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Multi-Dora Award-Winning Musical Seussical™ Returns to Young People's Theatre in a Brand New Production!

.... enjoy how good a musical can be... a perfect show for children – and adults!" – Toronto Star...

TORONTO – Young People's Theatre is proud to present a brand new production of <u>Seussical</u>™. An all-time favourite at YPT, this fantastical musical exemplifies the philosophy that "a person's a person no matter how small". It's a Seuss-a-deussical treat for the Holidays!

In 2006 and 2011 the company produced sold-out hit versions of the Broadway musical garnering multiple Dora Mavor Moore Awards. YPT is now bringing the show back under the direction of acclaimed theatre artist **Thom Allison!** Seussical™ will be presented on the Mainstage from November 14 to December 31, 2016.

In this delightful musical, based on the beloved Dr. Seuss books, Horton the Elephant seems powerless to convince anyone in the Jungle of Nool that he can hear the panicked cries for help from the tiny world of Whoville... perched on a speck of dust caught on a clover. But the big-hearted, faithful elephant not only finds a way to change everyone's minds but to enshrine a new dictum... that a person's a person, no matter how small.

Dr. Seuss has been "one true friend in the universe" to millions of young readers for generations and **Seussical™** brings these valuable stories to audiences in a wonderful new form.

Directed by Thom Allison, Seussical™ features: Jahlen Barnes, Erin Breen, Arinea Hermans, Mike Jackson, Jacob MacInnis, Jeigh Madjus, Robert Markus, Grace McRae, Erica Peck, Claire Rouleau and Jonathan Tan.

The Creative Team includes: Musical Director Jeannie Wyse, Choreographer Kimberley Rampersad, Set Designer Judith Bowden, Costume Designer Charlotte Dean, Lighting Designer Jason Hand, and Stage Manager Kristin McCollum.

YPT will offer two Relaxed Performances during this run, one for school audiences and one for families, each geared toward young people with Autism Spectrum Disorder but good for anyone who finds traditional theatre experiences somewhat of a challenge.

Seussical™

Music by Stephen Flaherty | Lyrics by Lynn Ahrens | Book by Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty Co-conceived by Lynn Ahrens, Stephen Flaherty, and Eric Idle | Based on the works of Dr. Seuss

Directed by Thom Allison

Seussical IM is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com.

MAINSTAGE | NOV. 14 TO DEC. 31, 2016

Recommended for ages 5 & up

Media Opening: Thursday, November 17 at 7PM

Full performance schedule available at http://www.youngpeoplestheatre.ca/shows-tickets/seussical/

Young People's Theatre | 165 Front Street East, Toronto

Tickets: \$10-\$41; HST & service charges extra | Prices subject to change without notice | Online: youngpeoplestheatre.ca

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