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**COMPLETE CAST AND CREATIVE TEAM ANNOUNCED FOR  
THE OLD GLOBE'S 12TH ANNUAL PRODUCTION OF  
*DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!***

**Jeff Skowron stars as The Grinch**

SAN DIEGO (Nov. 6, 2009)—The complete cast and creative team is set for the Globe's 12th annual production of *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* The annual holiday musical, directed by **Benjamin Endsley Klein** with book and lyrics by **Timothy Mason** and music by **Mel Marvin**, will run in the Old Globe Theatre November 21 – December 27. Previews run from Nov. 21 – Nov. 26. **Opening night is Nov. 27 at 7:00 p.m.** Ticket prices range from \$39 to \$79 for adults and from \$20 to \$59 for children (3-17 years). Tickets can be purchased online at [www.TheOldGlobe.org](http://www.TheOldGlobe.org), by phone at (619) 23-GLOBE or by visiting the Box Office.

*Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* is a wonderful, whimsical musical based upon the classic Dr. Seuss book. Back for its 12th incredible year, the family favorite features the songs "This Time of Year," "It's the Thought that Counts" and "Fah Who Doraze," the delightful carol from the popular animated version of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* Celebrate the holidays as the Old Globe Theatre is once again transformed into the snow-covered Who-ville, right down to the last can of Who-hash.

As previously announced, **Jeff Skowron** headlines as The Grinch. The cast also features **Martin Van Treuren** (Old Max), **Logan Lipton** (Young Max), **Shea Starrs Siben** and **Anna Bahen** (Cindy-Lou Who), **Anne Fraser Thomas** (Mama Who), **Steve Gunderson** (Papa Who), **Kürt Norby** (Grandpa Who), **Eileen Bowman** (Grandma Who), **Dylan Nalbandian** and **Jonas McMullen** (Boo Who), **Alison Grace Norwood** and **Danica Waitley** (Annie Who), **A.J. Foggiano** and **Dylan Mulvaney** (Danny Who), **Gaby Greenwald** and **Kayla Solsbak** (Betty-Lou Who) with **Aaron Acosta**, **Amy Biedel**, **Felicity Bryant**, **Genevieve Ciavarelli**, **Karli Cruise**, **Shianne Evans**, **Anna George**, **Aidan Cruz Hayek**, **Hannah Rose Kornfeld**, **Ashley Fox Linton**, **Allison Ma**, **Erik McEwen**, **Michael Mendez**, **Jordan Miller**, **Anise Ritchie**, **James Vasquez** and **Alexis Louise Young** (Ensemble).

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The original production of *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* was conceived and directed by **Jack O'Brien** with original choreography by **John DeLuca**. This season's production features Musical Direction by **John Samorian**, Additional Choreography by **Bob Richard** with Choreography Restaged by **James Vasquez**. The *Grinch* creative team also includes **John Lee Beatty** (Scenic Design), **Robert Morgan** (Costume Design), **Pat Collins** (Lighting Design), **Paul Peterson** (Sound Design), **Anita Ruth** (Orchestrator), **Joshua Rosenblum** (Vocal Arrangements and Incidental Music), **David Krane** (Dance Music Arranger), **Leila Knox** (Stage Manager), and **Annette Yé** (Assistant Stage Manager).

Jeff Skowron is no stranger to *Grinch*, having performed in both the 2007 and 2008 Broadway productions as a citizen of Whoville. His Broadway credits also include *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *High Society*, the workshop of *The Boy From Oz* ("Chris Bell" opposite Hugh Jackman) and the upcoming *Enron*. He has appeared Off Broadway in *Debbie Does Dallas* and *Zombie Prom*. Regionally he has played Hysterium in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and Luther in the world premiere of *Leap*, both at Cincinnati Playhouse; and Hedwig in *Hedwig and the Angry Inch* at the Contemporary American Theatre. His films include *New York City Serenade*, *The Narrows*, *How to Seduce Difficult Women*, *The Good Shepherd*, *A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints*, *Premium* and *Chapter 27*.

Benjamin Endsley Klein directed the Globe's 2007 and 2008 productions of *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* and served as Assistant Director in 2005. On Broadway, he was the Assistant Director of *The Coast of Utopia*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels* and *Barefoot in the Park*, and on London's West End he was the Associate Director of *Hairspray*. Klein is the recipient of the National Theatre Conference 2007 Paul Green Foundation Award and the Stage Directors and Choreographers Society's 2005-06 Mike Ockrent Fellowship.

The fourth annual Globe **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** will take place on **Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 p.m.** on the Globe's Copley Plaza. The ceremony will kick off the holiday season in conjunction with the presentation of *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* Designed by *Grinch* scenic designer **John Lee Beatty**, the unique tree will be located in the center of the Globe Plaza and remain for the run of the show. This fun family event will feature a special live performance by members of the *Grinch* cast and a delightful holiday snowfall on the Globe Plaza. Tickets to this free event are limited but may be obtained by subscribers and are included with the tickets to the November 20 performance at 4:30.

