CTC's Cinderella is Back and Ready to Remake the Kingdom!
New songs, gags, and more in the spectacular and hilarious Cinderella

Children’s Theatre Company (CTC) is bringing back the magical, fantastical, and all-too-hilarious Cinderella, directed by Peter C. Brosius. Originally created by CTC, this panto style musical mixes together the heart-warming story of Cinderella (played by new Acting Company member Rajané Katurah) and a Victorian Christmas party with lavish period costumes, grandiose sets and holiday carols, with pop culture references, shameless physical comedy, audience participation, and gut-busting gags. Freshly updated with new pop songs, you’ll jeer at the deliciously dysfunctional stepmother (played by CTC Company Member Autumn Ness) and stepsisters (played by Ashawnti Sakina Ford and Kimberly Richardson) as much as you’ll cheer for Cinderella in her quest to attend the magnificent ball that will change her world. CTC has produced this show 15 times and each time has been an almost completely different show! Full cast list below including bios. Advance photos of Rajané Katurah and Dwight Leslie in costume are located here.

“Cinderella is a character who shows us that we are all more than we seem,” states CTC Artistic Director and Cinderella Director, Peter C. Brosius. “The Victorian holiday party, the shameless comedy, and songs will be heightened and explored anew and of course, will dazzle with the lavish ballroom scenes that are full of spectacle and wonder for all ages. If you have seen it before, there will be a lot of new surprises – get ready!”

You’re invited to a beautiful Victorian Holiday party—but be prepared to check your coat, and all sense of tradition, at the door. You have NO IDEA WHAT YOU’RE IN FOR HERE! Join us for this high-spectacle, glamorously shameless comedy where anything can happen. We’re really not supposed to say, but there may be... A kiss cam? Cake? T-shirt cannons? Jokes ripped straight from the headlines? Absolutely yes! With a track list filled with modern pop hits, and an updated script that spins stunning elegance into madcap, sidesplitting comedy at high speed, this is one party you won’t want to miss! This production is proudly sponsored by Target.

THEMES: Popular culture; fairy tale; spectacle; pantomime style theatre; slapstick comedy; holiday songs; audience participation.

PRESS DATES: Media are invited to attend opening weekend performances, which include:
Friday, November 8 at 7pm
Saturday, November 9 2pm
Sunday, November 10 2pm

Each media person can RSVP for two tickets gratis with the option to purchase additional tickets. Advance photos of Rajané Katurah and Dwight Leslie in costume are located here. Production photos for world premieres will be sent within two days of the first preview performance.
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Children’s Theatre Company (CTC) is the nation’s largest and most acclaimed theatre for young people and serves a multigenerational audience. It creates theatre experiences that educate, challenge, and inspire for more than 295,000 people annually. CTC is the only theatre focused on young audiences to win the coveted Tony Award® for Outstanding Regional Theatre and is the only theatre in Minnesota to receive three Tony® nominations (for its production of A Year with Frog and Toad). CTC is committed to creating world class productions at the highest level and to developing new works, more than 200 to date, dramatically changing the canon of work for young audiences.

CTC’s engagement and learning programs annually serve more than 93,000 young people and their communities through Theatre Arts Training, student matinees, Neighborhood Bridges, and early childhood arts education programs. ACT One is CTC’s comprehensive platform for access, diversity, and inclusion in our audiences, programs, staff, and board that strives to ensure the theatre is a home for all people, all families, reflective of our community. childrenstheatre.org

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Cinderella
Adapted by John B. Davidson
Original Music and Arrangements by Victor Zupanc
Directed by Peter C. Brosius
Choreography by Linda Talcott Lee
Music Direction by Jason Hansen

