

**YOUNG STARS  
PRESENTS**



**Seussical™  
JR.**

**MAY 6TH – 8TH 2022**

**LINDBJERG ACADEMY'S  
YOUNG STARS CLASS PRESENTS**



**May 6th - 8th, 2022**

Music by  
**STEPHEN  
FLAHERTY**

Lyrics by  
**LYNN  
AHRENS**

Book by  
**LYNN AHRENS &  
STEPHEN FLAHERTY**

*Co-Conceived by Lynn Ahrens , Stephen Flaherty and Eric Idle*

*Based on the works of Dr. Seuss*

*Music Supervised, Adapted and Produced by Bryan Louiselle*

**Teachers:** Jesse Alvarez, Josh Ballard, Jordan Latimer

**Teacher's Assistants:**

Alina Fenrick, Jenna Lamb,  
& Elliette Latimer

**ASMs/Backstage Crew:** Dan Wiebe  
& Jan Ballard

**Costumes:** Maureen Robertson & Ashlene Hutton

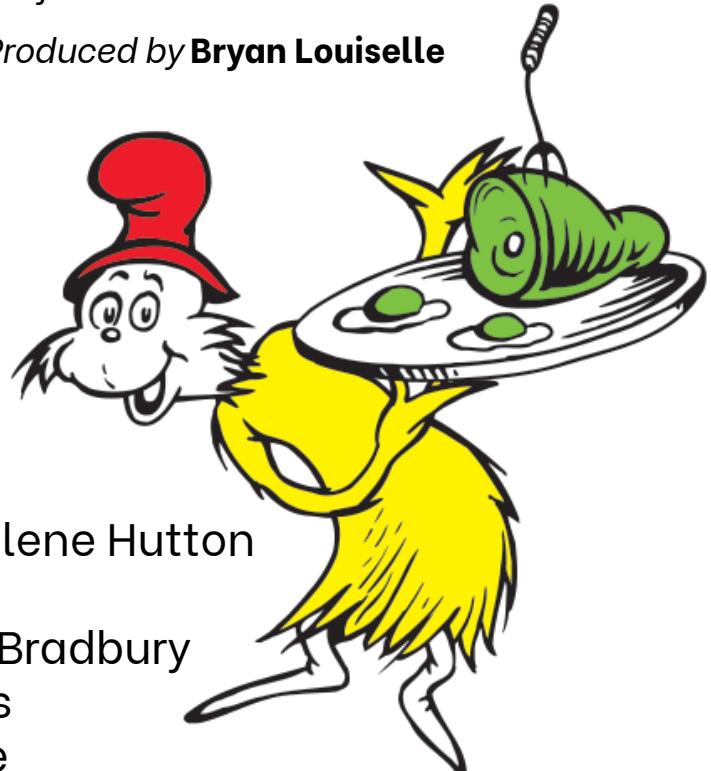
**Set Design:** Dan Wiebe

**Set Construction:** Dan Wiebe & John Bradbury

**Volunteer Coordinator:** Joanie Bowes

**Studio Administrator:** Erin Matchette

**Program Design:** Emily Matchette



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# A NOTE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Are we really back?

That is a question I've been asking myself ever since the restrictions began slowly lifting several weeks ago. I've tried my best not to get too excited, knowing full well, as we all do, how quickly things can change but I can't help myself. For the first time in three years, we are heading into a regular show season at Lindbjerg and I can't help but feel excited.

Excited that we were once again able to travel to Disneyland with our Glee and Show choir classes to perform and participate in workshops. Excited that our students will be able to experience theatre with a live audience. Excited that after all our hard work over the past couple years we're starting to get back to what we all love,

live theatre!

I am so proud of our students, teachers, families, and staff. We've had over two years of challenges, setbacks, and roadblocks but through it all we came together and did what we had to do to ensure our studio survived. I'm so excited to share the coming productions with everyone and I hope everyone has a wonderful time experiencing them LIVE!!!

On with the show!!!



