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Come gather 'round, dear patrons and friends, For a tale that's bittersweet never ends. Our friend, Mr. Bishop, with a heart so kind, Has bid adieu, left our world behind.

Many knew his necklace, an elephant true, And the letters he wrote, passing on what he knew. Letters and elephants, a legacy strong For students who graduate, to pass the words on.

Like Horton, he proved faithful 100%, With loyalty shining in the time that he spent. No matter how small, and no matter how tall, He saw the worth, in one and in all.

To our many volunteers, how can we convey Thanks for all you do... you're the heroes today. To our students who've been there through thick and thin, Thanks for the amazing support you have been.

> As we venture through our Seussian quest, Bishop's spirit joins us as our honored guest. Bishop, thanks-a-million for all that you'd do. We look forward to seeing you in Solla Sollew.





The Seussical Directing Team Jenny, Ashley, Cristelle, Melanie, Mona



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To **Devin McCrate** for always being positive and ready to hammer, paint, and saw. The set would not have been built without you!

To **Erin Insko** for going above and beyond with costume organization. The students look amazingly colorful!

To **Bridget McFeggan** for coordinating the search for all the crazy and unusual props, and building/creating the ones that could not be found!

To **Lillian Prince** for coordinating hair and makeup and making our students look and feel amazing on stage!

# THANK YOU!

To **Nick and Elizabeth Lopez** and **Mobility 101** for allowing us to utilize their warehouse to create the musical set!!! Even though your student graduated DMS years ago, you continued to host us, and we couldn't have done it without your exceptional hospitality!

To the **Student Directors** for being unendingly patient, dedicated, mature, and doing every task asked of you at rehearsals!

To **Stellar Edge Marketing Group** for your beautiful designs and making our program look so wonderful!

To the **DMS Staff** for supporting us in unending ways year after year!

To all **Seussical Jr. families** for taking this beautiful adventure with us!

Big thanks to ALL the **parent volunteers** who helped make this production run so smoothly!

To **Melanie Witek** for all that you do- it's amazing how many hats you can wear at one time!! Thanks for being the backbone of the show!

To **Matthew Bishop** - a million thank yous would not be enough for the effort you put into this show and at DMS. Your memory will be etched into this show and the minds that listen to your songs.

# AUTOGRAPHS

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Jomar, You worked so hard, now enjoy the show! Love, Dad, Mom & Jerome

**Jomar**, We are so proud of you! Love Lolas, Titos, Titas & cousins

**Connor** - Congratulations to our Cat in the Hat and all Seussical actors, directors and volunteers. Continue thinking, wondering and dreaming - As far and wide as you dare! - The Tibbetts family

Break a leg, **Camryn**. We are very proud of you and the hard work you have put into Seussical! Love, Mom Dad & Noelle

We are so proud of you **Hannah**. You are an amazing Thing 1. We love you so much, Mom, Dad, and Kaylyn

**Pupa**, we could not be more proud of you. You are meant to be on stage and we can't wait to see what the future holds for you. Your biggest fans, Mom & Dad

Good Luck **Anastacia**! We are so proud of you! Love Mom, Dad, andChristina!

Good luck **Peyton**, **Brookie**, **Khloe** and **KK**! We are so proud of you all! Love, The La Rue Family

GOOD LUCK **MAGGIE**!!! You are going to do amazing and we are soproud of you! Love - Mom, Dad & Ellie

**Erin**, we are excited to see your enthusiasm and energy as a WHO! You are amazing and we love you! Love, Mom & Dad

Good Luck **Brooklynn**! We are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Dad and Bella!

Good Luck **Dalylah**!! We can't wait to watch your performance! Love, FamBam

Wishing this wish straight from the heart - good luck and have fun playing your part. You worked hard and practiced singing 'bout Whos - Mom and Dad are so proud, **Ellie**, so proud of you!

**Marie**, We are really proud of you. We are excited to see your play. We wish you the best of luck. Mom, Dad and Andres.

LJ - Oh, the places you'll go when you step on that stage! We love WHO you are!

So proud of you **Lia**. Wishing you the best on your first musical! Oh the places you will go! Love, Dad, Mom and Trevor

You're a star! We are so proud of you **Caitlyn Cohn**! Love you with all of our hearts. Dad, Mom, Nana, Ky, Meela, Dior & Spike.

