/Fish/Circus/Hunch)

Olivia is twelve years old and is excited to be in *Seussical*. This is her second show at TLT, her first being *Gypsy* as the Balloon Girl. Olivia has also been in *Annie*, *The Lion King, Jr.*, and *Peter Pan*. She would like to thank everyone at TLT for showing her how it’s done, and her mom and dad for supporting her no matter what.



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