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**Grinch Family Day**, an engaging family celebration for children of all ages, will take place on **Sunday, December 20 from 10 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** The event includes an afternoon of crafts, games, treats and merriment on the Globe's Copley Plaza and tickets to a live performance of *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* in the Old Globe Theatre at 11 a.m. or 2 p.m. Grinch Family Day tickets are \$75 for children and \$100 for adults. VIP tickets are \$100 for children and \$125 for adults. VIP ticket holders receive premium theatre seating. All proceeds support the Globe's education and community programs for young people. For tickets to Grinch Family Day, contact the Globe Box Office at (619) 23-GLOBE.

**TICKETS** to *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* can be purchased online at [www.TheOldGlobe.org](http://www.TheOldGlobe.org), by phone at (619) 23-GLOBE or by visiting the box office at 1363 Old Globe Way in Balboa Park. Performances begin on Nov. 21 and continue through Dec. 27. Ticket prices range from \$39 to \$79 for adults and from \$20 to \$59 for children (3-17 years). Performance times: Previews: Saturday, Nov. 21 at 7:00 p.m., Sunday Nov. 22 at 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 25 at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, November 27 at 2:00 p.m. Regular Performances: Tues-Friday at 7:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m., Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 5:00 p.m. No performances on Thanksgiving, December 3, 4 or 10, and Christmas, and no 8:00 performance on Saturday, December 5. Additional performances: Saturday, December 5, 12 and 19 at 5:00 p.m.

**LOCATION:** The Old Globe is located in San Diego's Balboa Park at 1363 Old Globe Way. There are numerous free parking lots available throughout the park. Valet parking is also available (\$10). For additional parking information visit [www.BalboaPark.org](http://www.BalboaPark.org).

**CALENDAR:** *Sammy* (9/19-11/8), *The Two Gentlemen of Verona* (Globe/USD Professional Actor Training Program) (11/14-11/22), *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (11/21-12/27), *I Do! I Do!* (12/11-12/20), *Whisper House* (1/13-2/21), *Lost in Yonkers* (1/23-2/28), *Street Lights* (2/20-2/28), *Boeing-Boeing* (3/13-4/18).

**PHOTO EDITORS:** Digital images of The Old Globe's productions are available at [www.TheOldGlobe.org/pressroom](http://www.TheOldGlobe.org/pressroom).

The Tony Award-winning Old Globe is one of the country's leading professional regional theaters and has stood as San Diego's flagship arts institution for 74 years. Under the direction of Executive Producer Louis G. Spisto, The Old Globe produces a year-round season of 15 productions of classic, contemporary and new works on its three Balboa Park stages: the 600-seat Old Globe Theatre, the 250-seat Sheryl and Harvey White Theatre and the 612-seat outdoor Lowell Davies Festival Theatre, home of its internationally renowned Shakespeare Festival. More than 250,000

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people attend Globe productions annually and participate in the theater's education and community programs. Numerous world premieres such as *The Full Monty*, *Dirty Rotten Scoundrels*, *A Catered Affair*, and the annual holiday musical, *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*, have been developed at The Old Globe and have gone on to enjoy highly successful runs on Broadway and at regional theaters across the country.

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## **KIDS BY CITY**

### SAN DIEGO

#### **Torrey Pines (92130)**

Aaron Acosta  
Gaby Greenwald  
Jonas McMullen  
Alison Grace Norwood

#### **Carmel Mountain (92129)**

Anna Bahen  
Shianne Evans (92127)  
Anna George

**Clairemont** – Danica Waitley

**Fallbrook** – Aidan Hayek

**Sorrento Valley** – Karli Stults

**Spring Valley** – Genevieve Ciavarelli

**Tierrasanta** – Felicity Bryant

### OTHER

#### **El Cajon**

A.J. Foggiano  
Dylan Mulvaney

**Carlsbad** – Allison Ma

**Coronado** – Hannah Rose Kornfeld

**Escondido** – Dylan Nalbandian

**Oceanside** – Alexis Young

**San Marcos** – Shea Starrs Siben

## CAST BIOGRAPHIES

**JEFF SKOWRON** (*The Grinch*) BROADWAY: *Enron* (2010), *The Lion King*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *High Society*, *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*, and the workshop of *The Boy From Oz* ("Chris Bell" opposite Hugh Jackman). OFF BROADWAY: *Debbie Does Dallas*, *Zombie Prom*. REGIONAL: Hysterium in *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum* and Luther in the world premiere of *Leap*, both at Cincinnati Playhouse; *Hedwig in Hedwig and the Angry Inch* at the Contemporary American Theatre. FILM: *New York City Serenade*, *The Narrows*, *How to Seduce Difficult Women*, *The Good Shepherd*, *A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints*, *Premium*, *Chapter 27*. TV: All "Law and Order"(s), "Mary and Rhoda." Jeff plays Ryan on the hit web series "The Burg" ([www.theburg.tv](http://www.theburg.tv)), directed by Peter Sollett, and Pippin on "All's Faire" ([www.allsaire.tv](http://www.allsaire.tv)). Jeff and co-producer Matt Yeager (Puddinhead Bros.) are currently developing their new project, "Greg and Donny" ([www.youtube.com/greganddonny](http://www.youtube.com/greganddonny)).