## ABOUT THE LINDBJERG ACADEMY

Celebrating 25 years, the Lindbjerg Academy of Performing Arts is Metro Vancouver's premier destination for musical theatre training. As a performing arts studio, we are proud to offer students the best in both training and performance opportunities.

Training opportunities include: Broadway style production classes, ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, hip hop, acro, show choir, triple threat, plus private lessons for both dance and voice. We are certain that all students from preschool to senior ages will have a chance to nurture and grow their inner star!

Performance opportunities include: Broadway style production classes culminate in an actual show in local theatre space, all performance-based classes perform at the year end recital celebrating everything accomplished throughout the year.

Travel opportunities include: both Glee and Show Choir travel to California to perform at Disneyland and train with Disney professionals, senior students can travel to New York to participate in the Broadway Student Summit (includes show tickets and training with Broadway professionals).

**The Lindbjerg Academy of Performing Arts humbly acknowledges the land on which we have the privilege to live and work on is the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territories of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and Selílwitulh (Tsleil-Waututh) nations.**



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# CAST

## Thing 1

<b>The Cat in the Hat</b>	Grayson Besworth
<b>Jojo</b>	Siggi Kaldestad
<b>Horton the Elephant</b>	Sam Alarcon
<b>Gertrude McFuzz</b>	Allison Wu
<b>Mayzie La Bird</b>	Veronika Handregan
<b>Sour Kangaroo</b>	Jiyun Kim
<b>Young Kangaroo</b>	Seren Williams
<b>Mr. Mayor</b>	Laura Sarte
<b>Mrs. Mayor</b>	Freja Danroth
<b>Bird Girls</b>	Lena Liu Charlotte Keller Isla Stock
<b>The Grinch</b>	James Barr
<b>Yertle the Turtle/Who</b>	Chiara Tse
<b>Ensemble</b>	Nathaniel Holmes Charlie Latimer Vivian McKechnie-Lapenski Elena Staley

## Thing 2

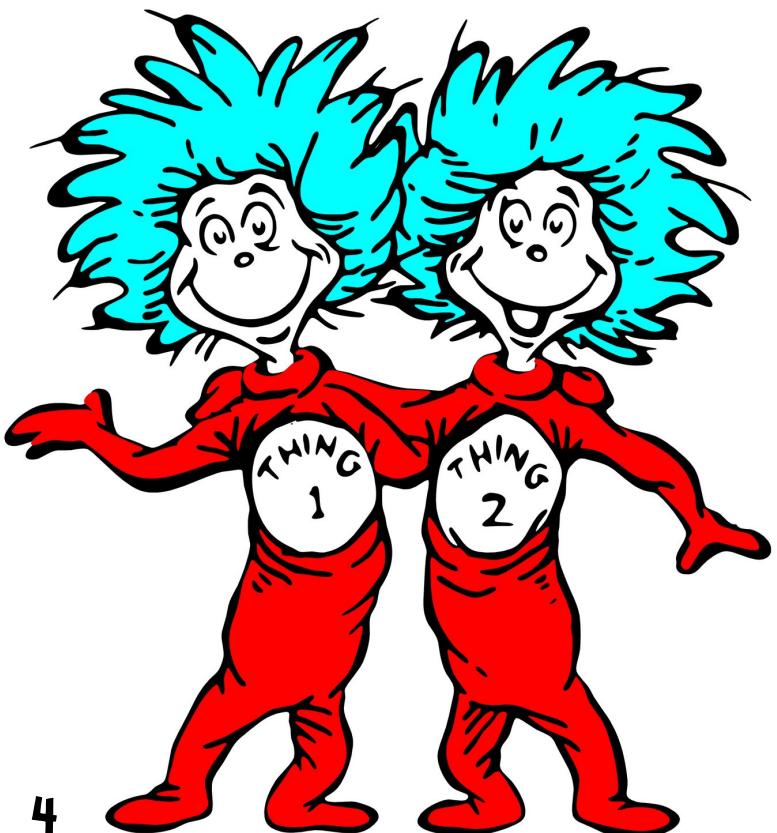
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Allison Wu

## Thing 1 Shows

May 6 @ 7:00pm  
May 7 @ 2:00pm

## Thing 2 Shows

May 7 @ 7:00pm  
May 8 @ 2:00pm



# MUSICAL NUMBERS

Seussical Overture

Oh, the Thinks You Can Think!

