

Contra Costa Christian Theatre Brings "SEUSSICAL" to Life!

Walnut Creek, CA 2007 "A person's a person no matter how small", says Dr. Seuss's Horton the Elephant, but there is absolutely nothing small about Contra Costa Christian Theatre's production of Seussical. The cast of over 45 explode on to the Del Valle Theatre Stage in Walnut Creek on April 13th and continue until May 6, 2007.

About the Cast and Crew:

The Cat in the Hat, played by Marc Murai, is the host, emcee and all-around mischief maker and sets the energy driven show with "Oh, the things you can think." When the sweet, good-natured elephant Horton, played by Danny Cozart, hears a small cry for help coming from a small speck of dust, he promises to rescue and guard it. On that small speck of dust lives JoJo, an imaginative young Who played by Amanda Neiman and Gail Wilson. JoJo has astounding "thinks," in which anything's possible, but his parents believe this creativity is inappropriate for the son of the Mayor and Mrs. Mayor of Who-Ville (Doug Brown and Judy Ryken) and decide the best resolution is to enlist JoJo in Gen. Gengus Khan Schmitz's (Scott Strain) Military Academy.

Meanwhile, the one-feathered bird, Miss Gertrude McFuzz (Amy Neiman), desperately wants Horton to notice her. Maybe, she thinks, she just needs a more impressive tail. At the same time, the amazingly lazy Mayzie La Bird (Steph Peek) connives, cajoles and convinces Horton to sit on her egg while she goes off on a spree.

Will the planet of Who survive? Will Horton pay attention to Gertrude? Will Mayzie ever return for her egg? Dr. Seuss's beloved classic characters find themselves intertwined in an incredible crazy-quilt adventure, in which the limitless imagination of Dr. Seuss come alive on stage in a glorious extravaganza that is certain to delight both kids and adults alike.

Seussical, with music by Stephen Flaherty, lyrics by Lynn Ahrens, book by Ahrens and Flaherty, and conception by Ahrens, Flaherty and Eric Idle was adapted from the works of Theodor Seuss Geisel and includes characters and elements from at least 15 of his most famous books. The CCCT production is directed by Eric Neiman. "Seussical tickles the imagination and warms the heart with it's larger than life characters", says Neiman, " but Dr. Seuss's spirit is really about you and me. It celebrates to the extreme how different we all are and yet pinpoints exactly why we need each other to survive. The heart of this production pumps with incredible music and an incredibly talented cast that will carry any who see it on an amazing journey."

Vocal direction is by Angelique Lucia with additional musical direction by Don Pearson. Amy Warner choreographs the production with costumes by Cindy Sarmiento and set design by Kimberley James. Executive producer for Seussical is Michele Lewandowski.

Special Opportunity:

April 14 is "**Scout Night**" where all Bay Area Boy and Girl Scouts are invited to come at 6:30 for pre-show activities and then stay for the show. Special Scout pricing is available. This opportunity will help the Scouts learn about various aspects of theatre that is important for them to earn their badges.

Show Details:

Performances: April 13, 14, 20, 21, 27, 28, May 4, 5 at 7:30pm
April 15, 22, 29 and May 5, 6 at 2pm

Place: Del Valle Theatre, 1963 Tice Valley Blvd., Walnut Creek

Ticket Prices:

Regular: \$26

Senior: \$24

Youth (17 & under): \$18

Child (12 & under): \$16

Group (8 or more): \$22

For Tickets: Call 943-SHOW (7469) or visit www.ccchristiantheatre.org

About Contra Costa Christian Theatre

Contra Costa Christian Theatre is a non-profit 501©3 quality theatre company/ministry and has been delivering inspired performances in the Walnut Creek area since 2000. We continue to search for and deliver shows with a positive message. Shows you can bring your family to enjoy.

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