Creative Team & Production Staff
Director | Peter C. Brosius
Choreographer | Linda Talcott Lee
Music Director | Jason Hansen
Scenic and Costume Designer | Eduardo Sicangco
Lighting Designer | Paul Whitaker
Sound Designers | Sean Healey and Victor Zupanc
Puppet Designer | Eric Van Wyk
Projection Designer | Craig Gottschalk
Stage Manager | Nate Stanger
Assistant Directors | Joshua Zapata-Palmer and Benjamin Domask-Ruh
Assistant Stage Manager | Todd Kalina
Assistant Choreographer | Katie Taintor
Assistant Lighting Designer | Dustin Morache

Cast
Cinderella | Rajané Katurah
Prince Eric | Dwight Leslie
Lord High Chamberlain | Austen Fisher
Stepmother | Autumn Ness
Dorcas | Ashawnti Sakina Ford
Pearl | Kimberly Richardson
Fairy Godmother | Alexcia Thompson
Ensemble
Josh Bagley
Rowin Breaux
Marc Gill
Henry Grooms
Gabe Kohlbeck
Delaney Hunter
Gunnar Laughlin
Hugo Mullaney
Madison Neal
Maekalah Ratsabout
Janely Rodriguez
Carl Swanson
Kate Spence
Angela Steele
Symphonie Whitted
Andrea Wollenberg

External Understudies
Ryan London Levin
Katie Taintor

Runtime: 2 hours, including one 20-minute intermission

Tickets:
The Ticket Office is accessible by phone two hours prior to most performances. These posted hours are subject to change.
Email: tickets@childrenstheatre.org (inquiries only, no ticket processing)
Phone: 612.874.0400
Website: https://childrenstheatre.org
Subscription packages are available. Please see website for complete details:
https://childrenstheatre.org/tickets/subscribe
Lap passes available for children newborn to three years for $5

ASL/AD Performances: Friday, December 6 at 7pm and Sunday, December 15 at 5pm
Sensory Friendly Performance: Friday, December 3 at 7pm

Group tickets up to 10% off regular tickets for groups of six to nine.
Group tickets up to 25% off regular tickets for groups of ten or more.

Performance Dates
Sunday, November 3 7pm (Preview)
Tuesday, November 5 7pm (Preview)
Wednesday, November 6 7pm (Preview)
Thursday, November 7 7pm (Preview)
Friday, November 8 7pm (Opening)
Saturday, November 9 2pm and 5pm (Opening Weekend)
Sunday, November 10 2pm and 5pm (Opening Weekend)

Friday, November 15 7pm
Saturday, November 16 11am and 2pm
Sunday, November 17  2pm and 5pm

Friday, November 22  7pm
Saturday, November 23  2pm and 5pm
Sunday, November 24  2pm and 5pm

Wednesday, November 27  7pm
Friday, November 29  2pm and 7pm
Saturday, November 30  11am and 2pm
Sunday, December 1  2pm and 5pm

Thursday, December 5  7pm
Friday, December 6  7pm (ASL/AD Performance)
Saturday, December 7  11am and 2pm
Sunday, December 8  2pm and 5pm

Thursday, December 12  7pm
Friday, December 13  7pm
Saturday, December 14  11am and 2pm
Sunday, December 15  2pm and 5pm (ASL/AD Performance)

Thursday, December 19  7pm
Friday, December 20  7pm
Saturday, December 21  11am and 2pm
Sunday, December 22  2pm and 5pm

Monday, December 23  2pm and 5pm
Thursday, December 26  2pm and 5pm
Friday, December 27  2pm and 7pm
Saturday, December 28  11am and 2pm
Sunday, December 29  2pm and 5pm

Tuesday, December 31  2pm and 5pm
Thursday, January 2  7pm
Friday, January 3  7pm (Sensory Friendly Performance)
Saturday, January 4  11am and 2pm
Sunday, January 5  2pm and 5pm (Closing)

Cinderella Bios

CREATIVE

Peter C. Brosius
Director
Peter has directed the world premieres of Dr. Seuss’s The Sneetches the Musical; The Last Firefly; Seedfolks; Animal Dance; The Biggest Little House in the Forest; and others, all of which were commissioned and workshopped through CTC’s new play development efforts. Previously, he was the Artistic Director of the Honolulu Theatre for Youth and the Improvisational Theatre Project at the Mark Taper Forum.