**AARON ACOSTA** (*Little Who Ensemble, Red Group*) is nine years old, and a fourth grader at Torrey Hills Elementary. THEATRE: *Once on this Island* (Young Daniel), *Big River* (Young Fool), *Les Misérables* (Gavroche), *Seussical the Musical* (Wickersham Brother), California Youth Conservatory Theatre. AWARDS: 2009 National Youth Theatre Award, Outstanding Featured Actor (13 and under) Gavroche, *Les Misérables*.

**ANNA BAHEN** (*Cindy-Lou Who, White Group*) THEATRE: *Seussical the Musical* (Young Kangaroo), *The Sound of Music* (Gretl), *Big River*, *Annie* (Molly), *Peter Pan* (Tinkerbell), *Bye Bye Birdie*, *The Wizard of Oz*, MET2/Poway Center for the Performing Arts. Anna is nine years old, and in third grade at Park Village. She has been singing since she could talk and playing piano since she was three. Her favorite actress is Judy Garland and she aspires to be like her. Anna thanks everyone at MET2 especially Ms. Ali for teaching her everything she knows, and for the opportunity to meet the inspirational Adam Lambert. Anna also thanks God, her family, friends, teachers, Great Grandma Bahen, and The Globe for all their support in helping make her dreams come true. Her performance is dedicated to Nana, Baxter, Moli, Shirley, Herb, Pepper, and Dr. Seuss.

**AMY BIEDEL** (*Grown-up Who Ensemble*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('07 and '08), *Dancing in the Dark* (Assistant Director). ELSEWHERE: *The Threepenny Opera*, San Diego Repertory Theatre; *42nd Street*, Moonlight Amphitheatre; *Talley's Folly*, North Coast Repertory Theatre; *Nine*, Starlight Theatre; *Yank!*, Diversionary Theatre; *Suds, Buddy — The Buddy Holly Story*, Welk Resorts Theatre; *Guys and Dolls*, *The Full Monty*, San Diego Musical Theatre; *A Little Night Music*, *The Turn of the Screw*, *The Matchmaker*, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *My Fair Lady*, *The Invention of Love*, Cygnet Theatre (Resident Artist); *A Bright Room Called Day*, Backyard Productions/Diversionary Theatre; *Hecuba*, 6th @ Penn; *Jersey Boys* (understudy), La Jolla Playhouse; *Talley's Folly*, Mt. Hood Repertory Theatre Company; *Gypsy*, *The Fitness Game*, Sundance; *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, *The Turn of the Screw*, Actor's Repertory Theatre Ensemble; *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, August Night Theatre Group; *Big Holiday Broadcast*, Provo Theatre Company; *King Lear* (understudy), Pioneer Theatre Company; *The Voyage of the Little Mermaid*, Disney/MGM Studios; *Godspell*, Disney Story Theatre; *Robert and Elizabeth*, SCERA Theatre; *Big River*, Jackson Hole Playhouse. EDUCATION: BA in Theatre and Media Arts: Acting Emphasis, Brigham Young University.

**EILEEN BOWMAN** (*Grandma Who*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* Ms. Bowman is thrilled to be back in Who-ville. This marks her 12th year in the cast. She is proudly the only original cast member to be here all 12 years and she could not be happier. Ms. Bowman has performed in many regional theatres across the country. Some of her favorite roles include Eliza Doolittle in *My Fair Lady*, Lena Lamont in *Singin' in the Rain* and Agnes Gooch in *Mame*. She is best known for singing opposite Rob Lowe on the 61st Academy Awards telecast seen by over a half-billion people. She would like to thank God for all his amazing blessings, her

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wonderful and handsome husband Marc, and her cherished family and friends who are always there for her.

**FELICITY BRYANT** (*Little Who Ensemble, Red Group*) THEATRE: *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown* (Woodstock). Felicity started performing a year ago at age eight and has since performed with Leigh Scarritt Productions and ACT - San Diego on the stages of Starlight Theatre, Lyceum Theatre, Balboa Theatre, The Avo Playhouse and Actor's Conservatory Theatre. She is also a member of Cadence, an all female singing group that performed at the San Diego Fair Musicpalooza – A Cappella Festival (2009). Thank you to all who support and provide guidance.

