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The mischievous Cat in the Hat acts as the emcee for this fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza, bringing to life all of our favorite Dr. Seuss characters - Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, The Grinch, The Wickersham Brothers, Lazy Mayzie, the Sour Kangaroo and all of the Who's of Whoville. With music, book and lyrics by award-winning writers Lynn Ahrens and Steven Flaherty the show uses the story of Horton Hears A Who as its centerpiece. Clever, colorful, tuneful and full of heart, Dr. Seuss comes through again!

We had 105 performers audition for the show. Here's who you'll see in the show next week:

The Cat in the Hat	Nate Plummer
Horton the Elephant	Nathan Libby
JoJo	Elijah DiSalle
Gertrude McFuzz	Stephanie Mueller
Mayzie LaBird	Mandy Tietz
Bird Girls:	

## Elizabeth Rasmus, Aurora Krajnikconde, Gina Cruciani

The Sour Kangaroo	Vanessa Rossano
Mayor	Scott Hartsel
Mrs. Mayor	

### The Wickersham Brothers:

### Whos in Whoville/Hunters/Circus Members

Sara Shellenberger, Kristina Holloway, Breezy Willer, Shelley Ekblad, Mireya Sigala, Rachel Shellenberger, Laura Goss, Signe Thorpe, Stephani Shellenberger, Aliana Sigala, Eva Puschautz

### Who Children/Fish

Megan Jungbluth, Omena Giles, Maria Cruciani, Siri Giles, Emma Wiegel, Emylee Strubel, Ana Riggs, Sasha Sigala, Eliza Wiegel, Katrina Kawak, Madie Sherman, Lauren Lustek, Rosalind Hartsel, Alexa Fernandes, Jordyn Leonauskas, Paige Vasel, Kayce Leonauskas, Taylor Alexis Peterson

### Who Children/Cadets

Gage Ryder, Sergio Sigala, Noah DiSalle, Harrison Breed, Aidan Sanfelippo, Braedon Laundrie, Tyler Lustek, Mitch Tolander, Danylo Ripeckjy, Dane Sorensen

# Jungle Creatures/Fish Singers/Hunches/Circus Members

Tori Dexter, Annika Ekblad, Courtney Blanch, Ali Abraham Mary Glittenberg, Haley Ashlin, Elaine Bell, Berit Breed Emma Cruciani, Rita Kawak, Miranda Bishop

Performances will be held at the State Theatre November 19-21 at 7:30pm and November 21-22 at 1:30pm. Reserved seating tickets are \$8 for youth; \$16 Seniors; \$18 Adults and can be ordered online at **www.ecct.org** or by calling 715-839-8877. The production is sponsored by Terpstra Orthodontics, Charter Media, Leader Telegram, Oakwood Mall and ECRAC. This production is rated E for Everyone.

### GREEN EGGS AND HAM BREAKFAST

Join The Cat and the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz and your other Dr. Seuss friends for breakfast on Saturday, November 21 starting at Noon at the Ramada Convention Center. Tickets are \$13.95 for kids and \$22.95 for adults and include a breakfast of green eggs and ham, hash browns, a decorate your own pancake bar, fruit, pastries, juice and a ticket to the 1:30pm performance of SEUSSICAL at the State Theatre. Reservations for this event must be made and paid for by calling ECCT at 839-8877 by Tuesday, November 17.

### 6th ANNUAL HOLIDAY SILENT AUCTION

Plan now to participate in this annual ECCT fund raiser! Over 40 different items will be up for auction in the lobby at each performance of SEUSSICAL November 19-22. Patrons will bid on items before the show and at intermission and the winners will pick up and pay for their items after the show that day. It's an easy way to start your holiday shopping and a great way to help ECCT raise a goal of \$10,000 for the new building addition. We appreciate the generosity of many area businesses for supporting this event. For an updated listing of items up for bid each night, check out our website at www.ecct.org.

Congratulations to all the runners who participated in this 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event! We had a total of 135 runners register, up from 77 last year. Winners of this year's races included:



Category
Youth

Open

Masters

Male
Peter Renzepis
Brady Anderson
Chris Vetter

10K

# Female None

Amanda Corbin

Kara Jeeter

Alex Vasel Ryan Goss Steve Wood

2K

Male

Annika Ekblad Diane Rave Jolene Schmidt

**Female** 

The winner of this year's Mascot Race was Tom the Tomato from Fazoli's. Plan now to join us on Sat. Oct. 16, 2010 for next year's event!

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Best Christmas Pageant Ever

## **AUDITIONS**

Nov. 23 & 24 7pm at ECCT

Make the theatre part of your family's holiday celebration this year! Enjoy the escapades of the Herdmans as they learn the true meaning of the holidays in this heart-warming classic based on the book by Barbara Robinson.

**Auditions:** Will consist of cold readings from the script - no prep needed.

**Roles:**12 boys and girls ages 8-13; 4 males and 6 females ages high school-Adult; up to 50 young people ages 8-13 to play angels, shepherds, baby angels and sing in the angel choir.

