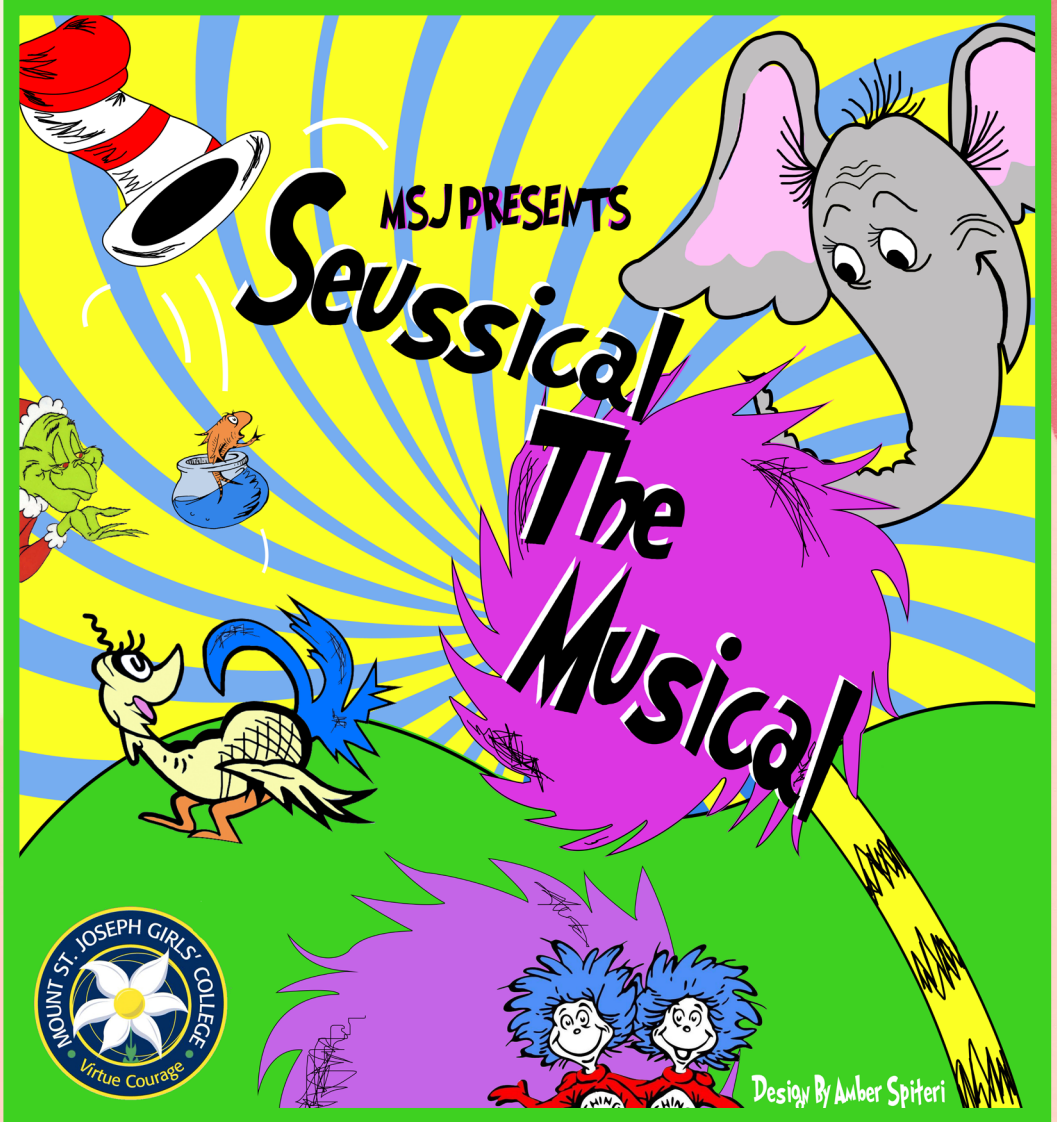




Mount St. Joseph Girls' College



Musical Production 2018

Synopsis

Seussical is a musical by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty based on the works of Dr. Seuss that debuted on Broadway in 2000. The play is an amalgamation of many of Seuss's most famous children's stories, with most of its plot being based on Horton Hears a Who!.

