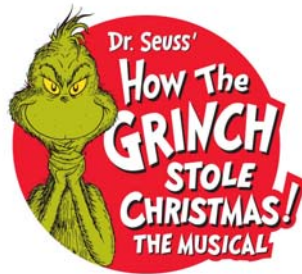


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## **DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS! THE MUSICAL CAST ANNOUNCED!**

**Nickelodeon star Stefán Karl plays The Grinch,  
Walter Charles to play Old Max**



Producers have announced the cast for the Baltimore debut of ***Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical***, playing at the Hippodrome Theatre for 23 performances during the 2008 holiday season, Tuesday, November 11 through Sunday, November 23! Icelandic film and stage actor, **Stefán Karl**, who is best known for playing the character Robbie Rotten on the Nickelodeon television show "LazyTown," will play the role of The Grinch, and Baltimore native Maya Goldman will be featured as Cindy Lou Who. Tickets are now on-sale.

Baltimore audiences will have the chance to discover the magic of Dr. Seuss' classic tale in this critically acclaimed, record-breaking Broadway production directed by Matt August and originally conceived by 3-time Tony Award® winning director, Jack O'Brien. ***The Grinch*** has broken box office attendance records for two consecutive years on Broadway during its limited holiday engagements at the St. James (2007) and Hilton (2006) theatres in New York. Thousands of families have been delighted by this heart-warming musical, which *The New York Times* praises as "100 times better than any bedside story."

***Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical*** is produced by Running Subway Productions with Shorenstein Hays Nederlander Theaters (SHN), EMI Music Publishing, Michael Speyer & Bernie Abrams, Dancap, Janet Paillet, Spark Productions and Eva Price/Maximum Entertainment and Associate Producer Audrey Geisel.

***Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical*** features the hit songs "You're A Mean One Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome, Christmas" from the original animated series. Max the Dog narrates as the mean and scheming Grinch, whose heart is "two sizes too small," decides to steal Christmas away from holiday loving Whos. Magnificent sets and costumes inspired by Dr. Seuss' original illustrations transport audiences to the whimsical world of Whoville, while the Music and Book of Mel Marvin and Timothy Mason breathe new life into this timeless story of the true meaning of Christmas.

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**Stefán Karl** has performed with the National Theatre in Reykjavík in the title role of "Cyrano De Bergerac," as Cosmo Brown in "Singing in the Rain" and Puck in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Karl has built up a unique range of funny and eccentric characters, the most famous of which is Robbie Rotten, a part he created for the original production of "LazyTown" at the National Theatre, which was turned into the hit Nickelodeon TV series, currently on air in 108 countries on five continents.

The role of Old Max will be played by **Walter Charles**, who appeared in the original Broadway companies of "Grease," "Sweeney Todd," "La Cage Aux Folles," and "Cats" and in revivals of "The Apple Tree," "Big River," and "Kiss Me, Kate." Young Max will be played by **Andrew Keenan-Bolger**, who has performed on Broadway in "Beauty and the Beast," "Seussical," and "A Christmas Carol," and in the national tours of "The 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" and "Ragtime." The role of Cindy Lou Who will be alternated between two young actresses. **Maya Goldman**, a Baltimore native, recently won the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra's Singing Contest, and has performed in productions of "Phantom of the Opera" and "The Sound of Music." **Lexie DeBlasio** has performed in the American Girl Theater and with Little Maestros, a Broadway performing band, as well as in front of celebrity judges including Constantine Maroulis, Laura Bell Bundy, and Susie Castillo to win a spot performing center court at the 2008 U.S. Open tennis championships.

Other cast members include Aaron Galligan-Stierle as Papa Who, Jackie Piro Donovan as Mama Who, Stuart Zagnit as Grandpa Who, and Rosemary Loar as Grandma Who. Adult ensemble members include Andrew Arrington, Christina Day, Joseph Dellger, Janet Dickinson, Antionette Dipietropolo, Kelli Gautreau, Amy Griffin, Carly Hughes, Krista Kurtzberg, Sarah Katherine Mason, Josephine Rose Roberts, Shane Rhoades, and Jeff Skowron. Child ensemble members include Guy V. Barfield II, Albert Santiago, Kylie Liya Goldstein, Morgan Hecker, Carly Maitlin, Spencer Milford, Hallie Anne Richardson, Emily Sheppard, Terrance Thomas and Janelle Viscomi.

The creative team for this production of **Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical** includes Jack O'Brien (Original Production Conceiver and Director), Timothy Mason (Book and Lyrics), Mel Marvin (Composer), Matt August (Director), John DeLuca (Original Choreographer), Bob Richard (Co-Choreographer), John Lee Beatty (Scenic Designer), Pat Collins (Lighting Designer), Robert Morgan (Costume Designer), Joshua Rosenblum (Musical Director and Vocal Arranger), Acme Sound Partners (Sound Designer), Michael Starobin (Orchestrator), David Krane (Dance Music Arranger), Gregory Meeh (Special Effects Designer), Angelina Avallone (Makeup Designer), Thomas Augustine (Hair/Wig Designer), Telsey + Co (Casting).

Tickets are on sale now at the Hippodrome Theatre Box Office located at 12 N. Eutaw St., Charge-by-phone 410.547.SEAT or 800.551.SEAT, all Ticketmaster locations and online at BroadwayAcrossAmerica.com or GrinchMusical.com. Ticket prices start at \$25.00. Groups of 20 or more should call 866.577.7469 or visit [baltimoregroups@broadwayacrossamerica.com](mailto:baltimoregroups@broadwayacrossamerica.com)

Performances Schedule: Tuesday and Wednesday Evenings at 8:00 pm; Thursdays at 11:00 am and 8:00 pm; Fridays at 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm; Saturdays at 11:00 am, 2:00 pm, 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm and Sundays at 11:00 am, 2:00 pm and 5:00 pm.

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