



Dr. Seuss'
How The
GRINCH
STOLE
CHRISTMAS!
THE MUSICAL

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Music, Character & Story Guide

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Musical Numbers

Who Likes Christmas?	Citizens of Whoville
This Time of Year	Old Max, Young Max
I Hate Christmas Eve	.....	The Grinch, Young Max, The Whos
What Cha Ma Who	.....	The Grinch, Who Kids
Welcome, Christmas	.....	Citizens of Whoville
I Hate Christmas Eve (Reprise)	.....	The Grinch
It's the Thought That Counts	.....	Citizens of Whoville
One of a Kind	.....	The Grinch
Now's the Time	.....	The Whos
You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch	.....	Old Max, Young Max, The Grinch
Santa for a Day	.....	Cindy-Lou Who, The Grinch
You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch (Reprise)	.....	Old Max
Who Likes Christmas? (Reprise)	.....	Citizens of Whoville
One of a Kind (Reprise)	.....	Young Max, The Grinch, Cindy-Lou Who
This Time of Year (Reprise)	.....	Old Max
Welcome, Christmas (Reprise)	.....	Citizens of Whoville
Santa for a Day (Reprise)	.....	The Grinch, Cindy-Lou Who, Citizens of Whoville
Who Likes Christmas? (Reprise)	.....	The Grinch, Young Max, Old Max, The Whos

Cast Album

Get in the holiday spirit by listening to the Broadway cast album before the show! Scan the QR code or visit www.basshall.com/grinch.





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The Characters

THE GRINCH

The Grinch is a moody, bitter creature that lives in Mt. Crumpit, just outside of Whoville. He hates Christmas more than anything and wants to ruin the holiday for all the Whos.



MAX

Max is the Grinch's loyal dog. In the musical, Max is played by two actors! First, we see Max as an old dog, remembering stories from his youth. Then, we see Max as a young dog, unhappily helping the Grinch with his evil scheme.



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CINDY-LOU WHO

Cindy-Lou Who is a little girl who lives in Whoville. She is optimistic and wants everyone to experience the magic of Christmas...even the Grinch!



THE WHOS

The Whos are all the people who live in Whoville. They are Cindy-Lou Who's family and friends. They love Christmas and won't let anything stop them from celebrating! They know the true meaning of Christmas is the joy they feel when they're together.



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The Story

An elderly dog carrying a battered suitcase appears, listening to carolers in the distance. He puts a paw to his ear and hears the voices of Whos from long ago. (“Welcome, Christmas”)

Suddenly, the past becomes the present and we’re in Whoville at the holidays (“Who Likes Christmas?”). The memory fades and is replaced by the old dog’s younger self: it’s Max, the Grinch’s pooch (“This Time of Year”). But Old Max and Young Max hear an ominous chord. From an icy hole in the mountain the Grinch himself appears! (“I Hate Christmas Eve”)

But why does he hate Christmas so? We see a wild, nightmarish version of Christmas as the Grinch sees it, with hordes of toy-crazed children (“Whatchamawho”) and the Whos caroling (“Welcome, Christmas” and “I Hate Christmas Eve” reprises). Then the Grinch gets an awful idea: he’ll stop Christmas from coming and now he knows how!

In Whoville, the unsuspecting Whos go holiday shopping (“It’s the Thought That Counts”) while the Grinch sneaks about town in disguise, stealing what he needs for his awful plot: red fabric and a pair of antlers.

Back home in his cave, the Grinch ties the antlers to Young Max’s head (“This Time of Year” reprise). Then, the Grinch dresses himself as Santa Claus! (“One of a Kind”). He harnesses the poor dog to a ramshackle sleigh and hurtles down the mountain to Whoville (“Down the Mountain”).

Meanwhile the grownups wrap presents and remember Christmases gone by, while the Who-kids sleep (“Now’s the Time”). But when everyone has gone to bed, the Grinch and Young Max slide down a chimney and emerge from a Who fireplace, and the old green meanie starts stealing Christmas! (“You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch”).



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When everything has been stuffed up the chimney except the tree, young Cindy-Lou Who interrupts the fake Santa. She buys his lie that he's old Saint Nick, and assures him she'll never forget him ("Santa for a Day"). Cindy-Lou almost melts his small heart, but in the end he sends her to bed and steals her tree!

The Grinch steals Christmas from every Who-home. He loads the presents and toys and all the food onto his sleigh, and whipping his whip, drives through the night to the top of Mount Crumpit.

He waits there for morning, to hear the sad cries of the Whos as they discover their happiness has been stolen. But what he hears from down below shocks him ("Who Likes Christmas?" reprise). He hasn't stolen Christmas after all! The Whos are still happy!

Maybe, he wonders, their happiness isn't the toys and the gifts and the feasts that he stole! ("One of a Kind" reprise). Even Cindy-Lou remembers him with love! Painfully, the Grinch comes to realize that Christmas is not something that comes from a store, and that a Who is whoever can be of good cheer - including him! Old Max has remembered it all, this special Christmas when everything changed for the better.

Now, he's ready to say goodbye ("This Time of Year" reprise). Down in Whoville, the Whos hold hands and celebrate ("Welcome, Christmas" reprise). But a crazy horn blast interrupts them! The Grinch - still dressed as Santa - rides into town with Young Max and a sleigh full of gifts.

He's finally able, with Cindy-Lou Who's help, to wish them all a Merry Christmas from the bottom of his three-sizes bigger heart! A gigantic Christmas wreath descends and frames them all. The curtain falls. When it rises again, we see the holiday miracle as Dr. Seuss illustrated it on the story-book's final pages: the Grinch and all the Whos, hand in hand on a glowing horizon, singing for joy! (Bows and Exit Music).