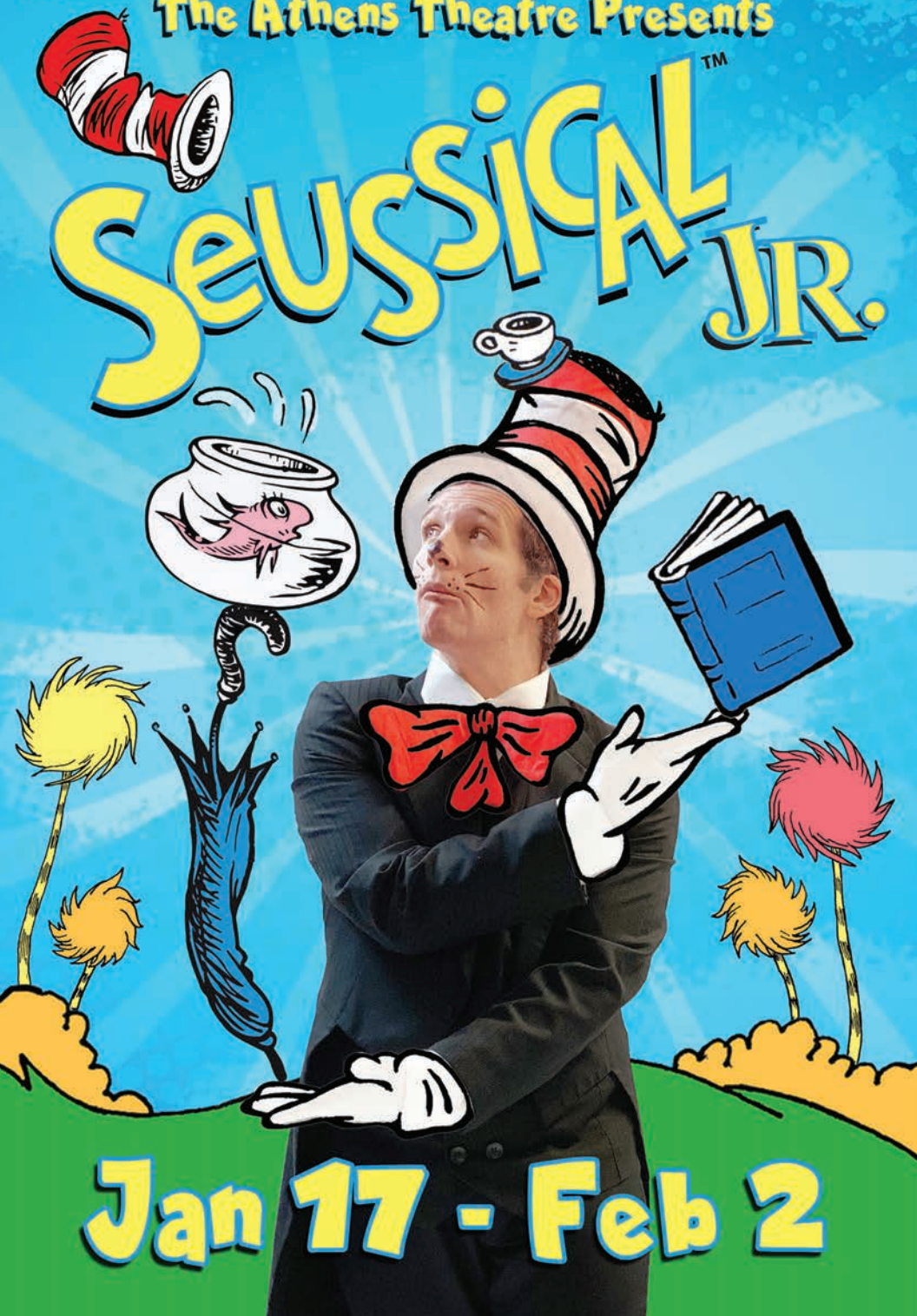


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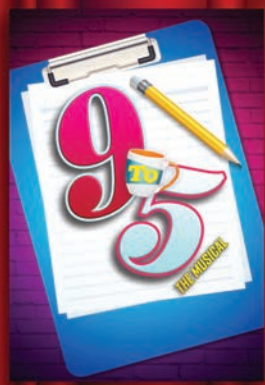
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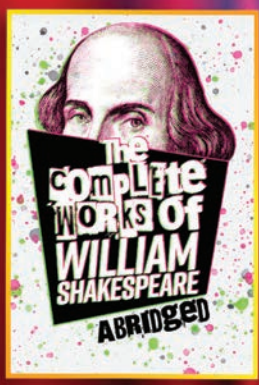
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Director's Notes...