Linda Talcott Lee
Choreographer
Credits include Roald Dahl’s Matilda The Musical, Dr. Seuss’s How The Grinch Stole Christmas!; Mulan Jr.; Cinderella (Children’s Theatre Company); and Beauty and the Beast (Ordway Center for the Performing Arts). She was awarded an Emmy® for her choreographic work in The Comedy Hall of Fame with Jason Alexander and is a Broadway veteran.

Jason Hansen
Music Director
Jason has worked as music director, composer, orchestrator, arranger, and/or musician on over 50 productions at theaters including Children’s Theatre Company, Guthrie Theater, Theater Latté Da, Chanhassen Dinner Theatres, Ten Thousand Things, Mixed Blood Theatre, History Theatre, Arkansas Rep, and Northern Sky Theater. Jason co-directs the senior rock ensemble Alive&Kickin.

Eduardo Sicangco
Scenic and Costume Designer
Eduardo lives in New York and enjoys a varied career designing sets and costumes for opera, musicals, theatre, ballet, film, revues, and arena spectacles. He is happy to be back at CTC where he designed sets and costumes for Ramona Quimby and Bud, Not Buddy. Visit eduardosicangco.com.

Paul Whitaker
Lighting Designer
CTC: I Come From Arizona; The Snowy Day and other stories by Ezra Jack Keats; Seedfolks; Shrek the Musical; Annie; Alice in Wonderland; and Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy, among others. He is a graduate of Macalester College and the Yale School of Drama. Paul is a Senior Lighting Designer/Theatre Consultant for Schuler Shook.

Sean Healey
Sound Designer
Local: Jungle Theater, Open Eye Figure Theatre, Guthrie Theater, Theater Latté Da, Frank Theatre, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, and Flying Foot Forum. Regional: Dallas Theater Center, The Old Globe, New Victory Theatre, Arizona Theater Company, Seattle Children's Theatre, Mark Taper Forum, Cornerstone Theater, The Actors' Gang, Pasadena Playhouse, and The Zach Theater. Sean received an Ivey Award in 2009. He holds a B.F.A. from CalArts.

Victor Zupanc
Sound Designer
Victor is credited with approximately 300 productions as Composer, Musical Director, and Sound Designer throughout the country and around the world winning many awards and honors. Victor often composes for orchestras, choirs, films, and also for NPR. This is Victor’s 30th season as Music Director/Composer at CTC. victorzupanc.com

Eric J. Van Wyk
Puppet Designer
Eric has designed puppetry and scenery for multiple Children’s Theatre Company productions including Babe the Sheep Pig; Cinderella; and The Last Firefly. Regional credits include Open Eye Figure Theatre, Imagination Stage, Washington Ballet, and The Hong Kong Ballet. His company WonderStruck Theatre created Mop Dog and the upcoming premiere of The Elephant Speaks Jazz.

Craig Gottschalk
Projection Designer
Projection Design credits include Roald Dahl’s Matilda The Musical, Dr. Seuss’s How The Grinch Stole Christmas!; The Wiz; Cinderella; and The Wizard of Oz. Other CTC credits include lighting designs for The
Best Summer Ever; Corduroy; and Animal Dance. Regional credits include Mary Poppins (Artistry); Blues in the Night; Always Patsy Cline; Bombitty of Errors; and Route 66 (Milwaukee Repertory Theater).

Miriam Weisfeld
Dramaturg
Miriam was previously Senior Vice President at The Araca Group (Broadway) and Associate Artistic Director of Woolly Mammoth (Washington, D.C.). Additional credits: New York Theatre Workshop, American Repertory Theatre, Steppenwolf Theatre, Actors Theatre of Louisville. M.F.A., ART/Moscow Art Theatre Institute at Harvard University. Adjunct faculty, Minneapolis College of Art and Design.