(Source: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seussical>)

Seussical in a nutshell

The Cat in the Hat takes JoJo on a journey through a fantastical world.

We meet Horton

Meanwhile Gertrude falls in love with Horton.

Horton finds a clover. On this clover lives the Whos.

Horton promises to look after them.

Horton is ambushed by the Wickersham brothers who steal his clover.

Horton searches for the clover - bumps into Mayzie and her egg.

Horton takes up Mayzie's offer to look after her egg.

THEN

Horton is captured and taken to a circus.

He is auctioned.

Horton is put on trial.

And ... well you will just have to watch and see what happens...

Director's Note : Amy Smedely

Throughout my experiences of performing in eighteen musicals I have often dreamt of one day directing a musical production, I will be forever thankful for the opportunity MSJ has offered me this year. Putting 'Seussical the Musical' together has been a massive new challenge for me and was made entirely rewarding by the amazing efforts of the cast and production crew team members. From the beginning, it was very clear that this particular show called for a well designed, colourful, fun and energetic atmosphere. The cast and crew have skillfully and elegantly worked together to bring this vision to life in just the right way - honouring the origins of the Dr Seuss stories. It has been amazing to be a part of this production and I can't wait for everyone to see it!



Behind the Scenes



Cast

Isabel Vella

Thing 1

Isabel Vella, Year 8, has four years of dance experience and three years of singing with The Dance Company. She has competed on a national level in the areas of vocal and dance. Last year she had a lead role in a national award winning musical. Isabel loves the feeling of being on stage and has been inspired by watching fellow student, Amy Smedley work as director to see this show come together.



Lily Szigeti

Thing 2

Lily Szigeti, Year 8, dances with the The Dance Company as a dancer and is also experienced in acrobatics and gymnastics. She has been participating in Calisthenics for four years and attended The State Championships last year with her team. Lily loves dancing and the energy she experiences when performing on stage.



Tia Stewart

Horton

Tia Stewart is honoured to be playing the role of Horton in the College musical this year. She has performed in both College musicals as well as shows in the broader community. Suessical provides Tia with her first opportunity to be a lead actor. Tia loves the performing arts and wishes to pursue a career in theater or film.



Cast

Hannah Clarke

Mayzie LaBird

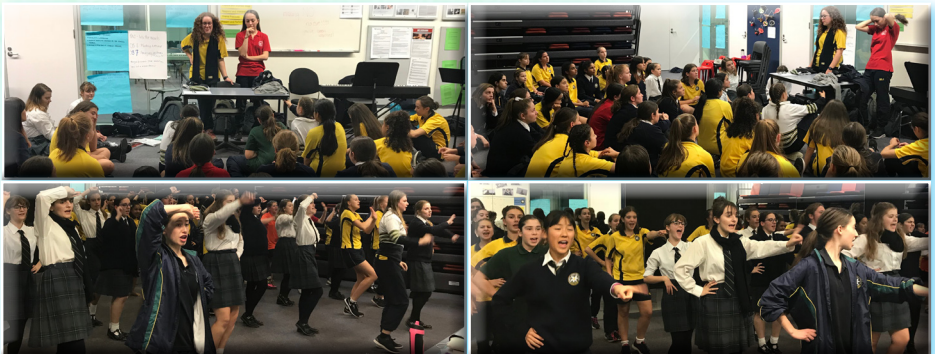
Hannah Clarke is in her final year at MSJ. Her involvement began in the backstage crew for two years and after this she decided to try performance and earned a role in the 2016 production of 'Anything Goes' as part of the chorus. This year Hannah is a lead performer as Mayzie LaBird. She been a drama and music student at MSJ since 2013 and this year is completing VCE Drama and VET Music. Hannah is most excited to show off her salsa and singing skills in her portrayal of Mayzie LaBird.



Grace Drandi

Jojo / The Girl

Grace Drandi is passionate about performing and is aiming at a professional career in the field of Drama either on Broadway or as a teacher. Grace's achievements include earning two solos for 'State Fair' and 'School of Rock' in her acting, singing and dance school (YABC.) She is currently completing her Grade 6 ANZCA music examinations for singing as well as her Grade 3 piano and drum exam this year. She received a music scholarship at MSJ in 2017 as well as a Victorian Youth Theatre scholarship in 2016.