Seussical, Jr. does what any good musical should – it entertains! It also accomplishes what great theatre should and challenges audiences to think. By combining so many of the Dr. Seuss stories, it delights audiences while highlighting some of the great life lessons embodied in all those cute little books.

THINK BIG: From the opening number, through all of JoJo's adventures, to the final moments of the show, this musical encourages everyone to use imaginations and be willing to think new and big thinks.

LOVE THE INSIGNIFICANT: Part of thinking big is being willing to think outside of a personal sphere to pay attention and hear the small voices around us calling for help – the ignored, unwanted, or helpless. It may not be a race of invisible Whos or an abandoned egg, but in every life and in every culture there are those calling for help that the majority don't hear. Horton's story reminds us that every person is important – there are always opportunities to show kindness and to be of assistance to others.

VALUE THE HEART: Both Horton and Gertrude demonstrate that it is by serving others and staying true to ourselves that we are ultimately most valuable. Gertrude's desperate attempt to gain attention by changing her outward appearance rendered her unable to serve when most needed, and exposed the lie that value comes from looks rather than from within.

BE THANKFUL: While the Cat continuously uses humor as he reminds everyone "How Lucky You Are," ultimately his message is the basic truth that each and every one of us has a choice to complain, or to recognize the gifts we are given on a regular basis and be grateful.

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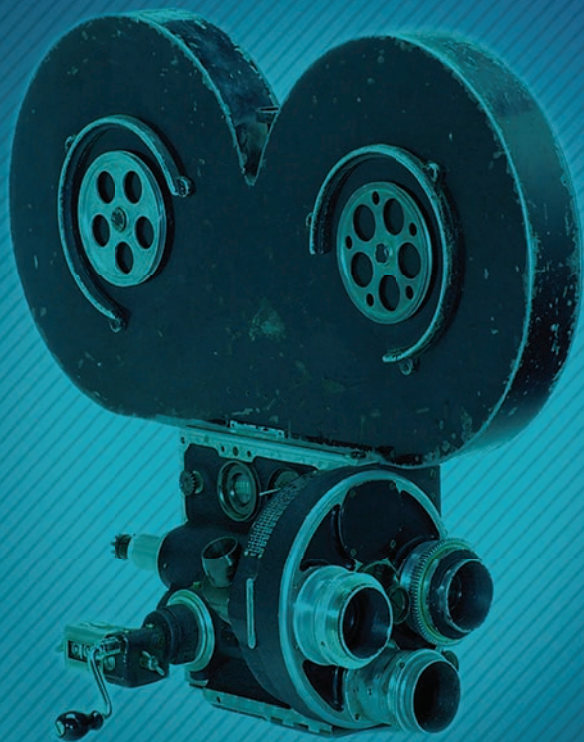
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Riley Adair (Ensemble) is thrilled to be on stage again at the Athens Theater. She previously appeared in *Lion King, Jr.* (Lioness) and *Oklahoma!* (Ensemble). She has also been a part of many productions with the Children's Musical Theater including *Aristocats, Jr.* (Madame) and *Elf The Musical, Jr.* (Deb). Riley is currently a sophomore at Seabreeze High School and part of the Cambridge AICE program. She would like to thank her family for all their continued love and support.



Natalie Alonzo (Sour Kangaroo) is so excited to be on the Athens' stage for the first time. She is a sophomore at Atlantic High School, and loves all the amazing things she learns from all of her wonderful teachers. Natalie is a part of the Nautica dance company as well as the Sounds of Atlantic Chorus. Some of her favorite roles include Ann Reilly (*42nd Street*), Jovie (*Elf The Musical, Jr.*), and Pumba (*Lion King, Jr.*). She is looking forward to playing Madame de la Grand Bouche in Atlantic's upcoming musical *Beauty and the Beast*. Natalie trained at Orbit Performing Arts Academy for 4 years, and now trains with Anthony Romeo-Adcock at the Parlor Space. Natalie loves the stage and in her free time also enjoys golfing, bowling, and playing tennis.