Nate Stanger
Stage Manager
Nate is joyously returning for his third consecutive holiday show, having stage managed the last two productions of Dr. Seuss’s How The Grinch Stole Christmas!. His other CTC credits include: Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax; The Abominables; Dr. Seuss’s The Sneetches the Musical; Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical; The Jungle Book; and The Snowy Day and other stories by Ezra Jack Keats. Since graduating from the University of Minnesota, he has been fortunate enough to work with such companies as the Guthrie Theater, the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Park Square Theatre, Walking Shadow Theatre Company and Perseverance Theatre in Juneau, Alaska.

Joshua Zapata-Palmer
Assistant Director
Josh is a Twin Cities film and theatre artist. He directed The Importance of Being Earnest (Bad Mime Productions); The Wedding Reception (Farmington High School); Tom Sawyer (Prairie Fire Children’s Theater), and assistant directed Snow White (CTC). He performs regularly with Benjamin Domask-Ruh and has worked with National Theatre for Children.

Benjamin Domask-Ruh
Assistant Director
Benjamin is a contemporary circus and physical theatre director, performer, and clown based in Minnesota and performing worldwide. He is an artist-duo with Joshua Zapata-Palmer, a teaching artist with COMPAS, and most recently performed his solo show, Hodge Podge. Benjamin is professionally managed by Afton Benson.

Todd Kalina
Assistant Stage Manager
Todd is thrilled to be back at CTC this holiday season. Other CTC credits include: Dr. Seuss’s How The Grinch Stole Christmas; Cinderella; and Romeo & Juliet. He has worked locally at Theater Latté Da, Guthrie Theater, and Ordway Center for the Performing Arts. Other credits include work on Broadway, Off-Broadway, The Tony Awards®, NFL® Honors, The Juilliard School, and many readings and workshops. Thanks to Nate and Jenny. Happy Holidays to all!

CAST

Rajané Katurah
Cinderella
Rajané is excited to perform in her first role as an Acting Company Member. Her previous CTC credits include Dr. Seuss’s How The Grinch Stole Christmas!; The Wiz; and Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax. Rajané has also been seen on various stages around the Twin Cities such as Ordway Center for Performing Arts, Ten Thousand Things, Penumbra Theatre, and Park Square Theatre.

Dwight Leslie
Prince Eric, Ensemble
Children’s Theatre Company credits: Roald Dahl’s Matilda The Musical; Dr. Seuss’s How The Grinch Stole Christmas!; Last Stop on Market Street; The Wiz; and Corduroy. Ordway: Smokey Joe’s Café and Mamma Mia!. Enlightened Theatrics: HAIR. New Theatre in the Square: Next to Normal. Matt Davenport Productions: World of Wonder. McLeod Summer Playhouse: Joseph and...Dreamcoat and Rock of Ages. Gainesville Theatre Alliance: Godspell; Mary Poppins; Beauty and the Beast; and Once on This Island.

Austen Fisher
Lord High Chamberlain, Ensemble
Austen is thrilled to be returning to CTC for his third consecutive holiday show! Austen is an improviser and musical director as well as a working actor and teaching artist all over the Twin Cities. He’s been lucky enough to work at Guthrie Theater, Theater Latté Da, Children’s Theatre Company, and Montana Shakespeare in the Parks.

Autumn Ness
Stepmother
Happy Holidays! Autumn is celebrating 20 seasons with the CTC acting company, and some favorite shows include: Roald Dahl’s Matilda The Musical, The Biggest Little House in the Forest; Dr. Seuss’s The Lorax; Cinderella; The Jungle Book; Shrek The Musical; Romeo and Juliet; and The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe. Autumn is a recipient of the 2018 Fox Foundation Actor Fellowship.

