



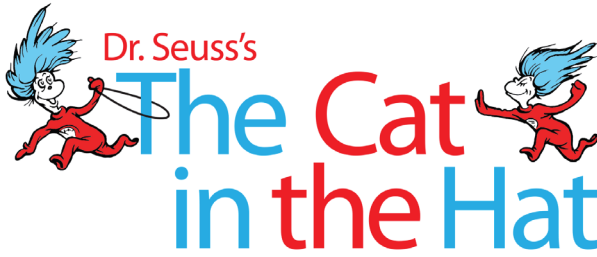


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The Cat
in the Hat

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March 3 - 19, 2023



Dr. Seuss's
**The Cat
 in the Hat**

Based on the book by Dr. Seuss
 Play originally produced by
 the National Theatre of Great Britain

Directed by Maddie Tweed

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 Costume Designer Alex Allison
 Properties Designer Patti Fenzel
 Sound Designer.....Julianne Slaton
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 Assistant Stage Manager..... Aimee Pugh
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Adapted and originally directed by Katie Mitchell
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THE CAST

The Cat in the Hat..... Micah Courtland

Boy Edward "Schley" Smallman
Girl..... Naomi Hope Walls
FishQuinn Harkness
Thing 1 aBryce Martin
Thing 2Reagan Markwood
Kitten..... Addison Kees
Kitten..... Cale Hett
Kitten..... Kat Ritchie
Kitten.....Kinsley Mills
Kitten..... Gabrielle Hall
Kitten..... Maddie Vaillancourt
Kitten.....Lyndsey Morgan
Kitten..... Journee Howard
Kitten..... Ryan Elizabeth Norrell

BoyJustin Brasfield
Girl..... Laney Heath
Fish Gale Parker
Thing 1Ares Hofer
Thing 2Hayden Walker
Kitten..... Talia Alcide
Kitten..... Charles McPherson
Kitten..... Ali Blackburn
Kitten..... Sabine Ly
Kitten.....Honor Cassidy
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CAST BIOS

EDWARD "SCHLEY" SMALLMAN (Boy) is excited to be back on stage at the Springer Opera House for his third production. Schley lives in Columbus with his family and attends Columbus High School. He is currently in the 10th grade and his favorite subjects are choir and AP language. Schley previously attended Britt David Magnet Academy and St. Luke School. Schley's first appearance on stage was in *Lion King* at Britt David Magnet Academy playing Ed the hyena. You may also have seen Schley in other Springer shows... *Newsies* (Les) and *Deep Blue Sea*. Schley also enjoys Boy Scouts and has attained the rank of Life Scout. Track, pole vaulting, and cross country are Schley's other favorite activities. Schley would like to thank his mother, father and the rest of his family for their love and support. Schley dedicates his performances to his late grandmother, Margot Sommerville Schley, who shared his passion for the performing arts.

NAOMI HOPE WALLS (Girl) is very grateful and excited for the opportunity to be in her 2nd springer production. You may have seen her in *James and the Giant Peach* as the Centipede. Naomi is a freshman at Columbus High School. Naomi has been going to the Springer Theater Academy every summer since she was in kindergarten. Naomi has thoroughly enjoyed attending the Springer Theatre Academy and all the life skills it taught her. Naomi has performed many shows at the Family Theater and St. Luke such as, *The Magicians Nephew* (Polly), *Papas Angels* (Hannah Rose), *Madeline's Christmas* (Danielle), *Mary Poppins Jr.* (ensemble), and *Matilda Jr.* (Escapologist). Naomi would like to give special thanks to her amazing family for constantly supporting and loving her.

QUINN HARKNESS (Fish) is excited to be in his second production at the Springer. He is currently in 7th grade at Richards Middle School. He was also in the Springer's production of *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin Coroner) and in Clubview Elementary school's production of *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Michael Banks). He would like to thank his parents, friends, Springer, and castmates for being so supportive and allowing him to be a part of this great show!