Good luck, **Evan**. We're so proud of you! Love - Dad, Jessie, Jane, and family. "Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You." - Dr. Seuss

**Zoey**, we love seeing you shine on stage and share your amazing smile and talents with the world! Reach for the moon ZoeBugs-we will always support you! Love you! xo Mom & Ajay

**Frankie**, we are so proud of you and can't wait to see you perform as Boy/Jojo! Break a Leg (not literally though, be careful in the bathtub)YOP!! Love, Mom, Dad, Lizzie, Hubert, Apricot, and Indy

Congratulations **Ethan**! We are so proud of you. The who who survived Everest and the Hulk too!

Happy 12th Birthday **Everett** and **Ariana** on opening day! Love, Mom

Great job **Siri**! It is such a joy to watch you sing and dance on stage. Love - Mom, Dad, Esmee & Tilly

**Ariana** and **Everett** - We are so proud of you for all your hard work! We love you, Dad, Josie & Wes!

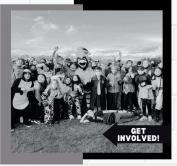


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We are so proud of you **Desiree**! Have fun and keep chasing dreams.

Good luck **Audrey**!! We know you are going to do amazing! Love Mom and Dad

LJ - We are in awe at how you are doing it all. You've worked so hard and we are so proud of you! Love, Mom, Matt, Rylee, Shaun, Luke, and Moxie

**Julia**, we are so very proud of you! Sing and dance your heart out. We love you! Love, Mom, Dave, JJ, Jill, Sophie, Dad and Christina

We are so very proud of you **Anthony**, and we know you will do a fantastic job! Love, Mom and Dad

"I meant what I said & said what I meant". **Molly Moo**, we are so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Em & Toffee

"Today you are you! That is truer than true!" **Molly**, shine like you always do. Love, Gramma Ginny & Papa Mike

**Emma** - We are so proud of you! We hope that you make memories that last a lifetime. Love you the most, Mom & Dad

**Emma** - Wishing you the best time! Enjoy being a part of the musical. Love You With All Our Hearts, Grandma & Papa

We are SO proud of you, **Natalie** & **Daphne**! Break a leg! Love, Mom & Dad

**Emiliano** - Can't wait to see you perform in the show! I'm so proud. I know you'll do great! Love, Mom

**Avery** - Before you are all your dreams. Around you all who loves you. Within you, all you need. Remember always what Mr. Bishop told you- Hold your head high make eye contact, bring your shoulders back, and act like you already have the part... <3 Grandma

Good luck **Charlotte**! We are so proud of you and all your hard work! - Love Mom, Dad, and family

**Katelyn Sherman** - We are so proud of you and all the students, staff and volunteers who made this performance happen during this difficult time. You're going to do great! Break a leg. Love, Mom & Dad

**Mason**, aka The Grinch, we love you so much and we are so very proud of you! - Oh the things you can find, if you don't stay behind! - Dr. Seuss Love, Mom, Dad & Violet

We're so proud of you, **Ellis**! Give it your all, and we'll be cheering on our favorite Who! Love, Mom & Dad

**Ellowyn** - Your hard work is paying off! You're doing great - keep it up!! We love you! - HamKamFam

**Sophia**, we are so proud of all the hard work you put in to all the musicals throughout your middle school years! We are so excited to watch you in Seussical Jr. and looking forward to seeing you in High School musicals! Love, Mom, Dad and Jon

Congratulations and Good Luck, **Charlotte**! We're cheering for you! Julianna - We are so proud of all of your accomplishments! We are excited to see our Bird Girl strive! <3 Te amamos!

Good luck Avery!

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# MUSICAL NUMBERS

Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! Sour Kangard	Cat, Jojo, Horton, Gertrude, oo, Mayzie, Mayors, Wickershams, Full Cast
Horton Hears a Who	Cat, Jojo, Horton, Bird Girls, Jungle Chorus
Biggest Blame Fool	Sour & Junior Kangaroo, Wickershams, Bird Girls, Cat, Jojo, Horton, Mayzie, Gertrude, Jungle Chorus
Gertrude McFuzz	Gertrude
Here On WhoJojo, Mayo	ors, Horton, Grinch, Bird Girls, Who Chorus
How to Raise a Child	Mayors
Oh the Thinks (Reprise)	Cat, Jojo
It's Possible	Cat, Jojo, Bird Girls, Who Chorus
Alone in the Universe	Jojo, Horton, Featured Dancers
The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzzGertrude	
Amayzing Mayzie	Mayzie, Gertrude, Bird Girls
	Gertrude, Bird Girls, Cat
Monkey Around / Chasing the Whos.	Sour & Junior Kangaroo, Wickershams, Cat, Jojo, Bird Girls, Horton,
Nation Ma Hautan	Mayzie, Gertrude, Vlad, Jungle Chorus
	Gertrude, Horton
•	Mayzie, Cat
Horton Sits on the Egg	Bird Girls, Horton, Gertrude, Cat, Jojo, Hunters
How Lucky You Are (Act I Finale)	Cat, Horton, Gertrude, Jojo, Bird Girls, Who Chorus