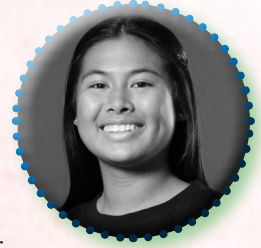
Cast

Kimberley Fong

Ms Mayor

Kimberley Fong is thrilled to play her first lead role as Ms Mayor in 'Seussical The Musical'. Prior to auditioning, she hadn't expected to given a role, let alone a lead role! At a young age, Kimberley trained in jazz ballet for a few years and performed with the company DanceMax. She later focused on her passion for music and is currently learning piano at Davies Music School. Whilst she has not had performing experience in acting, she confidently plays a number of instruments including piano, saxophone and guitar and has set her sights on cello as her next new endeavour.

Kimberley is excited to perform in her first ever musical production in 'Suessical the Musical'.



Chloe Smedley

Mayor

Chloe Smedley, Year 10, has had a deep passion for the performing arts since a tantrum about an overly tight headpiece! Since then she seems to keep popping up in shows! Some of these include the pantomime 'Snow Queen', where she played a penguin named Tongs, dancing in 'All Shook Up!', playing Lord Evelyn Oakley in 'Anything Goes!' and Lefou in 'Beauty and the Beast'. Chloe is excited about taking a new role this year and sharing this experience with her fellow performers.



Teagan McHarg

General Genghis Khan Schmitz

Teagan McHarg, Year 10, has participated in both MSJ musical productions since she has been at the College. She was in the ensemble for both 'Beauty and the Beast', in her first year at the College and 'Anything Goes' in Year 8. In Year 9, Teagan took part in the Variety Night last year as a part of the High School Musical ensemble performance. Her love for the stage began with dance, performing in concerts and competitions since the age of two. Teagan is thrilled to perform in 'Suessical the Musical' this year.



Cast

Amy Smedley

The Cat in the Hat

'Seussical' marks Amy Smedley's 18th musical theatre production, and it is her debut as director. Amy has always loved musical theatre, with some of her favourite roles including: Billy Crocker in 'Anything Goes', Lumiere in 'Beauty and the Beast', Penny Pingelton in 'Hairspray Jnr' and now The Cat In The Hat in 'Seussical'.



Sonia Coco

The Grinch

Sonia Coco Year 12 is playing multiple roles in the musical production this year: The Grinch as well as a Bird Girl named Coco. Singing has always been a passion of Sonia's and she loves being able to perform for an audience. She has participated in 'MSJ's Got Talent' every year since Year 7 and in 2017, Sonia, in collaboration with Jess Seychell, earned 2nd place. These experiences, along with support from family and friends, have allowed her to discover the joy of working in the performing arts.



Emilie Washington

Gertrude McFuzz

Soprano, Emilie Washington, started her professional operatic career after she was selected to be in the Victorian Opera Youth Chorus Ensemble (VOYCE). Her debut performance as an opera singer took place last year in June - July, where she was chosen to be a snail, and fox cub in the opera 'The Cunning Little Vixen'. This was performed at The Arts Centre, where she worked with professional opera singers, and was contracted for this period by the Victorian Opera. Following this, she was also in the youth opera 'The Second Hurricane', and most recently, 'The Magic Pudding', which was also performed at The Arts Centre. Prior to working with the Victorian Opera, she was in the school MSJ musicals: 'The Wizard of Oz', 'Hairspray', 'Beauty and the Beast', and 'Anything Goes'.



Cast

Vivian Wei

Yertle the Turtle

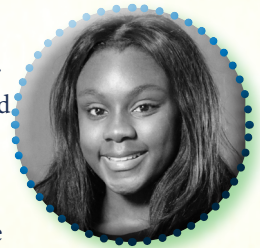
This is Vivian Wei's first official musical! She is a cast member of the acclaimed TV show 'The Family Law' on SBS, Season 3 to be released later this year, and has performed as part of an ensemble with musical theatre companies such as the Young Australian Broadway Chorus. Vivian has enjoyed acting from a very young age, and aims to continue her professional career in performance into the future.