Horton Hears a Who

Biggest Blame Fool

Here on Who

How to Raise a Child

Oh, The Thinks You Can Think! (Reprise)

It's Possible (Part 1)

It's Possible (Part 2)

Alone in the Universe

The One Feather Tail of Miss Gertrude McFuzz/Amayzing Mayzie

Amayzing Gertrude

Monkey Around/Chasing the Whos

Notice Me, Horton

Mayzie's Exit/Horton Sits on the Egg/Dilemma/Hunters

Egg, Nest and Tree

Mayzie At The Circus

Amayzing Horton

All For You

The Whos Return

The People Versus Horton the Elephant (Part 1)

The People Versus Horton the Elephant (Part2)

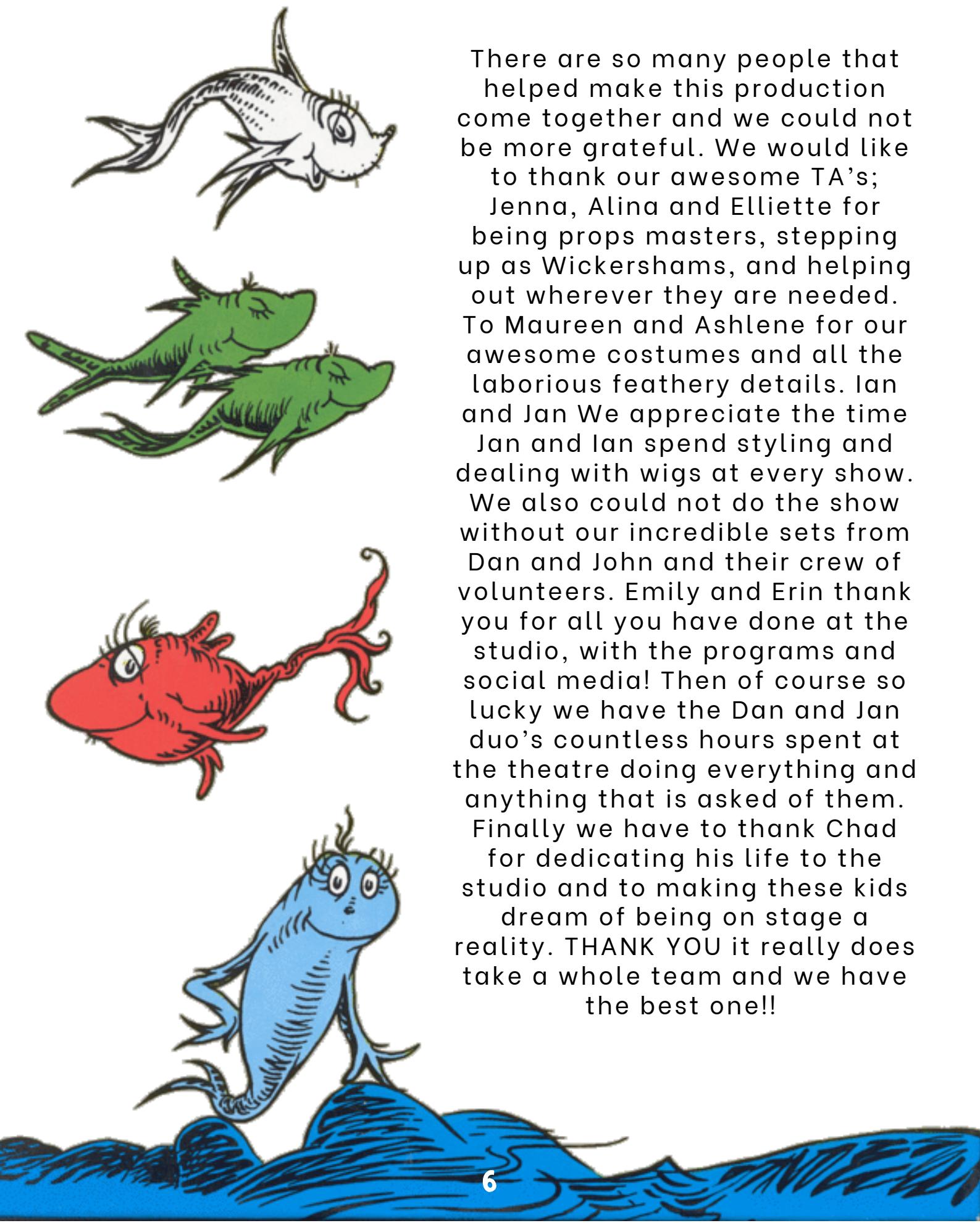
Alone in the Universe (Reprise)