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### MUSICAL NUMBERS ACT II

Egg, Nest, & Tree	Sour Kangaroo, Wickershams, Bird Girls, Horton
Sold / Mayzie in Palm Beach	Mayzie, Cat, Circus Performers, Bird Girls, Wickershams
Amayzing Horton	Mayzie, Horton
Alone in the Universe (Reprise 1)	Horton
Solla SollewHo	orton, Jojo, Featured Dancers, Full Cast
All for You	Gertrude, Bird Girls, Cat
Whos Return/ People Vs Horton	Full Cast, Yertle, Horton Sour Kangaroo, Mayors, Jojo, Cat
Alone in the Universe (Reprise 2)	Horton, Gertrude
Oh the Thinks (Finale)	Jojo, Cat, Full Cast
Bows	Full Cast



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Cat in the Hat	Connor Tibbetts
Horton	Jack Welzien
Mr. Mayor	Aaron Hanks
Mrs. Mayor	Ashley Manoj
Gertrude	Sophia Alexander
Mayzie	Sofia Osegueda
Sour Kangaroo	Lainey Doherty
Young Kangaroo	Cam Mallo
Wickersham Brothers	Anthony Favata,
Evan	Jurasz, Dylan Krauss, Nathan Mills,
Emiliano Moj	ca, Stephen Nguru, Jomar Palanca
Wickersham Twins	Grace Birkett & Solveig Nelson
Bird Girls	Javey Baird, Selene Garcia-Munoz,
Natalie G	oss, Isabella Hardy, Siena LaMothe,
Juli S	anchez, Lila Serafini, Sireen Sihweil
Things 1 & 2	Hannah Brylski & Allison Morris
The Grinch	Mason Prince
Vlad Vladikoff	Jaxsen Heine
Yertle the Turtle	Tiffany Le
Elephant Bird	Antonella Pirolo
Hunters Nathan Leindeck	er, Nico Jensen, Everett Oldenburg
	Dancer Iris Finn*
Jungle Featured Dancers	Caitlyn Cohn*, Lia Crumpley*,
Gabby De La Espada*, Addy Hubicek*, Siri Insko*	
Who Featured Dancers	Chloe Bell, Tiffany Le, Molly Linden,
	Ellowyn Minot, Saanvika Yama

\*Chorus members also in the Circus McGurkus



#### **Jungle Chorus**

Zoey Allen, Heather Baskin, Ellenore Carr, Kaylin Carter, Jana Fabe, Victoria Flores-Cortez\*, Quinn Foley, Erin Garbrecht\*, Allie Gospodarek, Daphne Goss, Parker Harned\*, Sophia Holic, Brooklynn Hooper\*, Sandi Hopper\*, Peyton LaRue, Nathan Leindecker, Maleena Llamas, Sophie Lopez, Anna Matzl, Bryce McFeggan\*, Kiera Oswald, Camille Paredes, Jude Perez, Danaca Petterson, Morgan Phoneprasith\*, Dalia Platek, Olivia Rakow, Sophie Rivera, Desiree Saunders Weaver\*, Aleena Sayed, Gemma Serafini, Leanna Sihweil\*, Tyler Stobbe\*, Maya Talbot, Ella Uppling\*, Molly Williams, Gianna Young