Ashawnti Sakina Ford
Dorcas
Ashawnti has enjoyed performing, directing, teaching, and writing all around the world. She loves improvising with Blackout Improv and has had the wonderful opportunity to perform in shows like The Great Divide (Pillsbury House Theatre); A Crack in the Sky; Teen Idol (History Theatre); and Measure for Measure (Rough Magic).

Kimberley Richardson
Pearl
Kimberly previously appeared in CTC’s A Special Trade and The Cat in the Hat. She has worked locally as an actor, dancer, and choreographer with companies including Ten Thousand Things, Open Eye Figure Theatre, TigerLion Arts, History Theatre, and Sod House Theater. Kimberly received a 2016 – 2017 McKnight Theatre Fellowship.

Alexcia Thompson
Fairy Godmother, Ensemble
Alexcia is thrilled to be returning to CTC where she was a Performing Apprentice last season. She graduated with a B.F.A. in Musical Theatre from Howard University. Alexcia has enjoyed roles in Ain’t Misbehavin (Howard University); Next to Normal (Bayou Theatre Company); The Tempest (Sweet Tea Shakespeare); Dr. Seuss’s How The Grinch Stole Christmas! and Roald Dahl’s Matilda the Musical (Children’s Theatre Company); and Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime (Yellowtree Theatre).

Josh Bagley
Ensemble
Josh is thrilled to be making his CTC debut! Recent productions include Our Town; Mary Poppins; The Music Man (Artistry); The Chanukah Guest (Minnesota Jewish Theatre Company); Disney’s The Little Mermaid; Seussical; Joseph...Dreamcoat (Morris Park Players); High School Musical, Jr. (Blue Water Theatre Company); and The Wizard of Oz (Heilicher School).

Rowin Breaux
Ensemble
Rowin M. Breaux has most recently been seen in *Roald Dahl’s Matilda The Musical* at CTC where he was last year’s Performing Apprentice. Rowin has previously been seen with Cross Community Players and as Benny Southstreet in Lyric Arts’ *Guys and Dolls*. He is stoked to be back on CTC’s stage for *Cinderella*.

**Marc Gill**  
Ensemble  
Marc Gill is a semi-recent transfer from Memphis, Tennessee. While in the Mid-South, Marc has enjoyed roles in *Rent; Kiss Me, Kate;* and *Sister Act* at Playhouse on the Square and *Chicago* and *Six Degrees of Separation* at Theatre Memphis. Marc has also worked with some wonderful Minnesota-based companies including Sidekick Theatre, Minnsky Theatre, Children’s Theatre Company, What’s Next Productions, and GTC Dramatics.

**Henry Grooms**  
Ensemble  
Henry is delighted to be making his CTC debut. Henry’s enjoyed roles in *Mary Poppins Jr.* (CTC’s Theatre Arts Training); *Little Mermaid; My Fair Lady; Seussical;* and *Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat* (Morris Park Players); *Mary Poppins* and *Willy Wonka* (St. Anthony Community Theater). Henry is grateful for all the support from family and friends!

**Gabe Kohlbeck**  
Ensemble  
Gabe Kohlbeck is delighted to be making his CTC debut in *Cinderella*! He is a senior at Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists, studying musical theatre. He has recently been seen as Greg in *A Chorus Line* and James in *HAIR*. Gabe would like to thank his BFF Ananda, and everyone in his life for all the love and support. IG: @gabekohlbeck

**Delaney Hunter**  
Ensemble  
Delaney is delighted to return to Children’s Theatre Company after recently appearing in *Roald Dahl’s Matilda The Musical*. She has also enjoyed roles in *Chicago* with CTC’s Theatre Arts Training; *Mary Poppins* at Stages Theatre Company; *Beauty and The Beast; Mary Poppins;* and *Hello Dolly!* at Chanhassen Dinner Theatres; and *A Christmas Carol* at Guthrie Theater.