Oh, the Thinks You Can Think! (Finale)

Green Eggs and Ham (Finale Bow)



# SPECIAL THANKS



There are so many people that helped make this production come together and we could not be more grateful. We would like to thank our awesome TA's; Jenna, Alina and Elliette for being props masters, stepping up as Wickershams, and helping out wherever they are needed. To Maureen and Ashlene for our awesome costumes and all the laborious feathery details. Ian and Jan We appreciate the time Jan and Ian spend styling and dealing with wigs at every show. We also could not do the show without our incredible sets from Dan and John and their crew of volunteers. Emily and Erin thank you for all you have done at the studio, with the programs and social media! Then of course so lucky we have the Dan and Jan duo's countless hours spent at the theatre doing everything and anything that is asked of them. Finally we have to thank Chad for dedicating his life to the studio and to making these kids dream of being on stage a reality. THANK YOU it really does take a whole team and we have the best one!!

# CAST

## Sam Alarcon

Sam's first word was "Bravo". A natural born entertainer, she started ballet lessons at 2. She continued with piano, singing, tap and other disciplines; but her biggest love at this young age is musical theatre. A regular in the animated series "Cocomelon Lane", where she hones her acting and singing skills consistently, she is excited to have "Horton" as her first leading role in a musical production. Recipient of the "Song and Dance Solo" first place award in the 2020 Dance Power competition, this is her first year with Lindbjerg Academy. She thanks Mom and Dad.



## James Barr

This is James' second year at Lindbjerg Academy. Although his first production of 101 Dalmatians was cancelled due to covid, he enjoyed playing the role of Roger. James has been dancing since he was 3 years old, but theatre is his real passion. He loves drawing and writing stories and comics. He also began playing the violin this year. James would like to thank his parents for supporting and getting him involved at Lindbjerg. He would also like to thank his teachers and friends for making this such a great experience.

## Grayson Besworth

Grayson is in his third year of being a part of the Lindbjerg community. This year will be the first time acting on stage in front of a live audience and he is so excited to be Cat in the Hat in Seussical Jr. Grayson started dancing at the age of 3 and realized that he loves to entertain people with his singing acting and dancing. Grayson's goal is to be in a movie one day and to be in many more Lindbjerg productions.



## Freja Danroth

This is Freja's first year at the Lindbjerg Academy where she enjoys musical theatre, jazz and hip hop. Freja attends Ecole Herbert Spencer Elementary School in New Westminster where she is currently a French Immersion student in grade 3. Besides musical theatre and dance, she is involved with Brownies and lacrosse. Her other interests involve bike riding, swimming and drawing. Freja would like to thank her fantastic teachers for their support and hard work, and her parents and sisters for their support and cheering her on.



## Veronika Handregan

Veronika has been a student at Lindberg Academy for one year, and has previously played an ensemble role in the summer production of Junie B Jones. Veronika has taken three years of dance training in ballet and tap. In addition to dance and musical theater, she has completed three years of piano and has recently started learning ukulele. Veronika also enjoys team sports and currently plays soccer and softball. She would like to thank her teachers for all of their encouragement, her family for supporting her in trying new things, and the rest of the cast for the great memories and friendships created over the past year!



