

SeussicalTM

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Kyle Tennant - 10 Kelsey **CAT IN THE HAT**

Kyle has been acting in productions since the age of 12. Since starting in 2003, he has performed in various school, community, and amateur theatre productions. Starting in his hometown of Smithers, BC, he has since performed in touring shows throughout most of Western Canada. He continued his performing pursuits when he entered university, as he is currently studying for a double major in drama and history. His time at university also allows him to venture into opportunities in student government. He is currently FC of 10K, and is also the incoming VP Kelsey for the 2012-2013 school year. He thanks all of you for coming to see the monstrosities and real curiosities, and hopes you will enjoy the show.



Matthew Devitt - 3 Schäffer **HORTON THE ELEPHANT**

Matthew Devitt is playing Horton the Elephant in *Seussical*. He was born and raised in Yellowknife, NT. He is a fourth year civil engineering student. In high school, Matthew played Richard in *The Man Who Came to Dinner* and Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*. In his free time, Matthew enjoys writing music, playing guitar and piano, and captaining the top dodgeball team in the LDL. He is

extremely grateful to the director and choreographer for putting on the musical since it's been a while since he's been in one. As for the rest of the cast, I thank them all, 'cause a person's a person no matter how small!



Abigail Dering - 10 Kelsey **JOJO, CIRCUS PERFORMER**

Abigail Dering was born in Calgary, Alberta and currently resides in Airdrie, Alberta. She is studying General Sciences as a first year student. She has been singing since junior high and participated in choir all through high school, as well as being a member of different extracurricular singing groups. In the most recent production that Abigail participated, she had the surprising opportunity to play the part of Captain Hook and Jane in Airdrie Koinonia Christian School's adaption of *Peter Pan*. She additionally took on many different roles in *Through the Looking Glass*. In her spare time, she likes to catch up on reading (that isn't textbooks!) and hanging out with her friends. She is very thankful for the opportunity to act in the great production in *Seussical*, and the great director, choreographer, and cast she gets to work with. Abigail knows that with everyone's help in making this a great production, "anything's possible"!



Dominic Collin-Doyle - NAIT Graduate
GERTRUDE McFUZZ

Dominic is originally from Fort McMurray, but is happy to have called Edmonton home for the past two and a half years. She is a NAIT graduate and is currently working at the U of A hospital as an x-ray tech. This is her third time performing *Seussical* and she couldn't be more excited! Dominic has enjoyed getting to know the cast in this very short time. She has thoroughly enjoyed working with Luay and Cara and couldn't ask for a better director and choreographer. Enjoy the show from 'Your odd little next door neighbor!'



Erin Struble - 7 Mackenzie
MAYZIE LABIRD

Calgary native Erin has been singing and dancing since the age of 10. She performed with a major show-choir in her hometown of Calgary from Grades 5-8 before joining the Young Canadians of the Calgary Stampede School of Performing Arts as a Singer/Dancer in Grade 9. With the Young Canadians, Erin performed in annual spring and Christmas shows, the annual Santa Claus Parade, grandstand shows after the chuck-wagon races at the Calgary Stampede, and various other productions throughout the year. She remained a member of the company for four years until her high school graduation and claims she learned everything she knows about the performing arts through her involvement in the organization. Aside from performing with The Young Canadians, Erin also took various dance classes and vocal lessons. Since moving to Edmonton, Erin has been focusing on her studies as a second year in the Alberta School of Business.



Andre Marie Lumanglas - 10 Henday
SOUR KANGAROO, CIRCUS PERFORMER



Andre Marie is from Fort McMurray and currently in first year Engineering. She started singing at the age of six, but did not participate in drama until high school. She absolutely loves the stage and has been and part of three Father Patrick Mercredi Community High School productions has been made her want to continue with musicals in university. As a beginner, she started off with the musical *Cinderella*, then in *Peter Pan*, playing the role of Michael, and in her final year, she starred in the *Back to the 80's* as Tiffany Houston. *Seussical* has given her the opportunity to make use of her talent in a way that she has never done before. She would like to thank her sister, Mary Joyce, for encouraging her to sing and perform, her parents, for their love and support, Hazel, for lending her room to practice (a million thanks!), and last but not least, Queenie, for always being there. *Seussical* is such a fun musical, and you would be the 'biggest blame fool' to miss it! :)



Grady Zielke - 8 Schäffer
MR. MAYOR, CIRCUS PERFORMER



Hello, my name is Grady Zielke from the floor 8 Schäffer,
But you all know me better as Mr. Mayor from this caper.
I'm from Ft. McMurray, up north on highway 63,
I've come to here to study English at university.
I've been in some other plays, like the last dinner theatre
Where I directed the show (it was a lot of fun, that year!)
But this year it is going to be even better
From the first note you hear, to the very last letter.
All thanks to our directors! That's Luay and Cara,
And of course, the cast: the whole time they've been there-a.
So sit back! Soon you'll see the source of this fuss
Because the Circus McGurkus has nothing on us!