**GENEVIEVE CIAVARELLI** (*Little Who Ensemble, White Group*) THEATRE: *Disney's Aladdin Jr.*, Grossmont High School, *The Wizard of Oz*, Joan Kroc Community Center. MODELING: Fox Television.

**KARLI CRUISE** (*Little Who Ensemble, Red Group*) THEATRE: *A Christmas Carol* (Tiny Tim), North Coast Repertory; *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin Babydoll), Starlight Theatre; *Traditions of Christmas, Seussical the Musical* and *Cinderella*. Karli is eight years old and in the third grade. She has experience in commercials, film and voiceover. She loves to dance and has performed at Sea World, Magic Mountain and other local venues. Karli is a Brownie Girl Scout, enjoys soccer, reading and playing the piano. She is thrilled to be cast in this same role that her sister played two years ago.

**SHIANNE EVANS** (*Little Who Ensemble, Red Group*) THEATRE: *Les Misérables* (Gavroche), *Annie* (Annie), *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (Violet), *Mulan* (Mushu), *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (Lucille), *Alice in Wonderland* (Small Alice), *Beauty and the Beast* (Ensemble), Kroc Performing Arts Center. Shianne would love to send a big thank you to Lynne Broyles for being such an amazing voice coach and mentor!

**A.J. FOGGIANO** (*Danny Who, Red Group*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Boo Who* in *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('06-'08). THEATRE: *Bye Bye Birdie* (Randolph McAfee), San Diego Musical Theatre; *The Wizard of Oz* (Coroner), Starlight Theatre; *Peter Pan* (Michael), CYT; *Oliver!* (Oliver), *The Music Man* (Harold Hill), F.A.M.E. FILM: *Ready? Ok!* by James Vasquez; *The Legend of Pocahontas*. A.J. is excited to be back for his fourth year with the Grinch family.

**ASHLEY FOX LINTON** (*Grown-up Who Ensemble*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('06) NATIONAL TOURS: *Wicked, Les Misérables*. THEATRE: *Baby*, North Coast Repertory Theatre; *Call Me Madam*, Goodspeed Opera House; *Evita*, Helen Hayes Theatre; *A Chorus Line, Titanic*. WORKSHOPS: *The Black Dahlia, The Thing About Joe, City of Light, Oh Rats!, Princesses*. FILM: *Have Dreams, Will Travel*. EDUCATION: BFA from The Boston Conservatory. Debut recording to be released in 2010.

**ANNA GEORGE** (*Little Who Ensemble, White Group*) THEATRE: *Traditions of Christmas*, Christian Community Theatre; *Pocahontas*, Christian Youth Theatre; *Jungle Book*, San Diego Junior Theatre; *Annie* (Annie), *Beauty and the Beast* (Chip), *Oliver!* (Oliver), *The Wiz, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Into the Woods, Bye Bye Birdie*, Broadway Bound Youth Theater; *The Music Man*, Broadway Theater Arts Academy. Anna is in seventh grade and lives in Rancho Penasquitos. In addition to acting, singing and dancing, Anna likes to swim and ride her bike.

**GABY GREENWALD** (*Betty Lou Who, Red Group*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('07) as Cindy-Lou Who. THEATRE: *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Moonlight Amphitheatre; *The Stinky Cheese Man*, San Diego Junior Theatre; *Oliver!, Hansel and Gretel, Rumpelstiltskin, Pippi Longstocking*, J Company. Gaby is thrilled to be back on the Grinch stage reliving Christmas in Who-ville. On the side, she is a busy 12-year-old sixth grader who loves soccer, surfing, and skiing. She has her mind set on pursuing her dream of being on Broadway.

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**STEVE GUNDERSON** (*Papa Who*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('99, '00, '03, '05, '07, '08), *Suds* (Co-Writer with Melinda Gilb and Bryan Scott), *A Trip to Chinatown*, *Hadrian VII*. OFF BROADWAY: *Suds* (original cast), *Forever Plaid*, *Back to Bacharach & David* (co-created with Kathy Najimy), *Street Scene*. ELSEWHERE: *Memphis*, La Jolla Playhouse; *Romance*, *Miss Witherspoon*, *A Christmas Carol*, San Diego Repertory Theatre; *An Ideal Husband*, Lamb's Players Theatre; and major roles at Pasadena Playhouse, Laguna Playhouse, North Coast Repertory Theatre, La Mirada Theatre, Theatre in Old Town, Welk Resorts Theatre. NATIONAL TOUR: *The Grapes of Wrath*. CABARET: *The Melinda & Steve Show*. TV: "King of the Hill."

**AIDAN CRUZ HAYEK** (*Little Who Ensemble, White Group*) THEATRE: *Oliver!* (Oliver), *Scrooge the Musical* (Tiny Tim), *Willy Wonka Jr.* (Charlie), *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Charlie). Much of Aidan's acting career has been spent in Fallbrook, California with CAST Productions and Director Jennifer Hornsveld. Aidan is a fourth grader at La Paloma Elementary school. His interests include Tim Burton movies, trading and collecting marbles, singing and acting!

