

# **SYNOPSIS OF SHOW AND CHARACTERS**

## **FULL LIST OF CHARACTERS**

(in alphabetical order)

Bird Girls  
Circus Animals  
Citizens of Whoville  
Fish  
Gertrude  
Horton  
JoJo / Boy  
Jungle Citizens  
Mr. Mayor  
Mrs. Mayor  
Sour / Young Kangaroo  
The Cat in the Hat  
The Grinch  
Vlad Vladikoff  
Wickershams  
Yertle the Turtle



## **MAIN CHARACTERS**

**THE CAT IN THE HAT** is the essence of mischief, fun, and imagination. **THE CAT** stirs things up, causes trouble, but always sets things right again, helping **JOJO** to discover the power of his own imagination as they create the story for the show together.

**JOJO / BOY** is a “thinker”, a smart child with a wild imagination. He can be played as being a little bit awkward, a little bit of a loner, or simply a rambunctious kid whose “thinks” get him into constant trouble. By the end of the show, he learns what it means to be a responsible member of his world, using the power and possibilities of his own “thinks”.

**HORTON THE ELEPHANT** is a gentle giant. Think of him as a big-hearted blue-collar guy who is steadfast, responsible, and always tries to do the right thing for his friends. He is imaginative and receptive to the world around him. He is very unselfconscious. Horton’s view of the world never changes- he believes in its goodness.

**GERTRUDE McFUZZ** is very self-conscious and aware that her one-feather tail isn't perfect. Gertrude changes during the show from a neurotic, nervous and shy bird into one with the power to protect and care for a baby elephant bird and commit herself to Horton. In other words, she stops worrying about her looks and grows up.

**MAYZIE LA BIRD** is self-centered, selfish, and vain. Mayzie will never admit to her own flaws. She manipulates anyone she can into doing what she wants. But Mayzie isn't all bad. In giving up her egg to Horton once and for all, she has a moment of generosity– she realizes she isn't the kind of person who would be a good parent, and she does the best thing she can for the egg.

**SOUR KANGAROO** isn't really sour at all. She's just got a lot of attitude. She's loud, brassy, and a lot of fun.

**THE BIRD GIRLS** are a group of the most "sassy" birds in all of the great Jungle of Nool. They can do it all...sing, dance and act. They follow Mayzie like the Supremes followed Diana Ross.

**THE WICKERSHAM BROTHERS** are a lot like kids who tease, play pranks, and get a kick out of making mischief, although often at others' expense. They enjoy hanging around with one another, making music together on the street corner, and playing off one another.

**MR. AND MRS. MAYOR**, are the WHOS who are parents trying hard to raise a difficult child in a difficult world. They may get aggravated with JOJO, but they love him dearly and try to do the right thing, even if it turns out to be a mistake.

**JUNGLE CREATURES** – The Jungle Creatures are real people at heart, just like us, even though they may be described as animal characters.

**THE WHO'S** are the most fun loving characters at the heart of this great story. Their eternal optimism is what makes Horton truly believe that "a person's a person, no matter how small."

**YERTLE the TURTLE** thinks himself to be judge and jury of this lot of characters. He/she is very abrupt and often looks down on others he feels are beneath himself.

**VLAD VLADIKOFF** is not a very nice bird at all. His sinister plan to ruin the Who's chances of survival bring exciting conflict to this harrowing plot.