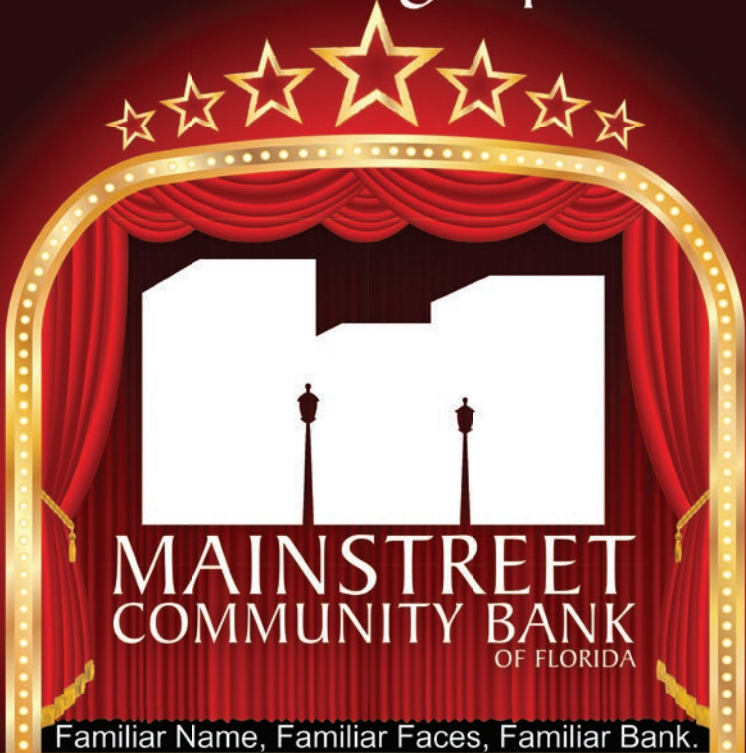
Ella Breitenstein (Grinch) has been acting locally for the past five years. She performed as Angel in *Rent School Edition*, Zazu in *The Lion King, Jr.* and Scuttle in *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* at the Athens Theatre. Most recently, Ella was nominated for Best Actress by her peers and instructors for the Athens Theatre Youth Academy Summer Campies Awards. She enjoys every role, large or small, and appreciates all those who come out to support the theatre.

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~Meet The Cast~



Kate Budzinski (Wickersham #2) is excited to be on the Athens Theater's stage, once again! Previously, she has performed in *The Lion King, Jr.* and as Pepper in the recent production of *Annie*. Kate is a student at St. Barnabas Episcopal School and enjoys golf, karate, and playing piano. She would like to thank Miss Carly from Athens Theater Youth Academy, Mrs. Snyder, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Hickman, her parents, and her friend Evelyn for always supporting her.



Isabella Cook (Ensemble) is thrilled to be returning to another Athens Theatre production with many former castmates. Isabella has many local theatre credits to her name including Nala in *The Lion King, Jr.*, Chef Louis in *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, and ensemble roles in *Beauty and The Beast*, *Wizard of Oz*, and *Lion King, Jr.* Isabella has also performed in many hip-hop and tap dance recitals as well as Athens and Shoestring summer theatre camps and showcases. Isabella is currently enrolled in the 8th grade gifted program at Southwestern Middle School and is the Art Director for the Theatre Club. Isabella enjoys hanging out with her family, friends and numerous pets including her hedgehogs and reptiles.



Isobel Cloudman (Who/Ensemble) is excited to be back on the Athens stage following her appearance as Molly in the recent production of *Annie*. Izzy is a 4th grade student at George Marks Elementary School right here in DeLand. This hometown sweetheart is the Captain of the Millennium Musicians Elementary Show Choir and a frequent cast member of the Millennium Musicians Drama Program. Recent roles include: Jane Banks in *Mary Poppins, Jr.*, Penny Pingleton in *Hairspray, Jr.*, Babette in *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* and Rafiki in *The Lion King, Jr.* Isobel is incredibly grateful for all the support she has received from her family, friends and teachers.



Olivia Doan (Ensemble) is excited to make her return to a full length production at the Athens. Olivia previously appeared in the ensemble in the 2018 Athens production of *Aladdin, Jr.* She recently performed the role of Corny Collins in the Millennial Musicians production of *Hairspray, Jr.* Olivia is a veteran of multiple Athens Theater Youth Summer Camps and Orlando Reparatory Theater Camps. Olivia is a 7th grade student in the STEM program and DeLand Middle School. She enjoys reading, drawing, singing and playing with her dog, Rocky.

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Emma Ellis (Ensemble) is thrilled to return to the stage at the Athens Theatre. She previously performed at the Athens in *The Lion King, Jr.* and *Aladdin, Jr.* Emma is a 5th grade student at Ivy Hawn Charter School of the Arts in Lake Helen, Florida, where she enjoys acting in school productions and being a member of the drama troupe. She would like to thank the Athens team for the opportunity to be a part of *Seussical, Jr.*, and her family for their love and support.



Logan Freeman (Horton the Elephant) is so excited to be on the Athens stage for the first time. He has appeared in many plays in the DeLand community including *Mulan*, *Hairspray*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *High School Musical I and II* and most recently as Kristoff in *Frozen*. While attending DMS Performing Arts Academy, Logan played the roles of Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.* and Simba in *The Lion King, Jr.* Logan enjoys acting, singing and spending time with his friends and family. He is an active member of the University High School Chorus and is a member of the School theater club.