**HANNAH ROSE KORNFELD** (*Teen Who, White Group*) is a tenth grader who attends Coronado School of the Arts at Coronado High School. SAN DIEGO: *Annie* (Annie), Starlight Theater; *The Wizard of Oz* (Dorothy), Coronado Playhouse. SAN FRANCISCO: *Blackbird*, American Conservatory Theater; *The Secret Garden* (Mary Lennox), Willows Theater; *Ruthless! The Musical* (Tina Denmark), *The Purple Onion*, and Masquer's Playhouse; *Irving Berlin's White Christmas* (Susan Waverly), Curran Theatre; *Alice in Wonderland* (Alice), Marin Shakespeare; *Far Away* (Young Joan), Exit Theatre; *Wait Until Dark* (Gloria), Ross Valley Players. CABARET/ MUSICAL RECORDINGS: *Simply Sondheim* (Kritzerland Recordings).

**LOGAN LIPTON** (*Young Max*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('08) BROADWAY: *Wicked*. REGIONAL/TOURS: *Wicked* (national tour); *Cupid & Psyche*, John Houseman Studio Theatre; *The Great Ostrovsky*, Prince Music Theatre; *Beauty and the Beast*, Casa Manana Playhouse; *25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*, *Hello, Dolly!*, *Oklahoma!*, *Floyd Collins*, *An Ideal Husband*, Weston Playhouse. NY READINGS/WORKSHOPS: *Office Space*, *Extraordinary Ordinary*, *Kay Swift Project*, *Saved*, *Bernice Bobs Her Hair*, *No Boundaries, But I'm a Cheerleader*. *Compleat Female Stage Beauty*, *Merrily We Roll Along*, *Julius Caesar*, University of Michigan. FILM: *Dumping Lisa* (out '10), *The Lost Treasure of Sawtooth Island*. TRAINING: BFA Musical Theatre, University of Michigan, Upright Citizens Brigade, London Academy of Music and Dramatic Arts.

**ALLISON MA** (*Little Who Ensemble, White Group*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('08) THEATRE: *Seussical*, NCSArts; *The Wizard of Oz*, *Guys and Dolls*, *The Sound of Music*, *Annie*, *Oliver!*, Coast Kids. Allison would like to thank her family, especially her sisters, for all their support.

**JONAS MCMULLEN** (*Boo Who, White Group*) THEATRE: *High School Musical* (Chad), Scripps Performing Arts Center; *Seussical the Musical* (JoJo), *Mulan* (Laozi), JCC Summer Theater; *Les Misérables* (Gavroche's Gang), *Seussical the Musical* (Wickersham Brother), California Youth Conservatory Theatre.

**ERIK MCEWEN** (*Grown-up Who Ensemble*) OFF BROADWAY: *Let's Face It*, *Good News, Drat!* *The Cat!*, *Shinbone Alley*, *Mademoiselle Modiste*. THEATRE: *White Christmas*, FCLO Music Theatre; *Altar Boyz*, Welk Resorts Theatre; *Bark!*, The Coast Playhouse; *The Fix*, MTG Productions; *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, Musical Theatre West; *Into the Woods*, Moonlight Amphitheatre; *Seven Brides for Seven Brothers*, Starlight Theatre; *Hello, Dolly!*, Lamb's Players Theatre. Film: *Fencewalker* TV: "Law and Order: SVU," "The Daily Show." In addition, you can hear him on the demo recording of *Expectations*, a new musical, playing the role of Steve. He earned his BFA in Theatre/Dance from Chapman University.

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**MICHAEL MENDEZ** (*Grown-up Who Ensemble*) THEATRE: *The Full Monty*, American Musical Theatre of San Jose; *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Welk Resorts Theatre; *Babes in Arms*, Saddleback Civic Light Opera; *Guys and Dolls*, Armory Theatre; *Urinetown*, Arizona Repertory Theatre. He recently appeared in the 2009 New York Musical Theatre Festival in a new musical entitled *Fat Camp*. EDUCATION: BFA in Musical Theatre from the University of Arizona.

**JORDAN MILLER** (*Grown-up Who Ensemble*) SAN DIEGO: *Anything Goes* (Billy), Lyric Opera San Diego; *Bed and Sofa* (Volodya), Cygnet Theatre. THEATRE: *Annie Get Your Gun* (Frank Butler), Performance Riverside; *Oliver!* (Bill Sykes u/s) FCLO Music Theatre; *Oklahoma!* (Curly), Prather Family of Theatres Tour; *A Playhouse Christmas* (Lead Vocalist), Hunterton Hills Playhouse; *The Tournament of Kings* (King of Norway), Excalibur Hotel and Casino. EDUCATION: BFA Drama, North Carolina School of the Arts.

