



## **A NOTE ABOUT THE CASTING OF *THE CAT IN THE HAT* IN *SEUSSICAL***

So, you're thinking about licensing Seussical? Wonderful!

One of the many great opportunities when performing Seussical is the ambidexterity of its most beloved character, *The Cat in the Hat*. Originated by David Shiner when the show opened on Broadway in 2000, the role was subsequently played by both male and female actors, including Rosie O'Donnell, Cathy Rigby, & Bryan Batt.

In keeping with the true spirit of the musical, MTI is able to license orchestrations for either the male or female Cat in the Hats; the show's Standard Orchestration (a male Cat in the Hat) as well as the Alternate Orchestration (a female Cat in the Hat).

## **SELECTING THE RIGHT ORCHESTRATION**

When executing your Licensing Contract with MTI, one of the first steps, after gathering the performance information, is choosing your show's orchestration. Many musicals have only one option while others have two to three orchestrations.

If you are certain that your Cat in the Hat will be played by a male actor, simply select the Standard Orchestration and we will send you the appropriate orchestration. And likewise, if your Cat in the Hat is female (or an actor with an unchanged voice), you would select the Alternate Orchestration.

If, at the time, you are uncertain of the role's casting outcome, you may simply mark "No Orchestration!" By selecting no orchestration, we will not ship out either of the orchestrations. Once a decision is made on the casting, simply contact your Representative at MTI, inform them of your casting choice, and they will initiate the shipment of the appropriate orchestration materials.

If you have any further questions, please contact your MTI Representative at 212-541-4684!

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CAN THINK!”  
– DR. SEUSS**