Brendan Fogarty (Cat) is excited to be returning to his home theater again after performing in this summer's production of *The Producers*, and last month's *Annie!* Brendan recently graduated from Florida School of the Arts with a degree in musical theater. He has appeared in roles such as Thenardier in *Les Misérables*, The Cat in the Hat in *Seussical the Musical*, Wilbur in *Hairspray*, and Archibald in *The Secret Garden*. He would like to dedicate this performance to his grandmother.

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Brihanna Gaytan (Mrs. Mayor) is excited to be in her first Athens production! She has appeared on stage at the Shoestring Theater for the Young Artist Showcase. Brihanna is also a member of the Southwestern Middle School Choir. She would like to thank her family and everyone who has got her this far, but most importantly she hopes that you enjoy the show!



Adalyn Goodwin (JoJo) is a fifth-grade student who is excited to be on the Athens' stage (one of her favorite places!) She previously performed in *The Lion King, Jr.* and *Aladdin, Jr.* and is excited to work with both new and old faces in this production. She has loved attending theater camps at the Athens Theatre and the Orlando Rep for the past few years. She has always had a passion for singing and performing. She plays piano and violin and she is also involved in aerial silks. This summer she won third place in silks in the Aerialympics in St Louis. Special thank you to Ms. Angelyn and everyone at the Athens Theatre who has helped her get show ready and for all her friends and family for her support, coming near and far to see this fun show. Hope you enjoy and remember.. it's possible... anything's possible!



Lincoln Hall (Ensemble) Lincoln performed in his first musical this summer as part of the ensemble in the Wayne Densch's production of *Aladdin, Jr.* He is thrilled to be back on stage. Outside of the theater, he loves playing baseball and video games.



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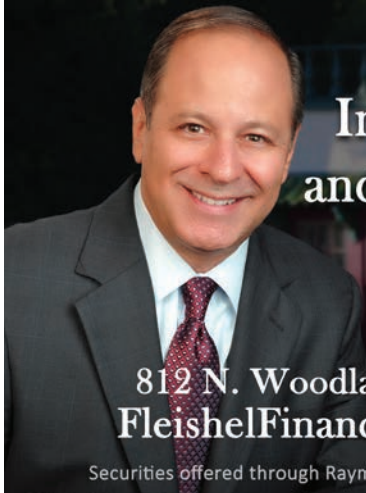
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Noelle Hall (Ensemble) has loved the Athens Theater for a long time and is so excited to finally be making her debut on this stage! Noelle has previously performed in the Wayne Densch productions of *Aladdin, Jr.* and *Seussical, Jr.* She loves singing, dancing, and playing video games.



D'Montrae Harris (Mr. Mayor, Ensemble) is excited to be performing in his second production with the Athens Theatre. He has been performing in the arts world for six years now. His past performances include Donkey from *Shrek the Musical*, Prince Eric from *The Little Mermaid, Jr.* and Simba from *The Lion King, Jr.* D'Montrae is in the 8th grade gifted program at Southwestern Middle School where he is the President of the Theatre Club and also plays trumpet in the band program performing in many parades in town. D'Montrae is also accomplished in many dance styles including ballet, jazz and tap. D'Montrae enjoys spending time with friends, dancing and just living life!



Parker Hixson (Wickersham #1/Ensemble) has only just joined the Athens family this summer. She volunteered as a junior counselor for *Winnie the Pooh* and *Frozen, Jr.* Junior camps, and then participated in an all-female production of *Rent School Edition*, playing moody musician Roger. Parker's passion for theatre really blossomed beginning in her Sophomore year when she joined the theatre program at DeLand High School. She began by performing in the musical *Once Upon a Mattress*. She soon ventured out to the Shoestring Theater in Lake Helen, FL playing Grumpy of the seven dwarves and Pig # 2 of the Three little pigs in *Law in Order: Fairy Tail Edition*. Parker is very excited to be part of the *Seussical, Jr.* cast and hopes you enjoy it as much she has enjoyed being in it.



Lauren Jacobs (Bird Girl #1) is excited to be returning to the Athens Theatre in another amazing production. Lauren has been doing theatre since the age of five, and her love for the stage has only grown. Previous productions include *Legally Blonde, Jr.*, *42nd Street*, *Aladdin, Jr.*, *The Lion King, Jr.*, *Rent School Edition*, and most recently *Annie* here at Athens Theatre. Over the summer Lauren volunteers with the Athens Theatre Youth Academy to help teach music and movement. Lauren currently attends Atlantic High School, where she participates in the *On Stage Academy*, Thespian troupe 5340 and is part of the *Sounds of the Atlantic Choir*. She would like thank the outstanding cast and crew, Carly Clark, Anthony Romeo-Adcock, and her parents for help guiding her on and off the stage.