**DYLAN MULVANEY** (*Danny Who, White Group*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('08). THEATRE: *High School Musical* (Ryan), *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, Lyceum Theatre; *Easter Celebration*, Sonrise Church. Dylan is so happy to be back at the Globe this holiday season.

**DYLAN NALBANDIAN** (*Boo Who, Red Group*) has performed in 12 plays in North County, mostly with Broadway Theatre Arts Academy in Escondido. His favorites have been *Beauty and the Beast* (Chip), *Alice in Wonderland* (White Rabbit), and *The Jungle Book* (Mowgli). Dylan first saw *The Grinch* at the Globe six years ago when he was three, and has attended the show every year since. He is very excited to finally be on stage with all of the Whos in Who-ville. He'd like to thank Siobhan and Jenny for helping him make this dream possible.

**KÜRT NORBY** (*Grandpa Who*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('08) THEATRE: *Zhivago*, La Jolla Playhouse; *Leaving Iowa*, *Room Service*, *Hello Dolly!*, *The Voyage Inheritance*, *The Winslow Boy*, Lamb's Players Theatre; *Evita*, *The Desert Song*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, Welk Resorts Theatre; *Beauty and the Beast*, Moonlight Amphitheatre; *Urinetown*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, *My One and Only*, *Me and My Girl*, Starlight Theatre; *Miss Saigon*, Fullerton Civic Light Opera. FILM: *29th & Gay*, *U R Pre Approved*, *Rubix Cube Dinner*. EDUCATION: BA in Drama, UC Irvine.

**ALISON GRACE NORWOOD** (*Annie Who, Red Group*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How The Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('06 -'08). THEATRE: *A Dickens' Christmas Carol* (Tiny Tim) *Silver Dollar City*, *Branson*, *Missouri*, *The Jungle Book*, *Annie*, *Cinderella*. VOICE OVER: *Disney On Ice - Disneyland Adventures* (Voice - It's A Small World), *Disney Playhouse Live - Little Einsteins* (Annie), *Disney On Ice - World of Fantasy*. FILM: *Ready? OK!* (Daisy 3 Pictures). OTHER: *Resounding Joy Benefit Concert* (Soloist); National Anthem, Del Mar Little League Opening Ceremony ('07 and '08). Alison feels blessed to be on stage and thanks her family for all of their love and support.

**ANISE RITCHIE** (*Grown-up Who Ensemble*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Sammy*, *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('07 and '08). NATIONAL TOUR: *Ain't Misbehavin'*, *Menopause The Musical*. ELSEWHERE: *Beehive*, *The 60's Musical*, Sierra Repertory Theatre; *Showboat*, Townsend Opera Players; *Once on This Island*, TheatreWorks; *A Grand Night for Singing*, *Smokey Joe's Café*, California Conservatory Theatre; *Little Shop of Horrors*, Portland Civic Theatre; Oregon Shakespeare Festival; *The Dance on Widow's Row*, *Blue*, *Eubie* and *Ain't Misbehavin'*, Lorraine Hansberry Theatre, San Francisco. Workshop: San Francisco's Aftershock. EUROPEAN TOUR: Emmitt Powell and the Gospel Elites (Lead Singer). EDUCATION/ TRAINING: International Performing Arts Academy, San Francisco; Academy of Arts, San Francisco.

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**SHEA STARRS SIBEN** (*Cindy-Lou Who, Red Group*) saw *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* for the first time when she was three years old. She sat entranced and watched her big sister Skylar play the role of Cindy-Lou Who. Later, she told everyone that when she was older she would like to play The Grinch! Three years have passed and Shea changed her mind. She is thrilled to be following in her sister's footsteps! Shea wants to thank her big sister Skye who is so supportive, her loving sister Sloane, and her teacher and friend, Ms. Leigh Scarritt, who helped her find her own path to Who-ville.

**KAYLA SOLSBAK** (*Betty Lou Who, White Group*) THE OLD GLOBE: *The Women, Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('07 and '08). THEATRE: *Les Misérables Student Edition, The Wizard of Oz, Junie B. Jones and a Little Monkey Business, Really Rosie, Winnie the Pooh, Peter Pan, My Emperor's New Clothes, Ramona "The Pest" Quimby*, San Diego Junior Theatre; *Beauty and the Beast Jr., Annie, Seussical the Musical*, Performing Lakeside Acting Youth; *It's a Wonderful Life*, FC Players. Kayla performs in benefits and concerts throughout San Diego County. When not on stage she enjoys writing, Girl Scouts and playing the violin in her school orchestra.