Catherine Lynch - 8 Mackenzie
MRS. MAYOR, CIRCUS PERFORMER

Catherine was born and raised in Fort McMurray, AB. She is a second year student majoring in Psychology, with aspirations of obtaining an after degree in Nursing. Performing has been a big part of her life since the age of seven, when she began Irish dancing. In Grade 8 she switched to acting, taking part in several school plays. Some of the past shows she has partaken in include *Alice in Wonderland*, *Footloose*, *Cinderella* and Fort McMurray's local theatre's production of *Seussical*. She has had a wonderful time working on this show and would like to thank the cast and crew for making it such an enjoyable experience! She hopes you all enjoy the show! :D



Chandra Moir, 7 Kelsey
BIRD GIRL, CIRCUS PERFORMER

Chandra is in her first year at the U of A, studying for a double degree in Drama and Education. She currently resides on 7 Kelsey, where too much crazy stuff happens that it's impossible to even try to describe it. Coming from Calgary, Chandra has always loved the theatre, participating in musicals and productions, her most recent role being in *Dracula*. For three years, she has helped direct scenes for Montgomery Junior High's yearly musicals. In her spare time, she loves reading her huge collection of books and practicing her pigeon head as a Bird Girl. She feels extremely lucky to have worked with such an amazing cast and crew and sure hopes that everyone will follow their Hunches to their dreams.



Krishty Roy, 4 Kelsey
BIRD GIRL, CIRCUS PERFORMER

Krishty resides on the fourth floor of Kelsey and is a wonderful human being because she is from Calgary, studying Sciences at the U of A. She is playing the role of a Bird Girl in *Seussical* and prides herself in her eating capabilities. Krishty is only 5'2", but "a person's a person no matter how small". Krishty loves *Seussical*, and wants to thank the entire cast and crew for this fantabulous experience. And of course Dr. Seuss, who not only created green eggs and ham, but taught us all "that there is no one alive that is you-er than you"!



Emily He - 11 Mackenzie
BIRD GIRL, CIRCUS PERFORMER

Emily He was born in Toronto, ON, and lived there for 16 years! She currently lives on 11 Mac and plays one of the Bird Girls in *Seussical*! Emily loves to play volleyball and as a stress reliever sing karaoke until she has no voice. When the weather permits, Emily rollerblades all day around the city and hopes to end up back home somehow. She feels so privileged to have worked with all the talented cast and is amazed at the musical talent throughout the singers and instrumentalists!! All you need to do is believe in yourself because "anything's possible".



Miranda Marks - 10 Mackenzie
BIRD GIRL, CIRCUS PERFORMER

Miranda Marks is a Sagittarius. She likes long walks on sandy beaches and helping others. Her ideal date would be dinner at a cozy Italian restaurant where she could talk about her love of music—ten years playing french horn, a lifetime of singing—and her dreams of changing the world. If you're interested in music fellas, look no further! Miranda's life *is* music! Besides playing french horn, Miranda has appeared in such musicals as *Annie* or *A Year with Frog and Toad*, and in various operas, *Tosca* and *Turandot*, to name a few. In all that she does, from performing and entertaining, to pursuing a degree in Sociology, Miranda loves to help others. She hopes you enjoy the show, and all of the hard work the cast put into it. After you see Miranda and the whole cast in action, you'll realize just how lucky you are!





Barrett Luciak - 10 Kelsey
WICKERSHAM BROTHER, CIRCUS PERFORMER, HUNCH

Barrett grew up in Bonnyville, AB. He is in first year engineering and wants to get into Civil Structural engineering. He has been in multiple musicals, including *Seussical*, throughout middle and high school; the most recent being *Les Miserables*. In his spare time, Barrett loves to play sports, mostly hockey, and guitar. He is excited to perform in *Seussical* once again. He has also enjoyed getting to know the extremely talented cast of *Seussical*. So, quit “monkeying around” and enjoy the show!!