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Macy Lane (Ensemble) is ecstatic to be making her Athens debut. She's been acting since elementary school, and her love for being on stage has grown ever since. Some of Macy's favorite roles include Jillian (*Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit*), Peaches (*High School Musical 2, Jr.*), Old Green Grasshopper (*James and the Giant Peach*), Narrator (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*), Joe (*Schoolhouse Rock Live, Jr.*), along with many others.

She's a freshman in the IB program at DeLand High School. She's a proud member of DeLand High's theater troupe, Hillstreet, and their choir program. Macy would like to thank her friends and family for all their endless love and support, and hopes that you enjoy the show!



Collette C. Martin (Ensemble) is a 14-year-old who is thrilled to be on the Athens' mainstage for the first time. She was last seen in The Ninth Annual Young Artists Showcase at Shoestring Theatre in 2019. She has taken classes in singing, acting, and dancing from a young age. Collette has participated in many Athens Theatre Youth Academy summer production camps, most recently in *Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr.* (Dorothy Brown and *Legally Blonde, Jr.* (Vivian Kensington). She was also on the tech crew for *Into the Woods* here at the Athens Theatre

earlier this season. Many budding interests include all things theatre, learning piano, language, reading, and stargazing. She is grateful for her family's support, and her cast and crew who helped bring this amazing show to life.

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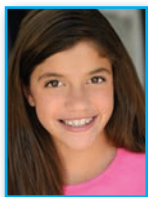
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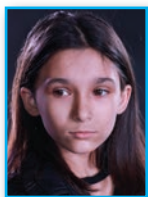
Sophia Mercado (Vlad Vladikoff, Ensemble) is thrilled to return to the Athens in *Seussical, Jr.* Sophia is a seventh grader who loves to sing and act. She also enjoys swimming, fishing, and water-skiing. Previous roles include Beth in *Little Women: The Musical*, Anna in *Frozen, Jr.*, Belle in *Beauty and the Beast, Jr.*, Cecily in *15 Reasons Not to be in a Play*, Flounder in *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, Young Simba and Young Nala in *The Lion King, Jr.*, and Glinda in *The Wizard of Oz*, along with many others. Sophia thanks God for His gifts to her; the cast and crew for their inspiration; Anne Sollien, Angelyn Rhode, and Carly Clark for their encouragement and support over the years; and her family and friends for their loyalty and love.



Emmy Miles (Bird Girl #3) is thrilled to be making her Athens debut. She has been dancing, singing, and acting for local companies for the past 10 years. Emmy sings and performs for a National Championship Show Choir. Her most recent theater performances include *Hairspray, Jr.* (Edna Turnblad), *High School Musical II* (Kelsi Nelson), and *Mary Poppins, Jr.* (Winifred Banks) Emmy attends DeLand High's IB Program, is an active member of DHS's Hill Street Theater, and swims for the DHS varsity team. She would like to thank Miss Jessica (dance instructor), Mr. Leder (theater and show choir director), Miss Conya (musical theater director), Miss Angelyn (voice coach), and her parents for always supporting her ambitions.



Laura-Isabel Ortiz-Cabrera (Wickersham #3) is an enthusiastic and charming 11-year-old girl who is making her debut in acting and singing at the Athens Theater. Born in Puerto Rico, she loves to perform and entertain, and making friends! She has been a dancer for 5 years in the styles of Ballet, Jazz, Tap and Lyrical, and developed her passion for acting, singing and musicals while working on the *Lion King, Jr.* production at Cypress Creek Elementary. She is part of her middle school Chorus and Dance group, and is an Honor Roll student. Laura dreams of becoming a Performing Artist one day and make everyone happy while enjoying what she loves doing the most: entertaining!



Carma Raymond (Ensemble) is excited to be on the Athens stage for the first time. She has previously played the role of Lady Cerise in *Sleeping Beauty* at the Daytona Playhouse and acted in a student film for SCAD. She has been a competitive dancer for 5 years and is in the 5th grade at FLVS.



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Skyla Sollowen (Mayzie La Bird) is thrilled to be returning to the Athens Theatre! You may have seen her in previous productions at the Athens such as *Aladdin, Jr*, *Oklahoma!*, and *Lion King, Jr*. Additional theatre credits include Mimi in *Rent School Edition* and Juliet in *A Midsummer Madness*. She is so excited to be back doing what she loves most, and hopes to return for more productions in the future. Skyla would like to thank her amazing friends and family for their endless love and support, and this incredible company for making this production such a joy to be a part of.