BRUCE HILL MARTIN (Thing 1) is a senior at Northside highschool and has been an active Academy student for 14 years. She has been seen as Lilly in *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* here at the Springer's Children Theatre. Some of her other favorite shows include in *The Wolves (#46)*, *Seussical Jr.* (Cat in the Hat), and *P.S. Merry Christmas* (Director). Bryce would love to thank the Springer for every amazing opportunity that they have provided her and for teaching her to do her job well and treat people nicely.

REAGAN MARKWOOD (Thing 2) is super excited about playing Thing 2 in her third production at the Springer. She was also in *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* and *Five Little Monkeys* but has been going to the Springer Theatre Academy since the third grade. Reagan is currently in ninth grade at Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts. She has also been in many productions at her school such as ensemble in *9 to 5*, *Mercutio in Romeo and Juliet*, *Grey in Jungalbook*, and others. She would like to thank her parents for getting her into theatre when she was young and her past theatre teachers for teaching her everything she knows.

RYAN ELIZABETH NORRELL (Kitten) is ready for her stage debut in her first show with the Springer. Ryan is a student at Blackmon Road middle school. Outside of theatre, she is an avid horseback rider and has competed in several local competitions. She also plays oboe and percussion in her school band. The people who are closest to Ryan are not surprised she is drawn to theater; she is an introverted extrovert who is quietly hilarious.

CALE HETT (Kitten) is very excited to be back for his fifth production with the Springer! He is in the 9th grade at Columbus High School. You may have seen him in *The Wheels on the Bus*, *Elf the Musical* (Ensemble), *Rainbow Fish* (Guppy), and *The Wizard of*

Oz (Ensemble). He would like to thank his amazing family and friends for the incredible amount of love and support they give him.

JOURNEE HOWARD (Kitten) is thrilled to be back for her third production at the Springer! She is currently a senior at St. Anne Pacelli. Some of her past roles have been Spider in *James and the Giant Peach* and Ratchet Rhonda in *Akeelah and the Bee*. Some of her other notable roles have been Molly Ralston in *Mousetrap*, Mrs. Beaver in the *Lion*, *the Witch and the Wardrobe*, Narrator in *Into the Woods* and the Store Manager in *Elf Jr.* Jurnee would like to thank her parents and her family for being so supportive of her and the Springer for this amazing opportunity!

LYNDSEY MORGAN (Kitten) is so excited to make her debut at the Springer stage. She is currently a Senior at Harris County High School. Previously, she has been in multiple productions at her school such as *Matilda* (Ensemble) and *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Ensemble), and has been a dancer for the past 12 years. She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her.

MADDIE VAILLANCOURT (Kitten) has been a Springer Summer Academy student since she was six years old. Currently in eighth grade in the IB program at Richards Middle School, Maddie has performed in the Columbus Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker* since she was five, most recently dancing the roles of Chinese, Russian, Spanish, the Mouse Queen and as a member of the Flower and Snow corps. She played a cow in the Springer's 2020 production of *Click Clack Moo*. Maddie would like to thank her parents and all the Springer teachers for this opportunity!

ADDISON KEES (Kitten) is excited to return to the Springer stage! You may have seen her most recently as Spider in *James and the Giant Peach* or as Little Fish in *Rainbow Fish* as well as appearing in *101 Dalmatians* as a dalmatian, boxer, and a French poodle. Addison has been a student at the Springer Theater Academy for 10 years and is currently a Junior at Smiths Station High School.

KAT RITCHIE (Kitten), a freshman at Columbus High School, is portraying a kitten in this production. This is Ritchie's second show performing with the Springer and she could not be more excited. Prior to *Cat in the Hat*, Ritchie has experienced amazing roles in *Jungalbook* (Perchy the Monkey), *Working: A Musical* (Fran) and even the Springer's production of *Wizard of Oz* (Lullaby League). She would like to thank everyone at the Springer and beyond who have supported her throughout her journey in the theater.