#### **Who Chorus**

Jessa Arcales, Ellis Benoit, Nel Burdek, Olivia Carioscia, Erin Cranston, Julia Curry, Sabelle Dary, Maddy Davis, Shyanne Davis, Claudia Duda, Cam Erickson, Giulia Giancaterino, Daniella Gonzalez, Dalylah Gotter, Avery Gougis, Audrey Griswold, Mia Haugens, Kasey Howarter, Nico Jensen, Anastacia Karountzos, Aria King, Veronica Kuczborski, LJ Lagioia, Khloe Lawton, Daniella Lombardo, Kalina Matchinski, Alanna McCrate, Brigid McCrate, Kayden McDonald, Ethan Meygery, Jocelyn Moguecho, Amelia Mrotek, Gabriella Murphy, Leia Neumann, Everett Oldenburg, Ariana Oldenburg, Lily Payne, Marie Poulos, Maddie Reiner, Quinn Roberts, Maggie Rojas, Katelyn Sherman, Winter Skrodzki, Charlotte Stear, Payton Tamondong, Lydia Wild, Jazzy Williams, Emma Wochner, Aubrey Young

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**Sophia Alexander** (*Gertrude*) is an 8th grader at DMS. She's excited for her 5th production at DMS. Sophia is in orchestra, chorus, and Bella Voce. She has performed in The Little Mermaid Jr., Haphazardly Ever After, Moana Jr., Bedtime Stories, and now Suessical Jr.! She had so much fun rehearsing and making friends throughout this process. She'd like to thank the directors, production team, and everyone who helped make the musical possible. She'd like to especially thank Mr. Bishop. Mr. Bishop encouraged Sophia through every production she's done, and inspired Sophia musically. She will never forget everything Mr. Bishop has done, the memories she had made with him, and the impact he made on everyone. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Javey Baird** (*Bird Girl*) is 13 and in 7th grade. She enjoys singing and musical theater. She is so excited to be a lead in Seussical Jr! She is in Bella Voce and was previously in the DMS production of Moana Jr. and Bedtime Stories. She wants to thank her family and directors for all the carpools, mic checks, and everything in between. She wants to thank Mr. Bishop for being there for her during her first lead performance at DMS, and she made sure to put her mic on the right side for him. She especially hopes you enjoy the show and pay attention to all your THINKS, they may just save you one day!

**Chloe Bell** (*Featured Dancer*) is 13 and in 7th grade. She enjoys singing, dancing, and hanging out with friends. She has past experience in the DMS musical Moana Jr. last year. She is excited to make many great memories with the cast, and would like to thank you all for coming. She hopes you enjoy the show!



**Grace Birkett** (*Wickersham Twin*) is 13 years old and in 7th grade. This is her second show– she was previously in the DMS production of Moana Jr., and was a villager. She is very excited to have her first named role. She loves playing cello, running, listening to music, crocheting, and hanging out with friends. She is in Beta club, is Co-Editor in Chief of the Newspaper Club, on the DMS track team, and in Battle of the Books. She wants to thank her friends, family, the crew, and the directors for all their hard work and support to make this show possible, and a special thank you to Mr. Bishop for all his hard work and support to make so many musical things magical. He was a huge inspiration and the light of DMS. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Hannah Brylski** (*Thing 1*) is 14 years old and in 8th grade. She likes to sing, act, and be helpful. She enjoys spending time with her friends that are in the musical. She's in Bella Voce and was on the dance team. Another production she has been in is the Little Mermaid Jr. and Moana Jr. She has been in chorus all three years, and will be staying in chorus in high school. She wants to thank her directors for such a great show!

**Caitlyn Cohn** (*Featured Dancer*) is in 7th grade and enjoys dancing, singing, playing piano and violin. She is very grateful to be a part of the Seussical Jr. musical as a featured dancer. She would like to thank all of the directors, her wonderful friends and family, behind the scenes volunteers, and cast members for making this possible. Enjoy the show!

**Lia Crumpley** (*Featured Dancer*) is 12 years old, in 6th grade, and loves the arts. She enjoys singing, dancing, and acting. She has been a competitive dancer for the last eight years and has been in chorus and orchestra for the last two years. She is thrilled to be in her first musical and 'Oh, the Places She'll go!' She wants to thank all her directors for this amazing opportunity and such a great show! She is grateful for the time she had with Mr. Bishop and will never forget everything he taught her. "Mr. Bishop, this one's for you! I will forever hold you in my heart."

**Gabriele De La Espada** (*Featured Dancer*) is 12 years old and is in 7th grade. She has been in one musical, Moana Jr., and she enjoys her free time doing gymnastics, shopping, hanging out with her friends, and singing. She is very grateful and excited to be a part of this musical. She wishes that Mr. Bishop could be here to see it but she knows he is watching from above and will be missed. She

hopes you enjoy the show!