Kenzie Steitz (Yertle the Turtle/Ensemble) is happy to be a part of her first main stage production at the Athens Theatre! Over the course of 4 years, she's been involved into two Athens Theatre Youth Academy summer camp productions, but this is her big stage debut! She would like to thank her friends and family for always supporting

her throughout her many theatre adventures. She aspires to continue a career with theatre in the future, and wants to do many more productions like *Seussical, Jr*. She hopes you enjoy the show!



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Emma Stoughton (Bird girl #2) is a Junior at Deltona Christian Academy and recently appeared in the *Journey Thru Christmas* as “Mary.” This is her fourth production at the Athens Theatre. Emma has also appeared in several productions with the Orlando Reparatory Theater, Missoula Children’s Theater along with Dr. Phillips Center, and many church productions. Emma loves to dance and sing, as well as, play piano and cello. Among her favorite things are spending time with her family, friends, writing music, rock climbing, and baking. Her dream is to one day appear on Broadway. Emma is thankful for the opportunity to be a part of this production. She hopes you enjoy the show.



Bethany Wolek (Gertrude) is excited to return to the Athens Theatre after an eight year absence! She was first inspired to act when she was six years old and saw *Peter Pan* at the Athens. When she was seven, she participated in her first play, *The Jungle Book* (Baby elephant/Villager). Now fifteen, she has performed at the Shoestring Theater, the Little Theater, The Orlando REP, and has made special appearances at Stetson University. She takes ballet and pointe at The Little Studio, and enjoys reading, writing, and needlework. She would like to thank her dad for reading her Dr. Seuss books over and over when she was little, especially her favorite book *Green Eggs and Ham*.



Penny Wolek (Ensemble) is thrilled to be making her Athens debut! She has previously been seen as Peep in *Law and Order: Fairy Tale Unit* at Shoestring Theatre, Little Lamb in *Charlotte’s Web* at The Little Theatre NSB, and in homeschool productions at Orlando REP. She is in 6th grade and enjoys reading, astronomy, science, crocheting, crafting, swimming, and dancing. She would like to thank her family and friends for their constant love and support. Penny would also like to thank you for coming to see the show.



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Gertrude	Bethany Wolek
Mayzie	Skyla Sollowen
Sour Kangaroo	Natalie Alonzo
Mr. Mayor	D'Montrae Harris
Mrs. Mayor	Brihanna Gaytan
Wickersham 1	Parker Hixson
Wickersham 2	Kate Budzinski
Wickersham 3	Laura Ortiz
Yertle/Ensemble	Kenzie Steitz
Grinch/Ensemble	Ella Breitenstein
Bird Girl 1	Lauren Jacobs
Bird Girl 2	Emma Stoughton
Bird Girl 3	Emmy Miles
Who/Ensemble	Isobel Cloudman

Ensemble

Riley Adair	Emma Ellis	Macy Lane	Carma Raymond
Isabella Cook	Lincoln Hall	Collette Martin	Penelope Wolek
Olivia Doan	Noelle Hall	Sophia Mercado	

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Act one



“Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!”	Jojo, Cat, Horton, Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Gertrude, Mayzie, Sour Kangaroo, The Wickershams and Company
“Horton Hears a Who”	Horton, Bird Girls, Cat, Jojo, Mr. Mayor and Jungle Citizens
“Biggest Blame Fool”	Sour Kangaroo, Young Kangaroo, Horton, Wickersham Brothers, Bird Girls, The Cat, Gertrude, Mayzie and Jungle Citizens
“Biggest Blame Playoff” / “Gertrude McFuzz”	Gertrude, Wickersham Brothers, Sour Kangaroo, The Cat, Mr. Mayor and Jungle Citizens
“Here on Who”	Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Jojo, Horton and The Who’s
“Meet Jojo the Who”	Mr. Mayor and Mrs. Mayor
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“Oh, The Thinks You Can Think!” (Reprise)	The Cat and Jojo
“It’s Possible (Pt. 1)”	Jojo, The Cat and Fish
“It’s Possible (Pt. 2)”	Jojo, The Cat and Fish
“Alone in the Universe”	Horton and Jojo
“The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz” / “Amazing Mayzie”	Gertrude, Mayzie and Bird Girls
“Amazing Gertrude (Pt. 1)”	Gertrude
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“Monkey Around” / “Chasing the Whos”	The Wickershams, Sour Kangaroo, The Cat, Horton, Bird Girls, Jungle Citizens and Who’s
“Notice Me, Horton”	Gertrude and Horton
“How Lucky You Are”	Mayzie and The Cat
“Mayzie’s Exit” / “Horton Sits on the Egg” / “Dilemma” / “Hunters”	Horton, Gertrude and Bird Girls