GABRIELLE HALL (Gabi) is excited to return to the Springer stage for her second theatre production. She is currently in the 5th grade at Britt David Magnet Academy. You may have seen her in *On My Street* where she made her acting debut as Skyler. She has attended both Summer and Fall academy sessions and look forward to applying those life lessons and skills on the stage again. Gabrielle would like to thank her parents and her mentor, Tamela Ransom for all of their encouragement and support.

KINSLEY MILLS (Kitten) is so grateful to return to the Springer for her second production. She is currently a 10th grader at Harris County High School. You may have also seen her in *The Wizard of Oz* (munchkin, poppy, ozian, guard) at the Springer, last Christmas. Some of her other notable roles have been Trippie Mcgee in *A Play in Progress*, a small child in *Matilda*, and a member of the Springer's official improve troupe, SOHIP. Kinsley would like to thank her parents Leia and Steven Mills.

CAST BIOS

MICAH COURTLAND (The Cat) is thrilled to be back for his 6th show at the Springer. He is currently a Senior at Columbus State University pursuing his B.A in Theatre with a minor in dance. You may have seen Micah recently on the Springer stage as a ensemble in *The Bodyguard*, Adam in *The Color Purple*, The Big Bad Wolf in *Shrek the Musical*, an "Aggie" in *The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas*, or as a knight in *Monty Python's Spamalot*. Micah would like to thank his family and friends for all of their continuous love and support.

JUSTIN BRASFIELD (Boy) is the son of Chuck and Robbin Brasfield. He is an 8th grader at Smiths Station Junior High where he is a member of the cross country team. This is his 4th production with the Springer. He previously appeared in *Singin' in the Rain*, *101 Dalmatians*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. He loves theater, reading, running, and basketball.

LANEY HEATH (Girl) is a junior at Harris County High School and is thrilled to take the stage for her fourth Springer production! Laney has attended the Springer Theatre Academy for nine years and is very active in her school theatre troupe. You may have seen her recently in *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Prentiss), *Matilda: The Musical* (ensemble), and the Springer's production of *The Wizard of Oz* (ensemble). Laney would love to thank her parents for their constant support and love. She is super excited and hopes you enjoy the show!

GALE PARKER (Fish) is thrilled to be back at the Springer. Gale is an 8th grader, currently enrolled at Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts. She has attended the Springer Theatre Academy since she was six and has enjoyed acting for the Springer Opera House since she first appeared on stage in the ensemble cast of *Elf the Musical*. Gale has also appeared in *Rainbowfish* as Sardine and *Shrek the Musical* as Young Fiona. Gale would like to thank the Springer Theatre Academy for helping her refine her craft, and the Springer Opera House for the opportunity to do what she loves. She would also like to thank her family for their continued support.

ARES HOFER (Thing 1) Oliver-Michael, also known as "Ares", is returning to the Springer stage for his second show. They are a 17 year-old senior in high school attending "Hofer Academy" as he is homeschooled. He is excited to perform as Thing 1 in a show that portrays a story that he was taught to read with. He has been attending the Springer Theatre Academy for four years and has been in two productions thus far. His latest role being a Lollipop Guild Munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz*. Thing 1 is currently his favorite role he has played so far due to the character having a special place in his heart. Ares would like the thank his family for all of their support and especially Pluto Hart, their partner, for everything they've done for him.

HAYDEN WALKER (Thing 2) is a senior at Harris County High School. This is her 3rd production with the Springer Opera House. You may recognize her from previous productions: *Click Clack Moo* and *Evita*. She is also involved in her high school's theatre program where she has been in 5 productions. She hopes you enjoy the show!

TALIA ALCIDÉ (Kitten) is excited to return for her second production at the Springer. She is currently in 12th grade at Calvary Christian School. Other productions you may have seen her in include *X Marks The Spot* (Rockelle/Pirate), *Oh! What A Tangled Web* (Stan Glowacki), and *The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* (Lolly/Marlene). Talia would like to thank her parents and friends for their endless support.