# CAST



## Nathaniel Holmes

This is Nathaniel's second year at the Lindbjerg Academy of Performing Arts, with his stage debut last year in Annie Jr. playing the role of Mr. Warbucks. Nathaniel loves music and plays the piano and the violin, as well as singing in the Vancouver Youth Choir "VYC Kids." He would like to thank his amazing musical theatre teachers, as well as his parents, his brothers and his sister for loving him and supporting him, and of course God for creating music for us to enjoy.

## Siggi Kaldestad

Siggi is enjoying her 2nd year as a student at Lindbjerg Academy. Siggi first dipped her toe into musical theatre in Lindbjerg's summer camp production of Elf the Musical Jr, where she played the role of Mr. Greenway. After those 2 intensive weeks, she was hooked. She is thrilled to be playing Jojo in Seussical Jr. Siggi also studies ballet, jazz and tap at Lindbjerg, plays piano, loves all things "art" and is obsessed with Hamilton: An American Musical. Siggi would like to thank all her fantastic teachers at Lindbjerg, and her parents for playing the role of taxi driver.



## Charlotte Keller

Charlotte is in her 4th year at Lindbjerg Academy and is thoroughly enjoying Acro and YoungStars. When Charlotte is not at Lindbjerg you can either find her on the soccer field or spending time with her family. Charlotte would like to thank her parents for driving her every week and Isla Stock's parents for carpooling and her amazing Lindbjerg teachers and Mr Chad.

## Jiyun Kim

Jiyun has been a student at the Lindbjerg Academy for four years. Jiyun has played various roles in Cinderella Kids, 101 Dalmatians and Dear Edwina Jr. Beside musical theatre class, Jiyun also takes ballet, jazz and tap with the academy. Jiyun loves swimming, bicycling, snow boarding and skating, and plays baseball. Jiyun thanks her awesome teachers and parents for their support. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## Charlie Latimer

Charlie can't wait to play Jojo in this production of Seussical. Charlie has been with the studio since she was 4 years old and loves being a part of Lindbjerg. Some of her favourite shows include Michael in "Elf" and Miss Hannigan in "Annie." Charlie also loves playing soccer and hanging out with friends and family. Charlie is also an actor with Lucas Talent. Charlie wants to thank her teachers for all their hard work and a special shout out to her grandparents who are the best in the world. She hopes you enjoy the magic of Seuss!

# CAST

## Lena Liu

Lena Liu has been doing musical theatre for around 2 or more years now, she enjoys being a bird girl because the sassy personality matches her own. She has previously done the musical Annie and played the character July. She has been doing tap and jazz for almost 2 years and singing as well. She hopes that you enjoy the show.



Be your best



## Vivian McKecknie-Lapenskie

Vivian McKecknie-Lapenskie is a French Immersion student in grade 4 at Irvine Elementary. This is her second year at Lindbjerg, having performed last year in the Young Stars production of Dear Edwina, as well as taking hip hop and acro. This year she is enjoying jazz classes. She loves singing and dancing and all the friends she has made at Lindbjerg! Vivian would like to thank her parents, siblings, pets, her teachers Miss Jordan, Mr. Josh, Mr. Jesse, Miss Naomi, TAs Miss Alina and Miss Jenna, and of course Mr. Chad! She is very excited to play Mayzie in Seussical!

## Laura Sarte

Laura has enjoyed her acting, singing and dancing experiences as a student at Lindbjerg Academy since 2017. Laura has played the roles of Perdita (101 Dalmatians) and Kelly (Dear Edwina). This year she is excited to be Mr. Mayor in Seussical Jr. In addition to ballet, lyrical, jazz and musical theatre, Laura swims and cycles. She would like to thank her wonderful teachers for their support and her parents for getting her organized. Laura hopes you have fun watching the performance.