Act two

“Egg, Nest, and Tree”	Sour Kangaroo, Horton, Hunters, Bird Girls and Jungle Citizens
“Sold” / “Mayzie in Palm Beach”	Sour Kangaroo, Horton, Bird Girls, Jungle Citizens, Mayzie and The Cat
“Mayzie at the Circus”	Mayzie
“Amazing Horton”	Mayzie and Horton
“Alone in the Universe” (Reprise 1)	Horton
“Solla Sollew”	Horton, Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Jojo and Circus Animals
“Gertrude/Espionage (Pt. 1)”	Gertrude
“Gertrude/Espionage (Pt. 2)”	Gertrude and Horton
“All for You”	Gertrude, Bird Girls and The Cat
“The Whos Return” / “The People Versus Horton the Elephant (Pt. 1)”	Horton, Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Jojo, Gertrude, Sour Kangaroo, The Wickershams, The Cat, Yertle the Turtle, Bird Girls and Courtroom
“The People Versus Horton the Elephant (Pt. 2)”	Horton, Yertle the Turtle, The Cat, The Wickershams, Bird Girls, Sour Kangaroo, Mr. Mayor, Mrs. Mayor, Jojo, The Whos and Courtroom
“YOPPI”	Sour Kangaroo, Young Kangaroo, The Cat, Mr. Mayor and Mrs. Mayor
“Alone in the Universe” (Reprise 2)	Horton, Gertrude, The Cat and Jojo
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~Meet The Production Team~



Craig Uppercue (Production Director & Artistic Director) A Stetson University alumni, Mr. Uppercue has been teaching for 16 years in the public school systems of Florida from the Elementary to Collegiate levels. Craig is the Music Director of the Off-Broadway National Tour - *The Rock & The Rabbi* and performs with the show when available. Other performing opportunities include Broadway and Off-Broadway credits such as *The Witnesses Musical* (Original Cast member), *The Lion King*, *Songs for a New World*, and numerous national tours throughout the U.S. He is actively involved with many professional symphonies and maintains an active performing schedule with professional artists throughout the nation. Mr. Uppercue has been with the Athens Theatre since 2011, and he has directed many musicals and plays at the Athens as well, most recently *The Lion King, Jr.* Craig and his wonderful wife Amy live locally, enjoying every moment watching their three daughters grow up!



Tori Rathbun (Music Director) is thrilled to serve as Music Director for her third show at the Athens! Though usually found on stage (you may recognize her as Emma Carew from last fall's production of *Jekyll and Hyde*, most recently, she has thoroughly enjoyed the non-stop monkeying around that comes with leading such a young and energetic cast through such whimsical source material. This is her fourth foray into the land of Seuss, and she has thoroughly loved this, and every, journey. By day, Tori is the Associate Director of Choirs at Deland High School. She would like to recognize her muses--charming husband, Rob and young Seuss-addict daughter, Elliott.



Becca Southworth (Choreographer) is thrilled to be working once again with the Athens! Last season she had the privilege of playing Patsy Cline in *Always Patsy Cline* and choreographing *The Lion King, Jr.* She loves working with such talented individuals both onstage and off. Other notable roles: *Spamalot* (Lady of the Lake), *Next to Normal* (Diana), and *White Christmas* (Betty). Becca has a BA from Rollins College and an MFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Central Florida. She is co-theatre director and teacher at Lake Mary High School. She is also mommy to her own Thing 1 and Thing 2 (aka Lila and Rowan). Becca thanks Craig for this opportunity and her hubby, Trevor, for his everlasting support! She hopes you enjoy the world that is about to be unfurled!

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~Meet The Production Team~



Richardo Aldrich (Sound Designer) is happy to be back for his 4th show at the Athens Theatre. Richardo has worked as a freelance sound designer throughout the east coast. Some of his favorite shows include, *Sister Act*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *The Addams Family* and *Shrek The Musical*. He enjoys piña coladas and getting caught in the rain. In his free time, he enjoys rearranging flower arrangements and taking his cat for walks. He has enjoyed working with the Athens Theatre family and hopes to return soon.



Chad Erickson (Lighting Designer) was born right here in Orlando, Florida and is beyond thrilled to have the position of Light and Sound Director at the Athens Theatre. He graduated from the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts. From there he continued his education at Marymount Manhattan College for Directing. While living in New York he was able to assistant direct and do lighting design for 2 seasons with his acting company. In the summers he spent his time in the Poconos running a large Performing Arts Department at an elite summer camp/boarding school. Prior to Athens he worked as a permanent installation technician and lighting designer. Some past credits include: *Race Through NY with Jimmy Fallon* Universal Studios Orlando, *Fast and The Furious Ride* Universal Studios Orlando, *Volcano Bay* Universal Studios Orlando, *Mariner of the Seas* Royal Caribbean, *Grander of the Seas* Royal Caribbean, *Hall of Hero's* Kennedy Space Center. He would like to thank his fiancé and family for their constant love and support.