Michael Lang - 4 Schäffer
WICKERSHAM BROTHER, CIRCUS PERFORMER, HUNCH

Michael is from Fort McMurray, and hasn't acted much since high school. His last role was Captain Hook in *Peter Pan*, and has been in productions such as *Footloose* and *Cinderella*. He was also an Assistant Stage Manager for Keyano College's production of *Seussical*. Michael is in second year and studies philosophy. He has enjoyed working on this show immensely, and is especially grateful to this fantastically talented cast for making this so! It has been a blast, and he hopes you'll enjoy all of our monkey business.



Marlene Vargas - 11 Schäffer
WHO PERSON, FISH, CADET, PUPPETEER, CIRCUS PERFORMER
HUNCH

Marlene was born in Guayaquil, Ecuador. She is currently an exchange student in her last year of Business Administration. Marlene has been dancing and singing since the age of 7 when she joined the choir at her school and a ballet and jazz academy. In her spare time, she enjoys making drawings, oleo paintings and, listening to music. She has had a blast performing in *Seussical* and getting involved with such a great cast. She hopes you enjoy the show and remember “all the things you can think when you think about SEUSS!” :)



Jocelyn Berkowitz - 11 Mackenzie
CINDY LOU WHO, SWIMMER, CADET, PUPPETEER, CIRCUS PERFORMER, HUNCH

Jocelyn Berkowitz was born and raised in Los Angeles, California. She is in her third year of Art History with hopes of becoming an Art Conservationist one day. Just like many other children raised close to Hollywood, Jocelyn has been dancing, singing and acting before she could eat. She has been (a major star) in numerous musicals such as *Grease*, *Annie*, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* and a multitude of plays such as *You Can't Take it With You* and *Our Town*. Jocelyn enjoys taking long strolls at sunset by McElligot's Pool and immensely enjoys eating her bread butter side up! Jocelyn would like to thank the cast and crew of *Seussical* from the smallest of small to the tallest of tall-- from the incredible prop-makers to the talented musicians to the incredible director and creative choreographer. And in case all you fellas were wondering, Jocelyn does not like green eggs and ham, especially if your name is Sam-I-am.



Amanda Short - 6 Mackenzie
WHO PERSON, FISH, CADET, HUNTER, CIRCUS PERFORMER, HUNCH

Amanda is from Cold Lake, Alberta and currently resides on 6 Mackenzie. She performed in various productions throughout high school, including *Bah*, *Humbug* and *Big Bad*, and is excited to be at it once again! Amanda is currently in her first year of studying English, in hopes of one day realizing her dream of becoming a journalist. Her favourite part of being in *Seussical* has been stumbling through choreography, keeping in mind that "anything's possible" if you put your mind to it! She would like to thank everyone involved for the experience, and her floor for all of their support. Enjoy the show, and the red drink too!



Stephanie Guin - 10 Mackenzie
WHO PERSON, FISH, CADET, PUPPETEER, CIRCUS PERFORMER, HUNCH

Steph was born and raised in Lima, Peru, and moved to this giant freezer in 2010. She is a second year student, double majoring in Economics and Political Science. Because she lacks vocal skills, she's been playing the violin since the age of 4, and later adopted the guitar and the ukulele in an effort to become cool. Rumor has it, Steph was dared to audition, and because she likes adventures and takes dares very seriously, she now apologizes for the mess. She's mildly intimidated, but wildly grateful, to have had the opportunity to work with such talented, energetic and friendly people. The cast and crew showed her that "these things are fun, and fun is good"!





Daniel Kwon - 3 Mackenzie

VLAD VLADIKOFF, WHO PERSON, SWIMMER, CADET, PUPPETEER, CIRCUS PERFORMER, HUNCH

Daniel is a first year engineering student who moved from Lacombe, AB. Back at home, Daniel loved participating in the Fine Arts and had especially taken an interest in improv. He has done work in the Fringe Festival and has been part of various plays throughout high school. Other activities he participates in during his spare time are playing guitar, drums, and football. Daniel loves that he has had the opportunity to be in *Seussical*, for it has broadened his horizons and he has met many new companions. He is very thankful to Luay, the director, and Cara, the choreographer, for working so hard to make this musical great. Oh, "how lucky you are" to see this wonderful production, because it's truly amazing!