BROWER BRINEGAR (Kitten) is an 8th grader at Brookstone School. She made her debut at the Springer as the Boxer Narrator in *101 Dalmatians*, and she has been a member of the Springer Theatre Academy since she was five. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her.

ELLA SCOTT (Kitten) is excited to be in her fifth show at the Springer! She is a 10th grader at Rainey-McCullers and has been attending the Springer Theatre Academy for 6 years. You may have seen her in *James in the Giant Peach* (Centipede), *Deep Blue Sea* (Mom Turtle), *Evita* (Youth Ensemble), or *Newsies* (Youth Ensemble). She would like to thank her family for all of their endless support and she hopes you enjoy the show!

HONOR CASSIDY (Kitten) is excited about her first production with the Springer Theatre Academy. She is in the 7th Grade and goes to Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts. She has been exposed to Theatre since she was in Kindergarten, and would do plays with her school. She now has been in multiple plays, including *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* (Erika), *Matilda the Musical* (Matilda and Eric), *Little House on the Prairie* (Minnie and Martha), and multiple plays coming up soon.

SABINE LY (Kitten) is a 7th grader at HC Carver Middle School. She is excited to be back for her fourth Springer production. You may have seen her as Junior in *Planes, Trains, and Things That Go Zoom* and a Lullaby League Munchkin in *The Wizard of Oz*. Sabine would like to thank her family and Ms. Phillips for always supporting her

ALI BLACKBURN (Kitten) is a Sophomore at Harris County High School, a member of the International Thespian Society, and has been involved in theatre since the first grade. You may recognize Ali from other Springer productions such as *Rainbow Fish*, *101 Dalmatians*, and *X Marks The Spot*. Ali thoroughly enjoys being a part of the Springer family and everything they do to bring theatre to the children in our community.

CHARLES MCPHERSON (Kitten) is thrilled to be back on stage at the Springer! He is currently in 10th grade at Brookstone School, where he is active in theater and music, and was just selected to be a State Theater Officer. You may have seen him at the Springer before in *X Marks the Spot* and *101 Dalmatians*. Most recently he was seen in the phenomenal cast of *Peter and the Starcatcher*, which won the state One-Act competition for 2022. Charles would like to thank his parents for encouraging him in all he does, his sister for being a great co-star, and his dogs for always believing in him.

MEG MCPHERSON (Kitten) is excited to be back on the Springer stage! She is in the 7th grade at Brookstone School. You may have seen her in two Theater for the Very Young productions, *Deep Blue Sea* (Tuttle) and *April Showers* (Busy Bee). She was also in *Rainbow Fish* in the McClure Theater. She has been in several productions at Brookstone as well. When not on stage, she enjoys sports, especially volleyball, and can always be seen smiling and heard humming a tune. She wants to thank her parents for encouraging her in everything, her brother for being a great cast-mate, and her dogs for being true to themselves.

IZZY IMMELMAN (Kitten) made her Springer Theatre debut in *X Marks the Spot* (2021) and is excited to be back at the Springer. Currently in the 10th grade at Brookstone School, she has appeared in multiple school productions including *Peter & the Starcatcher* (One Act State Champions 2022), *Mamma Mia!*, *James and the Giant Peach*, *Madagascar*, and *School House Rock!*. Izzy would like to thank God as well as her parents, and sister, Sophia for their love and support.