## Elena Staley

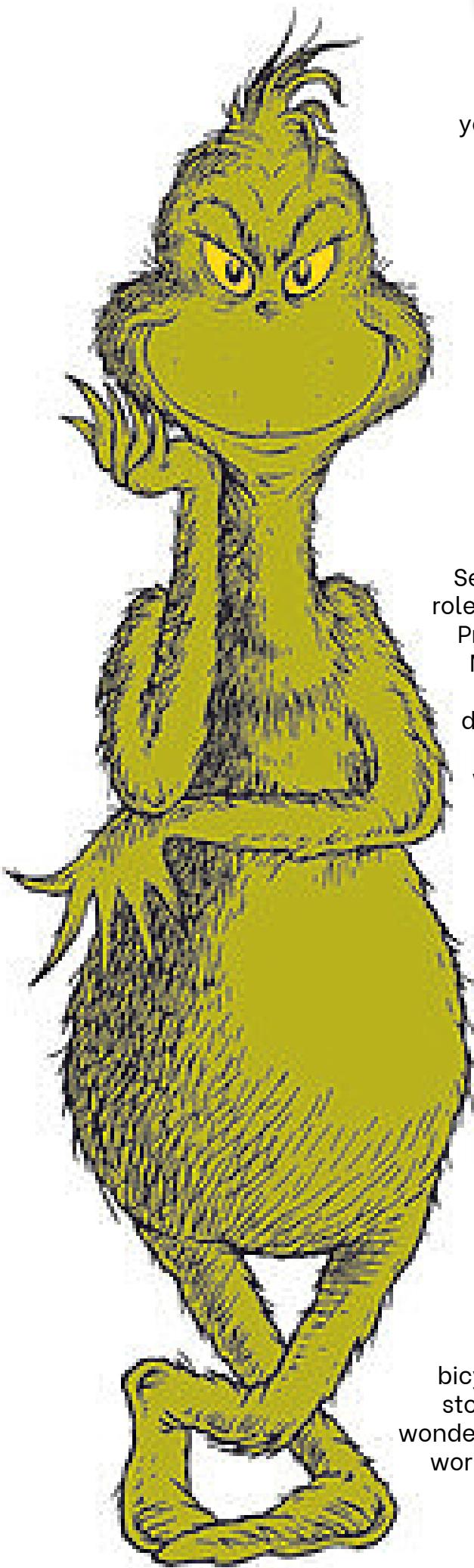
Elena attends grade 3 at Blakeburn Elementary and is in her third year of musical theatre and dance at Lindbjerg Academy. In 2021, Elena had the opportunity to play Grace Farrell in Annie Kids, Charlie the Elf and Charlotte Dennon in the summer camp version of Elf, Jr., and was set to play Horace the henchman in 101 Dalmatians in 2020. She also enjoys piano and previously sang with Coastal Sound Music Academy. Elena loves creating art of every kind, biking, climbing, and playing Roblox with friends. She thanks her family, friends, and teachers for their support.

## Isla Stock

After making her Lindbjerg debut as Annie in Annie Jr last year, Isla can't wait to be a Bird Girl in Seussical Jr! Isla also loves her Acro dance class at Lindbjerg, and would like to try Tap. Outside of the performing arts, Isla enjoys skiing, and playing soccer and field hockey. Isla thanks her wonderful teachers, assistants, and her family and friends for their support and encouragement. Enjoy the show, let's goooo!



# CAST



## Chiara Tse

Chiara is participating in her 2nd year of performances with Lindbjerg starting with mini stars. She has enjoyed her involvement as an orphan in Annie Jr. She also enjoys tap lessons at Lindberg on Fridays. Outside of performing arts, Chiara enjoys frequent lessons in Taekwondo and Piano. Chiara would like to thank her wonderful teachers for believing in her and her family for supporting her every week.



## Seren Williams

Seren is excited to be performing the role of Young Kangaroo in Seussical Jr. Previous roles with Lindbjerg include Molly (Annie Kids) and Santa Claus (Elf). When she is not singing, dancing, or performing Seren enjoys reading, art, and writing. Seren would like to thank all her teachers at the Academy for encouraging her and making her classes so much fun. She would also like to thank her little brother for running lines with her and her mum and dad for practicing with her and cheering her on. Seren hopes you enjoy the show!