**ANNE FRASER THOMAS** (*Mama Who*) is excited to be making her Old Globe debut. THEATRE: Narrator in *Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, Welk Resorts Theatre; *Les Misérables* (Fantine), Moonlight Amphitheatre; *Man of La Mancha* (Aldonza), Performance Riverside; *The King and I* (Lady Thiang), Carousel Dinner Theatre; *Kismet* (Lalume), Candlelight Pavilion Dinner Theatre; *Bark! The Musical* (Molly), The Coast Playhouse; Narrator in *Disney's Aladdin: A Musical Spectacular*, Disney's California Adventure; *Smokey Joe's Café* (Pattie), *Footloose!* (Rusty), Saddleback Civic Light Opera; *Jesus Christ Superstar* (Mary), Warner Grand Theatre; *The Pirates Of Penzance* (Edith), Musical Theatre West; *Hello, Dolly!* (Irene Molloy), Huntington Beach Playhouse; *Godspell* (Joanne), Hermosa Beach Playhouse. She was recently featured in the new Frank Wildhorn reading of *Tears of Heaven* and tours throughout the continent with Vox Lumiere as the Evil Diva/Coloratura Soprano. Anne is a proud member of Musical Theatre Guild, an active voiceover artist and performs regularly at cabarets/concerts in both Los Angeles and New York. She received her BA in Theater from UC Irvine and is married to musical director Daniel Thomas.

**MARTIN VAN TREUREN** (*Old Max*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('07 and '08). He is extremely happy to be returning for his third year in this role at The Old Globe. BROADWAY: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*, *Jekyll & Hyde* (also on HBO), *A Christmas Carol, Me and My Girl and Singin' in the Rain*. OFF BROADWAY: He played both Ruth and the Major General in the highly-acclaimed Off Broadway production of *The Pirates of Penzance; Blessing in Disguise, The Miser, Anyone Can Whistle*, Carnegie Hall; *Allegro*, City Center Encores!; THE BARROW GROUP: *Uncle Vanya, Sonnets for an Old Century and Medal of Honor Rag*. Tours: *Camelot* starring Richard Harris, *Grand Hotel* directed by Tommy Tune, *Jekyll & Hyde* (pre-Broadway), *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (starring Jon Secada). TV: "Law & Order: SVU." He dedicates this performance to Frankie's Friends Charitable Pet Foundation.

**JAMES VASQUEZ** (*Swing/Dance Captain*) THE OLD GLOBE: *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* ('03-'08), *The Boiler Room, If the Shoe Fits*. OFF BROADWAY: *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, New York Public Theater. THEATRE: *Oliver!*, Alabama Shakespeare Festival; *The Fantasticks!*, Bristol Valley Theater; *Shear Madness, Pageant, Assassins*. DIRECTOR/CHOREOGRAPHER: *Hedwig and the Angry Inch, A Little Night Music*, Cygnet Theatre; *Twist*, Diversionary. FILM: Co-founder, Daisy 3 Pictures. *29th and Gay* (writer/lead), TLA Releasing; *Ready? OK!* (writer/director), Wolfe Video, television premiere on LOGO this Fall. Mr. Vasquez received his BFA in Drama from the Juilliard School.

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**DANICA WAITLEY** (*Annie Who, White Group*) THEATRE: *Traditions of Christmas, The Sound of Music* (Gretl), *Annie Warbucks* (Annie), *Let Freedom Ring* (Hope), Christian Community Theatre; *Evita*, Broadway San Diego; *The Little Princess* (Lottie), *Seussical the Musical* (Jojo), *Annie* (Annie), *Charlotte's Web* (Fern), Christian Youth Theatre; *The King and I* (Princess Ying Yaolak), School of Creative and Performing Arts. Danica is excited for this opportunity to perform in *The Grinch!*

**ALEXIS LOUISE YOUNG** (*Teen Who, Red Group*) is thrilled to be performing at The Old Globe this holiday season. She would like to thank her family and her voice teacher, Roy for their love and support. THEATRE: *A Christmas Carol* (Martha Cratchitt, Fan Scrooge, Want), North Coast Repertory; *The King and I* (Royal Child, Ballet), Welk Resorts Theatre, *Urinetown* (Soupy Sue), *High School Musical 2* (Gabiella Montez), *Once Upon a Mattress* (Princess Winnifred), *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* (Katrina Van Tassel).



## DR. SEUSS' HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!

Book and Lyrics by Timothy Mason  
Music by Mel Marvin  
Original Production Conceived and  
Directed by Jack O'Brien  
Directed by Benjamin Endlsey Klein  
Original Choreography by John Samorian  
Musical Direction by Ron Colvard  
Additional choreography by Bob Richard  
Choreography Restaged by James Vasquez

**RUNS:** Nov. 21 – Dec. 27, 2009, Old Globe Theatre

**TICKETS:** \$39 to \$79 for adults and from \$20 to \$59 for children (3-17 years).

**SYNOPSIS:** America's favorite holiday fable, back for its 12th incredible year, is a wonderful, whimsical production that will once again jump right off the pages of the classic Dr. Seuss book and on to the Old Globe's stage. Come take part in the fun as the Old Globe Theatre is transformed into the snow-covered Who-ville right down to the last can of Who-hash!