Sareeta Lopez - 8 Kelsey

WHO PERSON, SWIMMER, CADET, PUPPETEER, CIRCUS PERFORMER, HUNCH

A Who of 8 Kelsey? Yes, indeed! Sareeta is from Vancouver, BC and is in her second year of studying the art of Drama, as well as Education, here at the U of A. She has been performing since the age of six: dancing, singing, and acting. She has volunteered for behind-the-scenes work at a local theatre in Vancouver, as well as participated in musicals and plays at St. John's School, including *Oliver!*, *The Exam*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*. She enjoys Harry Potter, watching *The Big Bang Theory*, *Jenna Marbles*, and being ridiculous. Sareeta has had a magical time with the cast and crew of *Seussical*, and is so happy she had the opportunity to work with them all. She would also like to thank her friends and family for being so supportive and putting up with her constant singing. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoyed participating in it!



Elizabeth Drysdale - 3 Kelsey

WHO PERSON, FISH, CADET, HUNTER, CIRCUS PERFORMER, HUNCH

Elizabeth is from Valleyview, Alberta. This is her first musical and she's really enjoyed it so far. She lives on 3 Kelsey and will be in the chorus throughout *Seussical*. Elizabeth is in the Faculty of Nursing. In spare time she likes to play sports. She has had a great time meeting all the people from *Seussical*, (they even let her take the elevator to three) and is impressed with how everyone has worked so hard!



CREATIVE TEAM



Luay Eljamal - 11 Schäffer
DIRECTOR / GENERAL GENGHIS KAHN SCHMITZ

Luay was raised in Fort McMurray, AB. He is in the BA/BEd program studying Dramatic Arts at the University of Alberta, and this is his first year living in Lister Hall. *Seussical* will be Luay's second directing adventure, following his debut project *The Insanity of Mary Girard*, which won 6 awards at the provincial level in 2010. He has also performed in several musicals such as *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Joseph), *Grease* (Roger), *Urinetown* (Officer Lockstock), and *Seussical* itself as Horton! In the future, he hopes to graduate, travel and pursue an MFA in Directing. Luay would like to say he is extremely proud and grateful of the wonderful, hard-working, and committed cast that he has had the pleasure to work with these past few months. He would like to thank Christine for asking him to fulfill the role, the props team for their beautiful props and scenery, and the band for helping us bring the music of *Seussical* to life. Now sit back and relax, because this "thinker" is "havin' a hunch" that you'll be glad you decided to "come see the show"!

Cara Chong - 4 Kelsey
CHOREOGRAPHER / HEAD OF COSTUME DESIGN

Cara was born and raised in Fort McMurray, AB. She is a second year student majoring in Linguistics, but has a passion for the Fine Arts. Cara has been dancing since the age of five, including ballet, jazz, lyrical and traditional Chinese dance. She participated in musicals when she was younger, but switched to behind-the-scenes work in 2010 when she had the honour of choreographing Westwood Community High School's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat* (during which she also got to boss around Luay!). In her spare time, she enjoys co-captaining the team that has the most fun in the LDL (haha). She is extremely grateful to have had the opportunity to work with such a talented and hard-working cast and such a creative and devoted crew. She hopes you enjoy the show, because holy Schmitz did she ever enjoy being a part of it!



PROPS & STAGE DESIGN TEAM



(left to right)

**Alexandra Schoen, Joanne Loww, Jacquie Cream, Emily Jager,
Danielle Carlson***

Many thanks and bows in worship go out to this team, without whom we would be missing any element of spectacle to our show! From turning balloons into bird eggs, and cardboard into cameras and bathtubs, their everlasting supply of creativity has been beautifully evident from beginning to end.

MUSICAL TEAM



Christopher Wong - Lister Alumni **MUSICAL DIRECTOR / CONDUCTOR**

Hi! My name is Christopher Wong, and I'm from Fort McMurray, Alberta. I started studying music at the age of 5 on the violin, went on to learn piano, trumpet, and a bunch of other musical things on the side. Even though I've tried doing new things in university, such as attempting dodgeball play-by-play and auctioning off dates for charity in Lister, I've always wanted to return to my musical roots. So, when I got a call from the director asking me to conduct the band, I couldn't pass up the opportunity. It has been a dream come true doing this sort of thing, and if I had the chance to do it again, I absolutely would. I would do it on a train. I'd even do it on a plane!