**Lainey Doherty** (Sour Kangaroo) is 12 years old and is very excited to be Sour Kangaroo! She also has done many shows before. Some of her favorites that she has done are The Wizard of Oz Jr., Annie Jr., Bedtime Stories (DMS), which you may have seen her in as the queen, and many more! She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Anthony Favata** (*Wickersham Brother*) is 13, and loves Spiderman and listening to music artists like Travis Scott. He loves to hang out with his friends inside and outside of school. Anthony is very stoked and excited for the musical production of Seussical Jr.

**Iris Finn** (*Featured Baton Artist*) is 14 years old and in 8th grade. She is part of many music programs such as Bella Voce, Honor Band, and Jazz Band. She has past experience in other plays and musicals such as Haphazardly Ever After, Bedtime Stories as Told by our Dad, and Moana Jr. She would like to give a special thank you to her amazing teacher Mr. Bishop, who made the musical so much better! She is excited to be a part of the show and hopes that you will enjoy it!

**Selene García** (*Bird Girl*) is 14 years old and in 8th grade. She enjoys singing, acting, and spending time with her friends. She is in Bella Voce, chorus, and orchestra. This is her 4th production at DMS and she is very proud. She loves the memories she's made with her friends, as well as the rehearsal process. She's made many new friends during the musical. She would like to thank Mr. Bishop for being such an amazing teacher and human being. Every moment she spent with him was a moment filled with joy and laughter. He was a truly talented individual and Selene is very grateful that she got to meet and work with him. She would like everyone to know that this musical and all the hard work and many hours spent to make it happen is all dedicated to him. She hopes everyone enjoys the show!

**Natalie Goss** (*Bird Girl*) is in 8th grade and loves singing, theater, reading, cooking and spending time with her friends and family. She has also been a part of other DMS productions such as Bedtime Stories as Horace, and Moana Jr. as a Chief Ancestor. She has had so much fun bringing Seussical to life and would like to thank her directors for making this show so amazing and her family for always being so supportive! She especially wants to thank Mr. Bishop for everything he contributed to this show. She knows that he would be proud and hopes you enjoy Seussical Jr.!!



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**Aaron Hanks** (*Mr. Mayor*) is 14 years old. He lived in Carpentersville until he was about 11 and then he moved that summer to Gilberts, and come fall he attended DMS. Until he was in 6th grade, he mainly just did things like baseball that he always enjoyed. He signed up for the musical as soon as it was posted and since he had seen his sisters in it. It always was cool to him and it wasn't until this year, his 8th grade year, that he made it to a lead role. He's not sure if he'll continue theater in his freshman year, but only the future will tell.

**Isabella Hardy** (*Bird Girl*) is 14 years old and is in 8th grade. She enjoys hanging out with family and friends, and she loves to do theater. Isabella dances, plays tennis, and she is in Bella Voce and Beta Club. Isabella has been in 15 shows/musicals in total. Her favorite shows that she has been in are Driver's License and Moana Jr.! She hopes that you enjoy the show!!

**Jaxsen Heine** (*Vlad Vladikoff*) is in 7th grade and loves video games and hanging out with family. He loves to perform and entertain. He is constantly active and funny. Last year he was in Moana Jr. as a villager. He has been in chorus for 2 years and will stay a 3rd. He hopes you all enjoy the show!

Addy Hubicek (Featured Dancer) is in 7th grade and she loves doing the DMS shows! She has been in Bedtime Stories and Moana Jr. Addy is so excited to be a featured dancer in Seussical Jr! This year she is in choir. She wants to thank her directors for making this show possible and hopes you love the show!

**Siri Insko** (*Featured Dancer*) is 13 years old and in 7th grade. This is her second musical, and she is excited to be cast as a featured dancer. In her free time she enjoys attending dance and tumbling classes, and spending time crocheting, hanging out with friends, and being with her family. She thanks all the people both big and small because a show is not a show without them all. She hopes you enjoy the performance.

**Evan Jurasz** (*Wickersham Brother*) is 14 years old and 8th grade. He loves partaking in all facets of the DMS Music program including choir, musicals, and plays. Evan wants to thank all of his directors, friends, and loved ones who have helped him prepare. He would especially like to thank Matthew Bishop for being the best teacher, mentor, and friend. He dedicates the performances you will see these nights to him.

