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The Voiceover (**Ryan Kluba**) assists the Cat in the Hat (**Josh Schroeder**) as Sally (**Becky Heyer**) enjoys the rainy-day fun.



Children's Theatre took their show to St. Croix Lutheran Academy where area elementary school students gathered to watch the play. The crowd loved laughing at the shenanigans of Thing 1 and Thing 2. Pictured: **Noelle Boucher**

Want to help build some sets?  
Or paint them up? You'll have no regrets!  
Create the props, costumes too?  
Directing, acting? There's so much to do.  
Get involved. You'll have a blast.  
Make memories. We know they'll last!

## Children's Theatre: *The Cat in the Hat*

Busloads of students from nearby grade schools poured onto campus last week. With the guidance of peppy student ushers, they skipped through the doors of MLC and stepped into a *Cat in the Hat* wonderland that only one day before had been a hallway. Upon entering the auditorium, silly songs and dances led by enthusiastic cast members kept the kids smiling and laughing. The giggles continued throughout the play as acrobatics, animated actors, and balancing acts brought to life *Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat*.

"The feeling of performing for almost 7,000 kids and seeing the excitement on their faces is such a unique blessing," says **Noelle Boucher**. "That's why I wanted to be a part of Children's Theatre."

"I'd never been in an MLC production, and I had no intentions of trying out," says **Josh Schroeder**. That is, until producer **Joey Loescher** encouraged him to pounce on this unique opportunity. Josh did audition and was chosen as a fantastic fit for the cat in the famous hat. "I loved putting on the show and getting hugs from thousands of kids," says Josh. "Another rewarding part was seeing how much joy filled the eyes of each student as they piled out of the auditorium, wishing they could watch the show again."

Forum is a student group that organizes all of MLC's theatre productions. They select a production staff from a group of applicants and then support these students as they work hard to put on stellar shows. "I'm incredibly thankful for this opportunity to be the director for *The Cat in the Hat*," says **Abbie Mleziva**. "I've learned lessons in creativity, prioritizing, and communication. I look forward to using these skills in my future ministry."

### The Cast

The Cat in the Hat: **Josh Schroeder** (LPS / St. Peter-Modesto CA)  
Voiceover: **Ryan Kluba** (Manitowoc / St. John-Two Rivers WI)  
Fish: **Hannah Heyer** (FVL / Immanuel-Greenville WI)  
Sally: **Becky Heyer** (FVL / Immanuel-Greenville WI)  
Boy: **Josiah Eaker** (Lakeside / St. Mark-Watertown WI)  
Thing 1: **Noelle Boucher** (Rocky Mountain / Living Hope-Commerce City CO)  
Thing 2: **Lucy Bartz** (Michigan LHS / Grace-Eau Claire MI)  
Thing 1: **Ryan Gurgel** (KML / Christ Alone-Thiensville WI)  
Thing 2: **Brittany Jensen** (LPS / St. Mark-Watertown WI)  
Car People: **Emma Dorn** (Illinois LHS / Trinity-Crete IL), **Rachel Goddard** (MLS / St. Paul-Saginaw MI), **Gabe Jacobsen** (Home School / Shepherd of the Lakes-Fairmont MN)

### Production Staff

**Abbie Mleziva** (Manitowoc / First German-Manitowoc WI)  
**Joey Loescher** (KML / David's Star-Jackson WI)  
**Emily Schmidt** (KML / Crown of Life-Hubertus WI)  
**Hannah Stegman** (West LHS / Holy Trinity-New Hope MN)