## Allison Wu

Allison has been a student at Lindbjerg Academy for 3 years. She is excited about her role as Gertrude McFuzz in Seussical Jr. Allison also takes tap class with Lindbjerg. In addition to acting and dancing, Allison also enjoys skiing, bicycling, reading and writing her own stories. Allison would like to thank her wonderful teachers and TAs for their hard work and support. She hopes you enjoy the show!



# PRODUCTION

## Jesse Alvaraz ~ Teacher



Jesse is a graduate of the musical theatre program at the American Musical and Dramatic Academy and has performed on stages across North America and Europe. He shared the stage with legendary Soprano Marni Nixon for Lincoln Centre's Winter's Eve Festival and was a part of the audience chorus for "No Time At All" on the 2013 Broadway cast recording of Pippin. Jesse is excited to join the Lindbjerg family and hopes to inspire and nurture the next generation of aspiring performers. Some performance highlights include: Miss Saigon, Godspell, 42nd Street, and The Wiz(Interlakes), Barber of Seville(Vancouver Opera), LIFT(Awkward Stage), Joseph(Align Entertainment), FAME(Bring On Tomorrow), A Chorus Line(Fighting Chance), Rock of Ages(Renegade), HAIR(SOOP).

## Josh Ballard ~ Teacher

Josh is so excited to be joining the team as director/choreographer for this year's Young Stars & Mini Stars classes. He has an extensive background in musical theatre as well as film & television. He has worked with the Art's Club in their production of Les Miserables, the Playhouse theatre in their production of Oliver and he was also cast in Patrick Street Productions' touring musical The Full Monty. In addition to Josh's theatrical resume, he also has over 20 credits in the film industry working with various networks such as Disney & Nickelodeon. Josh is an alumnus of the Lindbjerg Academy and has been extensively trained in Hip Hop, Jazz and Tap. He has thus far directed & choreographed Beauty and the Beast, Annie, Madagascar, Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory & Cinderella. He cannot wait for the year to come!



## Jordan Latimer ~ Teacher



Jordan's love of acting and theatre comes from a childhood immersed in the arts. She grew up on film sets and backstage with parents in the industry. She started out as a child model, trained in acting classes in Vancouver, was represented by Lucas Talent, trained on the violin and performed on stage whenever she had the chance. Jordan first started out with the Lindbjerg Academy at 16 where she played Marilla, (Anne of Green Gables) and she never left. Her passion for teaching has contributed to her successful 5+ year career, with children of all ages. She is also a professional teacher with the Coquitlam School District with bachelors in Education and History. Jordan is so happy to share her love for the arts and encourage the development of all the students she works with.

## Alina Fenrick ~ Teacher's Assistant

Alina has thoroughly enjoyed her first year as a TA Lindbjerg. This is her sixth year as a student, and past shows as a Lindbjerg performer include Alice in Wonderland, Madagascar, Singing in the Rain. Alina would like to thank Ms. Jordan, Mr. Josh, and Mr. Jesse for their patience and support, and for helping her to navigate her first year as a TA. Break legs!



# PRODUCTION

## Jenna Lamb ~ Teacher's Assistant

Jenna has so much fun teaching at Lindbjerg. After all the years being taught by the best mentors, Jenna has looked forward to putting some of her skills and knowledge back to ensure our younger talent have some of the same opportunities that she was given. Thank you to her students and all their hard work and special thanks to Lindbjerg for giving her the chance to teach our youth. They are all so talented!!



## Elliette Latimer ~ Teacher's Assistant

Elliette is so happy to be a TA for Seussical this year! Ellie adores musical theatre and has performed in productions since she was 4. She takes acting with Tri-city film studio and is represented by Lucas Talent. Ellie is also a competitive dancer. She loves Lindbjerg and helping out with the younger classes. She hopes you enjoy the show!