**CREATIVE TEAM:** John Lee Beatty (Scenic Design), Robert Morgan (Costume Design), Pat Collins (Lighting Design), Paul Peterson (Sound Design), Anita Ruth (Orchestrator), Joshua Rosenblum (Vocal Arrangements and Incidental Music), David Krane (Dance Music Arranger) and Leila Knox (Stage Manager).

**CAST:** Jeff Skowron (The Grinch), Martin Van Treuren (Old Max), Logan Lipton (Young Max), Shea Starrs Siben and Anna Bahen (Cindy-Lou Who, Anne Fraser Thomas (Mama Who), Steve Gunderson (Papa Who), Kürt Norby (Grandpa Who), Eileen Bowman (Grandma Who), Dylan Nalbandian and Jonas Robert McMullen (Boo Who), Allison Grace Norwood and Danica Waitley (Annie Who), A.J. Foggiano and Dylan Mulvaney (Danny Who), Gaby Greenwald and Kayla Solsbak (Betty-Lou Who) with Aaron Acosta, Amy Biedel, Felicity Bryant, Genevieve Ciavarelli, Karli Cruise, Shianne Evans, Anna George, Aidan Cruz Hayek, Hannah Kornfeld, Ashley Fox Linton, Allison Ma, Erik McEwen, Michael Mendez, Jordan Miller, Anise Ritchie, James Vasquez and Alexis Louise Young (Ensemble).

**BOX OFFICE WINDOW HOURS:** Noon to final curtain Tuesday through Sunday. American Express, Discover, MasterCard and VISA accepted. (619) 23-GLOBE [234-5623]

**LOCATION:** The Old Globe is located in San Diego's Balboa Park at 1363 Old Globe Way. Free parking is available throughout the park. Valet parking is also available (\$10). For parking information visit [www.BalboaPark.org](http://www.BalboaPark.org).

## PREVIEWS:

Nov 21 SAT at 7:00pm  
Nov 22 SUN at 4:30pm (Tree Lighting)  
Nov 25 WED at 7:00pm  
Nov 27 FRI at 2:00pm

**OPENING NIGHT:** Nov 27 FRI at 7:00pm

## REGULAR PERFORMANCES:

Nov 28 SAT at 11:00am  
Nov 28 SAT at 2:00am  
Nov 28 SAT at 8:00pm  
Nov 29 SUN at 11:00am  
Nov 29 SUN at 2:00pm  
Nov 29 SUN at 5:00pm  
Dec 2 WED at 7:00pm  
Dec 5 SAT at 11:00am (December Nights in Balboa Park)  
Dec 5 SAT at 2:00pm (December Nights in Balboa Park)  
Dec 5 SAT at 5:00pm (December Nights in Balboa Park)  
Dec 6 SUN at 11:00am  
Dec 6 SUN at 2:00pm  
Dec 6 SUN at 5:00pm  
Dec 8 TUE at 7:00pm  
Dec 9 WED at 7:00pm  
Dec 11 FRI at 7:00pm  
Dec 12 SAT at 11:00am  
Dec 12 SAT at 2:00pm  
Dec 12 SAT at 5:00pm  
Dec 12 SAT at 8:00pm  
Dec 13 SUN at 11:00am  
Dec 13 SUN at 2:00pm  
Dec 13 SUN at 5:00pm  
Dec 15 TUE at 7:00pm  
Dec 16 WED at 7:00pm  
Dec 17 THU at 7:00pm  
Dec 18 FRI at 7:00pm  
Dec 19 SAT at 11:00am  
Dec 19 SAT at 2:00pm  
Dec 19 SAT at 5:00pm  
Dec 19 SAT at 8:00pm  
Dec 20 SUN at 11:00am (Grinch Family Day)  
Dec 20 SUN at 2:00pm  
Dec 20 SUN at 5:00pm  
Dec 22 TUE at 2:00pm  
Dec 22 TUE at 7:00pm  
Dec 23 WED at 7:00pm  
Dec 24 THU at 11:00am  
Dec 24 THU at 2:00pm  
Dec 24 THU at 5:00pm  
Dec 26 SAT at 2:00pm  
Dec 26 SAT at 5:00pm  
Dec 26 SAT at 8:00pm  
Dec 27 SUN at 11:00am  
Dec 27 SUN at 2:00pm  
Dec 27 SUN at 5:00pm

## GRINCH FAMILY DAY

**Sunday, December 20 at 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.**

Pre- and post-show merriment includes *Grinch* matinee, photo with The Grinch, crafts refreshments and activities – a big Grinch-y party! Call (619) 23-GLOBE.

## GRINCH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

**Sunday, Nov. 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

Annual Tree Lighting on the Old Globe Plaza to include special performance by the cast. FREE

**PHOTOS:** Digital images of The Old Globe productions are available at [www.TheOldGlobe.org/pressroom](http://www.TheOldGlobe.org/pressroom).

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