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Tamara Marke-Lares (Costume Designer) is a Sculptor, Painter, Printmaker, and Creature Marionette maker. She has been designing costumes freelance for 19 years. She has designed for Dance, Ballet, Opera and Cirque productions, as well as numerous collaborative and solo productions. Some costume credits include: *The Jungle Book*, *The Complete Works of William Shakespeare*, *Once on This Island*, *12th Night*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Little Shop of Horrors*, *Gypsy*, *Spamalot*, *The Addams Family*, *Guys and Dolls*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Eurydice*, *Arsenic & Old Lace*, *Oklahoma!*, *The Wedding Singer*, *Jekyll & Hyde*, *Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn*, *The Lion King, Jr.*, *Always Patsy Cline*, *Singin' In the Rain*, *The Producers*, *Into the Woods*, and *Annie*. This is her fourth season with the Athens Theatre. She lives with her dreamy, musician husband and their two crazy talented children.



Laura C. McPherson (Scenic Designer) is a Scenic Design member of United Scenic Artists IATSE Local #829, and IATSE Local #491. She has a backdrop painting shop and design studio on the coast of NC. There, and on the road she freelances for theaters, film, TV, opera, ballet, universities and retail. Laura is thrilled to be designing again for The Athens with Craig Uppercue directing.



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Grace Locklin (Stage Manager) is thrilled to be working on another amazing Athens Production. This is her tenth production here and she hopes you enjoy the show!



Frank Ramirez (Resident Production Stage Manager) Frank is excited to be celebrating his third season with the Athens Theatre. Frank has served as Company Manager for Heather Henson's IBEX Puppetry, Assistant Company Manager/Resident Stage Manager for the Tony Award-Winning Broadway Producing/General Management company Martian Entertainment as well as Resident Production Stage Manager for Seaside Music Theatre, Community Performance Series, Crane Opera Ensemble and Potsdam Music Theatre. Broadway and Off-Broadway credits include *Puppet Palooza* (The New Victory Theatre), *Flight: on Earth, in Sky* (La MaMa Experimental Theatre Club), *Altar Boyz*, *The Musical of Musicals*, *Naked Boys Singing! Reveals Christine Jorgensen* (New World Stages). Some of his favorite regional and touring credits include Jim Henson's *Singalong with The Muppet Movie*, *Labyrinth Singalong*, *Les Miserable* (National Tour), *Shades of Rhythm* (Vern Riffe Center), *Les Miscellaneous* (Ahmanson Theatre) and the world premiere of *Million-Dollar Quartet*.



Amy Uppercue (Costume and Prop Shop Manager) has been working behind the scenes at the Athens Theatre since 2011, and has loved being a part of all the magic that has been created on our stage. Previous costume design credits include *The Little Mermaid, Jr.*, *A Year with Frog and Toad*, *Legally Blonde: the Musical* and *Footloose*. In addition to running the Athens Costume Shop, Amy is also a teaching artist for the Athens Theatre Youth Academy and a Marking Assistant for the Athens. Amy and her husband have three little girls that continue to be their greatest joy. Enjoy the show, we hope to see you all back here again soon!



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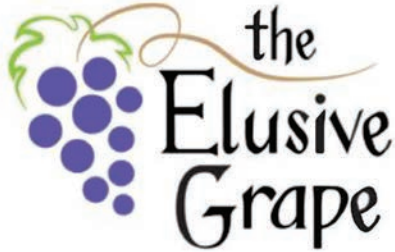


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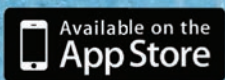
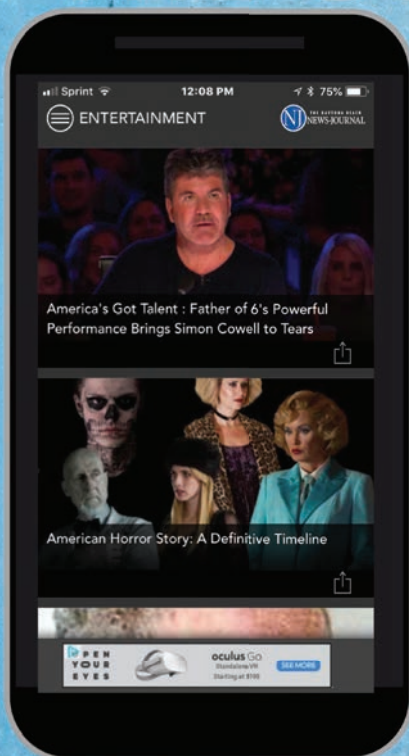
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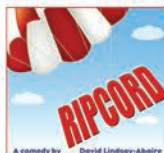
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