**Dylan Krauss** (*Wickersham Brother*) is a 13 year old in 8th grade. He enjoys playing soccer and singing in Valliant Voices. His first musical was Moana Jr. and he did Bedtime Stories last fall. He has been in chorus since 6th grade and he plans on continuing a form of singing throughout high school. He thanks Mr. Bishop for all he has done for him in his life and thanks him for helping become who he is. He wants all of you to enjoy the show!

**Siena Lamothe** (*Bird Girl*) is 13 years old and is in 7th grade. She is proud to say this is her first ever musical she has been in. She enjoys singing and hanging out with friends, and is hard working. She has always been super intrigued by musicals and is super excited to be a part of Seussical Jr! She hopes you are as excited as she is and hopes you enjoy the show!

**Khloe Lawton** (*Student Director*) is in 7th grade and likes to sing and act. She is always helpful, creative, and loud. She's in Bella Voce and Beta Club. Outside of school, she enjoys shopping, baking, and playing games with family and friends. Other productions she has been in are Annie Jr., Moana Jr., and Frozen Jr., to name a few. She hopes you sit back, relax, and just THINK of the PLACES you'll GO!

**Tiffany Le** (*Featured Dancer, Yertle the Turtle*) is 13 years old and is in 7th grade. She enjoys being on stage and taking the audience on a musical adventure. This is her third show at DMS, and she's super excited to be with this amazing cast! There have definitely been bumps in the road, but as a wise man once said, "The show must go on!" She wants to thank everyone in the house tonight and hopes you enjoy the show as much as she loves being a part of it!

**Molly Linden** (*Featured Dancer, Student Director*) is 13 and in 7th grade. This is her 2nd show at DMS with the 1st being Moana Jr. where she was a featured dancer. She loves music and dancing! Molly is currently in the Elgin Youth Choir, Bella Voce, chorus, and orchestra. She also loves dancing at Turning Pointe Academy of Dance. Molly is so happy to be on stage and thankful for the directors and all of their work. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Frankie Lorenz** (*Jojo*) is 13 years old and is in 7th grade. He enjoys sports, video games, playing in the neighborhood football league, and making jokes with his friends. He was in Moana, Winthrop in Music Man, young Barnum in The Greatest Showman, and the best prince in the fall play Bedtime Stories. He hopes you enjoy the show.

**Cam Mallo** (Junior Kangaroo) is in 7th grade and likes to sing, act, be loud, and be helpful. She enjoys spending time with her friends that are in the play. She's in Bella Voce and Art Club. Another production she has been in is Moana Jr. She has been in chorus for 2 years and plans on staying in chorus next year and high school. She wants to thank her directors for such a great show and hopes you enjoy it! She misses Mr. Bishop so much! One of the things that she will forever remember him saying is "I'm good at my job" (while snapping his fingers to point at us) after all of the leads got their harmonies down on the first try!

**Ashley Manoj** (*Mrs. Mayor*) is 12 years old and is in 7th grade. She has been a part of 2 DMS productions, Moana Jr. and Bedtime Stories (fall play this year), which she enjoyed every second of. She is part of 7th grade chorus/orchestra, Bella Voce, Robotics Team, and Beta Club. Her hobbies include reading, playing piano, and dancing. She enjoys acting as well as singing and is thrilled to be part of this year's musical as Mrs. Mayor. She appreciates her family/friends for supporting her during these performances, and thanks the directors for such a great show! She misses Mr. Bishop dearly, and he will forever have a special place in her heart. "Because I'm pretty!" - Mr. Bishop, 2024.



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OH THE THINKS YOU CAN THINK!



**Emiliano Mojica** (*Wickersham Brother*) is 14 years old and in 8th grade. He enjoys participating in musicals and talking to his friends. He is thrilled to be a part of the show and hopes that you will enjoy the show.