PRODUCTION BIOS

MADDIE TWEED (Director) is a Columbus based actor, dancer and choreographer. She is thrilled to return to the Springer Opera House for her third directing opportunity. Maddie has previously directed the Springer's productions of *Winder Wonderettes* and *Dragons Love Tacos*. She has also performed on the Springer stage many times in productions that include *Of Mice and Men*, *West Side Story*, and *The Little Mermaid*, and has choreographed for *101 Dalmatians*, *The Rainbow Fish*, and, *The Wizard of Oz*. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre from Columbus State University in 2016, and spent some time in Atlanta to focus on choreography and teaching. She has since moved back to Columbus and teaches dance at Rainey-McCullers School of the Arts. Maddie would like to thank the outstanding cast and crew as well as her family and friends for all their love and encouragement.

MAX NOLAN YOUNG (Scenic Designer) has been working at the Springer Opera House for the better part of fifteen years in a wide array of positions including facilities maintenance, performance, production, and scenic design. Max is a founding member of No Shame Theater and served as the Supervising Engineer for the first three years of its tenure at the Springer. Max holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Design and Technology from Columbus State University. An erstwhile scholar, Max spends the majority of their free time producing podcasts with Peach Pit Media. Their local enthusiast podcast, Columbus Talks, celebrates all the things that they love about the city and people of Columbus. Tune in or give the Box Office a call, Max would love to hear from you.

PATTI JO FENZEL (Props Designer) earned her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater Design and Technology from CSU in 2010 and has worked in theaters around the country including Florida Repertory Theater, Texas Shakespeare Festival and Opera New Jersey.

JULIANNE SLATON (Sound Designer) is a graduate of CSU where she earned a BFA in Theatre Design and Technology with a focus on Sound Design and Audio Engineering. She started at the Springer as a volunteer and transitioned to working here full time for the 2015 production of *A Chorus Line*. She has since enjoyed working as the Resident Sound Designer and Audio Engineer for almost every Springer production thus far, and looks forward to all of the future productions to come.

ALEX ALLISON (Costume Designer) has been working as a costume and wig designer across the US and also worked with Norwegian Cruise Lines as a Production Wardrobe Supervisor. He worked on shows like *Jersey Boys*, *Swing the Musical* and an original production of Warren Carlyle's *Havana!* Alex grew up in Lincoln, NE and began performing at local community theatres at a young age. His favorite costume and wig design credits include *Grease* and *Stardust Road* at Temple Theatre in Sanford, NC; *Hairspray* at Pinewood Bowl Inc. in Lincoln NE; *Guys and Dolls* at The Stage Theater in Hickman, NE; *Wigs for Bonnie and Clyde* at The Stage Theater in Hickman, NE; *The Drowsy Chaperone* at The Monomoy Theatre in Chatham, MA; and *The Fantasticks* at The Monomoy Theatre in Chatham, MA.

KATIE UNDERWOOD (Lighting Designer) is a senior member of the Springer artistic staff responsible for casting and contracting production personnel for all mainstage and studio productions. She is also one of several directors on our staff with past credits including *The Wizard of Oz* and *The Great Gatsby*. Katie serves as the primary lighting designer for productions taking place in our McClure Theatre with favorite designs including *Ace: The Eugene Bullard Story*, *The Jungle Book*, and *Mother of Rain*. She is a Springer Theatre Academy alumni and a graduate of the CSU with a BFA in theatre design and technology. Katie recently completed her MBA from Kennesaw State University. She is an avid runner and fitness

enthusiast. When not in rehearsal or doing school work, Katie enjoys spending time with her husband and two girls. If she's not at work or at home, she's probably at the gym.

WALTER PIGFORD (Technical Director) is from Georgia, graduating from Georgia Southern University Armstrong Campus (previously known as Armstrong State University) with a BA in theater. After graduating he lived in NYC for 4 years working on the Off-Broadway circuit and working full time as the Assistant Technical Director at Pace University. He has worked at various regional theaters around the country but is glad to be back in his home state bringing theater to the Columbus community.

MH HARRISON (Stage Manager) is a 2019 Graduate of Columbus State University, where they earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater Design and Technology and a Minor in Studio Art. MH currently works at the Springer as a Stage Manager, Deck chief, and resident MH.

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