**Rehearsals:** Mon-Thur evenings from 7-9pm Nov. 30-Dec. 17. Not everyone is needed each night.

**Shows:** 2 school matinees and three public shows will be offered December 18-20 at the State.

### GRANDPARENTS DAY

December 2 9am-Noon at ECCT Join your grandchild or special school-aged friend at the theater for a fun morning of theater-related activities. This event is for grandparents (or special friends) and grandchildren ages kindergarten through fourth grade. The Eau Claire Schools are closed that day, so plan to visit the theatre for a special morning. There is no charge for this event. ECCT will also provide tours, treats and an opportunity to learn more about the theater. The Eau Claire Children's Theater is located at 1814 Oxford Avenue in Eau Claire. Space is limited- please RSVP directly to ECCT by Wednesday, November 25 at 839-8877 or info@ecct.org.



Winter Concert Saturday, December 5 1:30pm State Theatre

Featuring Seasonal and Holiday Music Special Guests- Chippewa Falls HS Madrigals

Tickets: \$10 Adults/\$8 Youth at the door or by calling 839-8877.



Need entertainment for your holiday party or next corporate event? Check out EXPRESS ENTERTAINMENT at www.ecct.org.



# Saturday, December 5 7:30pm - State Theatre

Vocal competition finals featuring 20 finalists in two age categories

Hosted by Miss Wisconsin, Kristina Smaby

Tickets: \$10/Adults/\$8 Youth at the door or by calling 839-8877

Sponsored by

**MACHGAN FAMILY DENTAL** 



(Left) ECCT Board members and staff took part in the groundbreaking for the new addition Oct. 20.

(Right) Tim Pabisch from Royal Construction with ECCT Board President Sharon McIlquham and Executive Director Wayne Marek.



### **BUILDING UPDATE**

A groundbreaking ceremony for the new building addition was held at ECCT on Tuesday, October 20. Representatives from the Chamber, City Council, County Board, Royal Construction, Security Financial, the ECCT Board and other supporters participated. The project is underway and, depending on Mother Nature, is scheduled to take approximately four to five months to complete. Additional time will be needed to complete the outfitting of the building which is dependent on fundraising efforts. The price tag for this project is \$500,000 and fundraising efforts are underway now. For more information please contact Wayne at 839-8877.

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Side Curtains: 6 @ \$754 each Lighting Console: 1 @ \$8,630 Lighting Instruments: 36 @ \$348 each		me(s) you want engraved)	_	4)	vame(s) you want engraved)
I CAN'T DECIDE- PICK OUT SOMETHING YOU Gold Star: \$5000-\$9999 (includes engraved wal		() free season tickets)			
Silver Star: \$1000-\$4999 (includes engraved war Bronze Star: \$500-\$999 (includes engraved wall Budding Star: \$100-\$499 (includes 2 free show	ll star and star and 6	8 free season tickets)			
Check made out to ECCT enclosed					



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The Eau Claire Children's Theatre is a non-profit volunteer-driven community theatre providing quality theatrical and educational experiences for western Wisconsin residents of all ages.

Check out our website at ecct.org for the latest ECCT information!

### 2010 NEW PLAYWRIGHT'S COMPETITION

ECCT will be sponsoring the 6th Annual New Playwright's Competition this season for aspiring writers. Playwrights in three categories- middle school, high school and adult- submit 10 minute plays that are judged by a panel of local theatre and writing professionals. Two winners in each category will receive a cash prize and have the opportunity to see their work produced by ECCT.

Dates to Know:

Entry Deadline: Friday, Feb. 26, 2010 Actor Auditions: Tuesday, April 6, 2010 Performance: Tuesday, Tuesday, April 20, 2010

Go to www.ecct.org for entry forms and rules.

### HATS OFF TO...

- the cast and crew for RENT for their talent and dedication in bringing this challenging work to the stage and to Evergreen Surgical, WEAU TV 13, ECRAC and Wisconsin Public Radio for sponsoring this production
- the runners and sponsors that participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Harvest Hustle on Oct. 17 along with the mascots from Fazoli's, Silver Springs, RCU, Eau Claire Express, Red Robin, B-95 and Texas Roadhouse.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

November 10	ECCT Board meeting	5:15pm	ECCT
November 14	STARQUEST Preliminaries	9am	ECCT
November 19-22	6th Annual Holiday Silent Auction during SEUSSICAL		
November 21	Green Eggs and Ham Breakfast	Noon	Ramada Convention Center
November 19-21	SEUSSICAL	7:30pm	ECCT
November 21-22	SEUSSICAL	1:30pm	ECCT
November 23-24	Auditions-BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER	7pm	ECCT
December 5	CVYC Winter Concert	1:30pm	State Theatre
December 5	STARQUEST Finals	7:30pm	State Theatre
December 19	BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER	7:30pm	State Theatre
December 19-20	BEST CHRISTMAS PAGEANT EVER	1:30pm	State Theatre
December 20-21	Auditions- GUYS & DOLLS and ALICE IN WONDERLAND	7pm	State Theatre

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