

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

Jojo/Boy

A "Thinker." He's a smart child with a wild imagination. A rambunctious kid whose "Thinks" get him into constant trouble. By the end of the show, he learns what it means to be a responsible member of his community, using the power and possibilities of his own "Thinks." Strong Singer and can easily be played by a young girl or boy.

Gender: Any

Vocal range top: B4

Vocal range bottom: Ab3

The Cat in the Hat

The essence of mischief, fun, and imagination. The Cat stirs things up and causes trouble but always sets things right again. He helps Jojo discover the power of his own imagination as they create the story of Seussical JR. together. An actor who is confident onstage, comfortable with comedy, and able to improvise with the audience if needed. The Cat should have good rhythm and timing.

Gender: Any

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Horton the Elephant

A gentle giant. Think of Horton as a big-hearted, blue-collar guy who is steadfast, responsible, and always tries to do the right thing. He is sympathetic and receptive to the world around him. He believes in the inherent goodness of the world, so it's no surprise that he always looks for the good in others. Horton goes on quite a journey throughout the show but stays true to himself, even when the going gets tough. A great singer and actor.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: E4

Vocal range bottom: A2

Mr. Mayor

Mr. Mayor and Mrs. Mayor are parents trying hard to raise a child with a big imagination. These Whos may get aggravated with Jojo, but they love him dearly. They try their best to make the right choices as parents, even if Jojo doesn't always understand them. They are also upstanding members of their community. Strong Singer.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: E4

Vocal range bottom: C3

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Gender: Female

Vocal range top: Bb4

Vocal range bottom: A3

Gertrude McFuzz

Very self-conscious about her one-feather tail. Gertrude gains confidence throughout the show, changing from an anxious, nervous, shy bird into someone whose self-worth doesn't rest on her appearance. In other words, Gertrude realizes what's truly important in her life. A great singer and actress.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: F#3

Mayzie La Bird

Self-centered, vain, and manipulative. She ultimately means no harm, but she's immature and makes selfish decisions. In giving up her egg to Horton once and for all, she has a moment of self-awareness - she realizes she isn't the kind of bird who would be a good parent, and she does the best thing she can for the egg. A good singer and great actor and can sell Mayzie's larger-than-life personality.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: G#3

Wickersham Brothers

The Wickersham Brothers, including Wickersham 1, Wickersham 2, and Wickersham 3, are not bad guys! They tease, play pranks, and get a kick out of making mischief, although often at another's expense. Cast great movers who work well as a group, and encourage each of your actors to find an individual Wickersham persona.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: B3

Vocal range bottom: Ab2

Bird Girls

The Bird Girls, including Bird Girl 1, Bird Girl 2, and Bird Girl 3, are a fabulous group of birds who know everything there is to know about the goings on in the jungle and support Mayzie throughout the show. Great movers, singers, and work well together as a group.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: B4

Vocal range bottom: A3

Sour Kangaroo

Loud, brassy, and a lot of fun. She's got a lot of attitude but isn't mean - she's just very confident and unafraid to tell it like it is. A great actor with a bring-down-the-house singing voice who is unafraid of making bold choices onstage.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Young Kangaroo

Sour Kangaroo's feisty daughter. She may be pint- sized, but she's got a big personality and is following in her mother's footsteps. Great actor with lots of attitude.

Gender: Female

Judge Yertle the Turtle

The authoritative judge who presides over Horton's trial at the end of the show. Good singer and actor who can command the stage.

Gender: Any

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: F3

Vlad Vladikoff

The black-bottomed eagle who flies off with the Whos. Featured ensemble role.

Gender: Male

The Grinch

Arguably the most famous Seuss character of all! He has a brief, fun cameo in Seussical JR. Short Solo.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: B3

Vocal range bottom: F3

The Whos

The Whos (including First Who Family, Second Who Family, Third Who Family, Fourth Who Family, and Fifth Who Family) are the citizens of Whoville and they look a lot like you and me, only so small they are invisible to the naked eye. They are a tight-knit, supportive community. Encourage everyone playing a Who to create his or her own unique character.

Gender: Any