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SEUSSICAL – A MUSICAL

The new family version takes North American audiences by storm!

TORONTO, ON (Thursday, October 5, 2006) – LKTYP is proud to present their premiere Canadian production of *Seussical – A Musical*. This fun, creative and moving musical will be presented on the Mainstage from November 12 to December 31, 2006.

The Cat in the Hat leads your favourite Dr. Seuss characters from the page to the stage, to sing and dance through these treasured tales! At the heart of the story is the endearing Horton the Elephant. Everyone in the jungle of Nool thinks Horton is a fool for believing he can hear calls for help from the microscopic planet of Who. But Horton ignores the scorn of his fellow jungle citizens. Although he can't see the Whos, he can hear them and he refuses to ignore their cry for help. After all – "a person's a person no matter how small". This wonderful new (shortened) version of the Broadway musical tells the enchanting story of true friendship, loyalty and perseverance.

The themes presented (kindness, acceptance, self-esteem, the value of imagination, human rights, and faithfulness) are simple enough to be understood by children, yet universal enough to touch the hearts of even the most Grinch-like adults. There is a profound importance to lyrics such as "a person's a person, no matter how small" and the plight of the planet of Who has an eerie timeliness: "Here on Who we live in fear/We're drifting through space and cannot steer/A troubled and a tiny land/Our future's in your hand."

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

The stellar cast features **Cara Hunter** as Mayzie, **Corrine Koslo** as Gertrude McFuzz, **Michael-Lamont Lytle** as The Cat in the Hat, and **George Masswohl** as Horton, and includes **Jordan Bell, Mathew Brown, Lori Nancy Kalamanski, Tony LePage, Natasha O'Brien, Jamillah Ross** and **Joseph Seville**.

The creative team includes Director **Allen MacInnis**, Musical Director **Liz Baird**, Set Designer **Michael Gianfrancesco**, Costume Designer **Phillip Clarkson** and Lighting Designer **Lesley Wilkinson**.

Seussical™ - A Musical

MAINSTAGE November 12 to December 31, 2006

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**

Previews: Nov 12, 13, 14 2006; Opens Nov 16, running until Dec 31 | Recommended for ages 5 & up

Tickets: \$20 adults; \$15 kids (18 & under); Previews: \$10; all prices incl. GST | Group rates available

BOX OFFICE: 416 862-2222 | Schedule & ONLINE TICKETS at www.lktyp.ca

About LKTYP: Committed to the development of young people through professional theatre since 1966.

Since 1966, LKTYP has been using live performance to validate the common experiences young people encounter as they grow up in an increasingly complex world. LKTYP's performances are designed to help children and youth identify with the issues they face today and to offer a platform for addressing these challenges in an entertaining way. LKTYP is the largest non-profit theatre company for young audiences in Canada and presents new Canadian plays, innovative works, and classics from children's literature throughout the season. A multi-faceted centre for learning through the arts, LKTYP offers weekend performances for family audiences, weekday school programs for students, quarterly workshops for teachers, and a year-round Drama School.

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