Hazel Ziobwa

Sour Kangaroo

Hazel Ziobwa loves to sing and perform. She says performing is fun and she loves the connection created between her and her audience. Hazel has some musical experience and has performed for large audiences a number of times. She won third place in 'MSJ's Got Talent' in 2016 and also sings every Sunday at her church. Hazel has composed and produced three songs. 'He showed Up', 'Identity' and 'Mountain Mover'. These songs can be found on YouTube, iTunes and Spotify.



Amelia Vivera

Roo

This is Amelia Vivera's first ever musical and without any prior training, this is her very first opportunity to sing in public and is delighted and honoured to have earned the role of Baby Roo. Amelia is a motivated, optimistic and enthusiastic person who can't wait to perform in 'Seussical the Musical!'



Zoe Unsworth

Vlad Vladikoff

Zoe Unsworth has earned a number of opportunities to perform and had embraced every one of them. She was part of the chorus in the MSJ production of 'Anything Goes' in 2016 and in 2017 she was one of six passionate seniors who performed in an ensemble on Variety Night: performing in 'All That Jazz' from the musical 'Chicago' and 'Remember My Name' from 'FAME'. Zoe is excited to have earned her a role in 'Seussical the Musical' as both a Bird Girl and as Vlad Vladikoff.



Cast

Cadets

Natalie Balfoort
Erin Moore
Hannah Allen
Sophia Pomazon
Ruby Ripps
Jeanelle Uy
Mia Vuleta

Whos

Shiko Mugo
Sommer Habib
Kiera Blizzard,
Shanae Blizzard,
Natasha Stanley,
Emma Baldacchino,
Bridget Munroe,
Ally Smedley,
Olivia Massarany,
Mackenzie Haar,
Imogen Seward,
Riya Mediratta,
Mikaela Tedesco
Tanvi Arora
Scarlett Davidson
Amelia D'Arcy
Monique Ghosn
Maya Kamienovski
Tara Mathews
Alice Imms
Marizabel Saliba

Dance Solo

Lauren Wakfer

Bird Girls

Lauren Griffin
Paris Charalambides
Sonia Coco
Emily Frydas
Mikaela King
Alexandra Janke
Caitlin McGraw
Jasmine Maharaj
Ella O'Connor
Moss Maxine
Kaitlyn Stathakis
Nina Unsworth
Zoe Unsworth

Citizens of Nool

Shanae Downey
Grace Colquhoun
Adelle Horvath
Kyra Griffin
Alice Sulovskii
Vivian Wei
Jelena Hyunh
Amalija Milat
Jasmin Neary
Chloe Vassallo
Lauren Brasier

Wickersham Brothers/Sisters

Alannah Attersall
Ellie Carter
Jasmin Neary
Shania D'Costa
Alexia Kyriazopoulos
Mani Miller
Ivy Saliba
Georgia Dent



We Couldn't Have Done It Alone

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Assistant Director	Chloe Smedley (Y10)
Production Advisor	Hannah Clarke (Y12)
Musical Co Directors	Gianna Galea and Frances O'Neill
Assistant to the Musical Director	Nick Tresize
Executive Producer	Jay McMillan
Assistant to the Executive Producer	Adam Gonzalez
Acting Coach	Katharine Anastasi
Lighting Designer.....	Katharine Anastasi
Lighting Supervisor.....	Jay McMillian
Lighting Operator	Charlie Appleby (Y12)
Voice Coaches	
.....	Ann Fichera
.....	MSJ Alumni Tamsyn Nolan
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Assistant to Dance Coordinator	Breanna Formosa (Y12)
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Costume Consultant	Abbey Lucas (Y8)
Costume Consultant	Hannah Clarke (Y12)
Couture Atelier	Grace Gonzalez
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Assistant Set Designers.....	Courtney Baka and Marzia Devic
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..... 2nd Keys - Reynold Senn
..... Guitar - Ray Smith
..... Bass - Tony Burcel
..... Drums - Pino Bertolini
..... Saxophone - Jessica Laird
..... Flute - Maxine Moss (Y12)

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..... Elise McCallum, Yasmine Mustapha, Elizabeth Pollard

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Thank-You

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