**Nathan Mills** (*Wickersham Brother*) is in 8th Grade. He has been in the musical his two previous years at DMS, as well the fall play in 7th Grade and last semester, making this his 5th production at DMS. That's how math works right? Nathan would like to thank all the directors who have made the musical amazing in their own unique ways. Besides theater, he is the Co-Editor-In-Chief of the school newspaper and ran cross country. He has participated in Chess Club, and Valiant Voices, as well as chorus and orchestra. In addition to those school activities, he plays golf and tennis. He is a huge history buff, and can name every British monarch and every American president. He would prove this to you, but that would take him over the maximum word count, and if he does that, he'll get cut off at a random -

**Ellowyn Minot** (*Featured Dancer*) is in 7th grade. She likes to craft, listen to music, and dance, as well as spend time with friends and family. She is enjoying her time in the DMS Robotics Team, Beta club, cross country, band and chorus. After doing Moana Jr. last year, she had immediately known she wanted to perform again. Although she had been unsure about Seussical Jr., she absolutely loved the way it turned out. She is extremely proud of all the work she did to help make the show amazing. She would like to thank the directors, cast, and everyone behind the scenes for all the hours they put in to make this show possible. She hopes all of you have as much fun watching it as she does performing!

**Allison Morris** (*Thing 2*) is 13 and in 8th grade. She enjoys theater, hanging out with friends, singing, and participating in school plays and musicals. She has been in the shows Moana Jr., Little Mermaid Jr. and the fall play in 8th grade. She thanks her parents and her brother for supporting and inspiring her to act. She is so excited to be in Seussical Jr. this year. She hopes you enjoy the show!

**Solveig Nelson** (*Wickersham Twin*) is 13 and in 7th grade at DMS. She loves reading, playing sports (mostly tennis), singing, acting and spending time with friends. She has been in 2 previous musicals, Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat and Moana Jr., but this is the first time of her being a lead. At DMS she is in Beta Club, choir and band. She wamts to thank Mr. Bishop for all that he has done for her and the school, her parents who let her do everything she does, the rest of her family, her friends and finally to you for coming and supporting the musical. Thank you, and enjoy the show!

**Stephen Nyaga Nguru** (*Wickersham Brother*) is 13 years old and in 8th grade. This is his first theater production ever, thankful he has a great cast of others who are helping him. Most of his interests include history, making stories, and video games. The person he would like to thank the most is Matthew Bishop for inspiring him and giving him this great opportunity and the directors for helping him learn the steps. He hopes this is a start to a love of performance.

**Sofia Osegueda** (*Mayzie*) is 14 years old and in 8th grade. She enjoys theater and sports. She's currently in chorus, orchestra, and Bella Voce. She's been in two DMS musicals: The Little Mermaid (2022) where she was a featured dancer, and Moana Jr. (2023) playing the role of Sina. She's enjoyed singing with her friends, and is so excited to finally be performing for everyone. She's so happy to be in this musical with her best friends who play Gertrude and Bird Girls. She's excited to be playing as Mayzie and hopes you enjoy the 'AMAZING' performance!

**Jomar Palanca** (*Wickersham Brother*) is 14 years old and is in 8th grade. He enjoys participating in his school's plays and musicals. He has many fun hobbies. He likes listening to and playing music. He participates in many activities at DMS such as Valiant Voices (Men's Ensemble). He is thrilled to be a part of Seussical Jr. and hopes that you will enjoy the show.

**Antonella Pirolo** (*Elephant Bird*) is 13 years old and in 8th grade. She loves singing, acting, and hanging out with friends. She's in Bella Voce and she was on the dance team as well. She has been in chorus all 3 years and hopes to continue in high school. Other musicals Antonella has been in include The Little Mermaid Jr. and Moana Jr. She is super excited to be part of this year's musical.

**Mason Prince** (*The Grinch*) is 12 years old and in 7th grade. When he saw the school's production of Moana Jr. last year from the audience, he was "green" with envy. Another part of what attracted him to performing arts in school was Mr. Bishop, so he will try to make him proud through this performance. He's wearing a lot of makeup and clothing for this role, and like Kermit the Frog once said, "It's not easy being green". We miss you Mr. Bishop!

**Sophie Rivera** (*Student Director*) is a 12-year-old sixth-grader who loves expressing herself in music. She has always looked up to her older siblings, Nicholas and Alivia, and is up to follow their passion in music. She has participated in many musical activities such as orchestra at Gilberts Elementary, singing solos at school concerts, and even doing a choir camp with the beloved Mr. Bishop. She has been super excited to perform Seussical Jr. since both her siblings had been in it before her at Hampshire High School. She really hopes you enjoy the show!