## Jan Ballard ~ ASM/Wigs and Makeup

Jan has worked with the Lindbjerg Academy for many years. She, and her husband Ian, supply, style and work at the shows putting wigs and makeup on for the many different varieties of performances. Jan is very proud to be working along side such a great group of people. She is also a stage manager during showtime - helping with picking up, setting up, and taking down sets. During shows you can always find Dan or Jan on one side of the back stage or the other. It has been another challenging year for all the children but YEAH now the fun begins. Enjoy the shows cause.....Here we GO!



## John Bradbury ~ Set Construction

Learning to build with his grandfather as a child resulted in over 20 years of set design and carpentry for John. In addition to Lindbjerg Academy, he has enjoyed working with Align Entertainment and Boone Dog Productions as well as other Vancouver theatre companies. Select list of building projects include The Little Mermaid, Lion King, Tarzan and Peter Pan. John has loved being a part of the Lindbjerg Family for the past 10 years.



# PRODUCTION

## Joanie Bowes ~ Volunteer Coordinator

Joanie Bowes has been a musical theater fan since she watched her older siblings perform in their high school productions. Her first and last performance was as an ensemble member in Grease during her first year of high school. She now prefers to support her daughters and their theater and dance mates at Lindbjerg Academy. As the volunteer coordinator, she encourages others to come be a part of the show! She promises to not make singing or dancing part of the volunteer responsibilities.



## Ashleen Hutton ~ Costume Assistant

Ashlene has been with Lindbjerg for 4 years, 2 years as a student and then as costume assistant to Maureen. Once you get hooked on Lindbjerg you just can't leave! Ashlene is so excited to be back in the theatre and so proud of the kids! Enjoy the show!!



## Maureen Roberston ~ Head of Costumes

Maureen has been with Lindbjerg Academy for 4 years, in the costume department. Working with these amazingly talented kids has been wonderful! They have worked so hard to bring you their best! Sit back and enjoy! Welcome back!



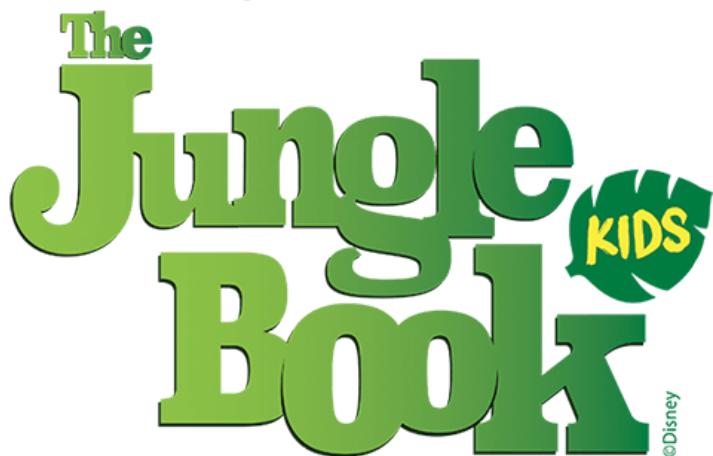
## Dan Wiebe ~ ASM/Set Design/Construction

Dan has been involved in musical theatre for the past 15 years. It all started with Lindbjerg Academy where his children joined, and fell in love with singing, dancing and acting. Over the years, and through the help of talented individuals, he has learned the trade of set building and design, and Assistant Stage Management. Past shows include, Align's 'Little Mermaid', 'Joseph', 'Legally Blonde', 'Shrek' and 'A Christmas Story' as ASM, 'Legally Blonde' 'Shrek' and 'A Christmas Story' as set construction, numerous Lindbjerg Academy productions as Set Design and ASM, Naked Goddess Productions "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever", Bring on Tomorrows 'Fame' and '13', and Snapshot Collective's 'Sweeney Todd'. Bring on the show!



# **COMING SOON...**

**MINI STARS**



**ALL STARS**



**May 20th - 22nd at the  
Riverside Community Church**  
Friday at 7:00pm, Saturday at 2:00pm  
and 7:00pm, Sunday at 2:00pm