Glenn Graham - 2 Henday **KEYBOARDIST / REHEARSAL PIANIST**

Glenn Graham has been so “Amazingly” devoted to perfecting his already well-established piano-playing skills for *Seussical* that his fingers had no time to draft a biography for our program. As we couldn't forget about this talented musician, we decided to write this quick note of praise for him, instead. Within a week of seeing Glenn, he had already mastered 70% of the *Seussical* libretto, modestly answering with his famed catchphrase “I guess so,” when asked if he thought he'd be able to tackle it on such short notice. Ever since then, Glenn has been one of the friendliest, most dedicated, and crucial additions to our team and we are nothing but grateful that he has volunteered his time to play during our rehearsals *and* as we perform on stage!



Cher-Ann Chai - 11 Schäffer **VIOLINIST**



Cher-Ann is from Fort McMurray, AB, and is a third year majoring in Chemistry. She has played violin for twelve years, and piano for ten. This is the first show she has been involved in, but she has had an extremely awesome experience playing in a band with such talented and brilliant musicians. In her spare time, Cher-Ann enjoys watching movies and listening to music. She would like to thank the wonderful cast and crew for their hard work and dedication, as well as you, for coming to see the show! She hopes that you'll enjoy it and have an “Amazing” time!

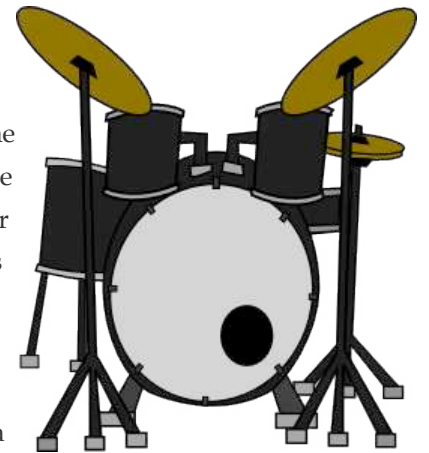


Rachel Kwan - 9 Kelsey
CLARINETIST

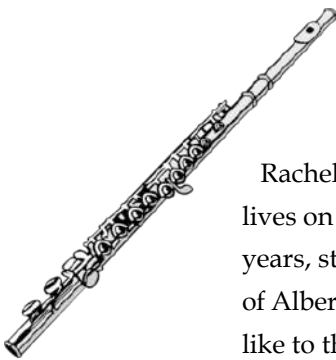
Coming from Lethbridge to study Science, Rachel has also somehow found herself raveled up in the world of *Seussical*. She has enjoyed laughing with the band over various musical frustrations, and hearing the cast perform. She sends out a shout out to Eric W., who has the silliest “Thinks” that she knows of, and deals with her when she turns into a Grinch.

Daniel Kim - 4 Mackenzie
DRUMMER

Daniel was born and raised in Seoul, South Korea and he moved to Calgary when he was 14. He is currently enrolled in first year engineering, but through high school he developed a passion and enthusiasm for jazz drumming. He was an active member among the high school music program at Dr. E.P. Scarlett High School, and has participated in numerous music festivals and competitions. He aspires to continue with his musical career and greatly appreciates this opportunity to be part of showcasing the Fine Arts. Daniel is not familiar with the jazz scene in Edmonton, though (if there is any...) and looks for passionate musicians to jam with or even grab a beer at the Yardbird.



Rachel Renaud - 9 Kelsey
FLAUTIST



Rachelle grew up on a farm just outside of the small town of Onoway, Alberta. This year she lives on 9 Kelsey and is in her first year of Biological Sciences. She has played flute for seven years, starting in her high school’s band program and is currently a member of the University of Alberta Concert Band. Rachelle has had a lot of fun being a part of the *Seussical* and would like to thank everyone involved for all the hours of hard work they dedicated to make the show a success!

ADDITIONAL THANKS

Christine Rahman - *For giving us this wondrous opportunity to bring the world of Seuss to life, and continuing to support us by producing throughout the rehearsal process, regardless of her already-hectic schedule.*

Gianna Read - *For starting us off in the right direction, at the very beginning.*

Sarah Zhang, James Chang, Leah Miedama - *For lending us their musical talents as rehearsal pianists.*

Corrine Pelletier & Katy Boulter - *For lending a helping hand in rehearsals and masterfully creating costumes and props.*

RONA - *For generously donating lumber & cardboard to our show.*

Robert from Conference Services - *For putting up with our indecisiveness and continually offering alternative solutions to our staging issues.*

Dominic Collin-Doyle - *For stepping into the role of Gertrude on less than short notice.*





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