**Julianna Sanchez** (Bird Girl, Student Director) is a 13 year old that is currently in 8th grade. She is very excited to be in her second musical ever and her last at DMS. Julianna enjoys socializing with her friends and family and is very excited to show off her dancing and singing skills during the musical. At Dundee Middle School, Julianna is currently involved in Bella Voce, Schoolapalooza, choir and orchestra. Lastly, Julianna would like to thank all the directors that she has worked hard beside for the past few months. She is very grateful for the opportunity and experiences. She would also like to thank Mr. Bishop for being her biggest supporter and she will forever be thankful to him for always being there for her.

**Lila Serafini** (*Bird Girl*) is 13 and in 7th grade. She enjoys singing and acting, golfing, and playing guitar in her free time. She is in Bella Voce and Beta Club, and loves to participate in other school activities, especially Midnight Mile. Lila would like to thank her parents for supporting her in everything she does, and her fellow Bird Girls for being amazing and always working together! She would also like to dedicate her performance to Mr. Bishop for being the best director possible, and helping the entire cast so much and never leaving a single person behind. She hopes you all enjoy the show, and remember to always love yourself, from your one feather tail to the thinks in your mind!



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**Sireen Sihweil** (*Bird Girl, Student Director*) is 14 years old and in 8th grade. She enjoys participating in her school's musicals such as The Little Mermaid Jr., and Moana Jr. She likes to sing, act, be around others, and be helpful. She's also in Bella Voce and Chess Club. She has been in chorus all three years and will be staying in chorus in high school. This is her final musical here at DMS but she has had so much fun being a part of the musicals over the past few years and will be continuing with theatre in high school. She is thrilled to be a part of Seussical Jr. and wants to thank her directors for such an amazing show and hopes that you will enjoy it!

**Connor Tibbetts** (*Cat in the Hat*) is 13 years old and in 7th grade. Aside from singing and acting, he enjoys drawing roads, playing video games, and playing instruments. His most recent productions include the DMS fall play Bedtime Stories, Peter Pan Kids, Annie Jr., and Music Man Kids. He was in Seussical Kids in 2022 as Horton. He also participates in choir, Valiant Voices, Schoolapalooza, orchestra, cross country, Beta Club, Guitar Club, and Yoga Club. He would like to thank the directors, cast, crew, and volunteers for all of their hard work. He would also like to thank Mr. Bishop for encouraging him to always do his best, for being a great role model, and for all his lame jokes. He has high hopes for this show and hopes you enjoy it!!

**Jack Welzien** (Horton) is a 14 year old 8th grade student who loves being in the musical. He enjoys playing video games and learning different instruments. He knows how to play trumpet and ukulele, and is learning to play bass. He is in band, chorus, Valiant Voices and Beta Club. He is a good student who gets all A's (most of the time). He was in last year's fall play Haphazardly Ever After. He loves to act and sing. He would like to thank the directors for helping to produce this amazing and fantastic musical. He also would like to give a special thanks to the one, the only, the incredible Mr. Bishop.

**Saanvika Yama** (*Featured Dancer*) is 13 years old, is in 7th grade and loves theater and music. She is currently in Bella Voce and she took part in fall play this year. She also participated in the Moana Jr. musical last year. Saanvika is a very compassionate, outgoing, helpful individual who is always open to new experiences. She is also very motivated; when she sets her mind on something, she'll put 110% into achieving it. Saanvika hopes you will enjoy the show and appreciate the time and effort the directors and cast put into it. She looks forward to seeing you at this year's performance and many more to come!



### TECHNICAL PRODUCTION

Stage Direction: Ashley Estrada, Jenny Olson
Musical Direction: Matthew Bishop
Assistant Musical Direction: Mona Roy
Choreography: Cristelle Escalante, Ashley Estrada, Jenny Olson
Production Coordinator: Mona Roy
Parent Coordinator: Kim Tibbetts
Costumes: Melanie Witek
Set Design: Melanie Witek, Devin McCrate
Props: Melanie Witek, Bridget McFeggan

### **MUSICAL TECH**

Sound Design: Adam Huckeby Lighting Design: Katie Weidman Sound/Projection Consultant: Marc Beth Q Lab: Adam Huckeby, Cristelle Escalante ECC Technicians: Kyle Mulholland, Dave Snyder Deck/Fly: Mark Bureros Scene Shop Supervisor: Ed Dawson Technical Coordinator: Jessica Yeska Production Manager: Alexander Desimone Event Coordinators: Abby King, Hannah Weiss Performing Arts Manager: Cindy Gaspardo



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