**Gunnar Laughlin**  
Ensemble  
Gunnar is ecstatic to be in his second show at CTC, previously appearing in *Roald Dahl’s Matilda The Musical*. Gunnar has also been in shows at Blue Water Theatre Company including *Curtains; Lord of the Flies; Dog Sees God; Hello Dolly!*; and more. He truly hopes you enjoy the show!

**Hugo Mullaney**  
Ensemble  
Hugo is delighted to return back to Children’s Theatre Company after recently performing in *Roald Dahl’s Matilda the Musical*. He has also enjoyed roles in *The Secret Garden and Mary Poppins* (Wayzata High School) and productions at Blue Water Theatre Company. Other performances include Minneapolis Family Fringe Festival (Barbara Barker Center) and Twin Cities Tap Fest (The Cowles Center).

**Madison Neal**  
Ensemble  
Maddie’s CTC performances include *Dr. Seuss’s How The Grinch Stole Christmas!; Diary of a Wimpy Kid the Musical; Carrie, The Musical;* and *I Come From Arizona*. She’s performed with YAI, Contra Theatre Company, Mixed Precipitation, SteppingStone Theatre, and other troupes. She attends CTC’s Pre-Professional Institute, class of 2020.
Maekalah Ratsabout
Ensemble
Maekalah has appeared in *Hot Asian Doctor Husband* (Theater Mu); *Lilly's Purple Plastic Purse* (Woodbury Community Theatre); and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (East Ridge High School).

Janely Rodriguez
Ensemble
Janely is a Miami native and Brenau University graduate. She has enjoyed roles in *In the Heights* (Gainesville Theatre Alliance); *Paige In Full* (Alliance Theatre); and *Schoolhouse Rock!* (Birmingham Children’s Theatre). Janely is very excited to continue her journey with Children’s Theatre Company as a Performing Apprentice.

Carl Swanson
Ensemble
Carl is excited to be making his CTC debut! Carl has enjoyed roles in *NOËL the Musical* (national tour); *The Drowsy Chaperone*; *Wit* (Artistry); *If/Then*; *Bright Star* (Lyric Arts); and *Ain’t it a Grand and Glorious Feeling?* (Theatre Elision). Hope you enjoy the show! [carldswanson.com](http://carldswanson.com) Instagram: @carldswan

Kate Spence
Ensemble
Kate is thrilled to be returning to CTC after performing in *Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical* this past spring! Recent theatre credits include *A Charlie Brown Christmas; Beauty and the Beast* (Steppingstone Theatre); and *Hairspray* (Ashland Productions). Choreography credits include *Nate the Great; Junie B. Jones* (Steppingstone Theatre). When not on stage, she enjoys baking and fighting for climate justice!

Angela Steele
Ensemble
*Cinderella* is Angela’s CTC debut. Previous credits: *Holiday Inn* (Chanhassen Dinner Theatres); *Oliver!* (Theater Latté Da); *Footloose; Legally Blonde; The Drowsy Chaperone; Hairspray* (Artistry); and *Orphan Train* (History Theatre). Angela received the 2014 Spotlight Triple Threat award. Originally hailing from New Zealand, Angela has been seen on screen in *Coca Cola Christmas in the Park; Top of the Class; and Bridge to Terebithia*.

Symphonie Whitted
Ensemble
Symphonie has enjoyed roles in *Fidgety Fairy Tales* (Minnesota Association for Children’s Mental Health); *Hairspray Jr.* (Youth Performance Company); *Carrie, The Musical; Shrek Jr.; Annie Jr.; Dr. Seuss’s How The Grinch Stole Christmas!; James and the Giant Peach Jr.*; and *Last Stop on Market Street* (Children’s Theatre Company).

Andrea Wollenberg
Ensemble
This is Andrea’s first CTC show! She has been a Twin Cities actor for 20 years at many venues, including Guthrie Theater, Ordway Center for the Performing Arts (*Cinderella*), History Theatre, and Park Square Theatre. Regional credits include theaters is Michigan, Vermont, and New York City. Andrea’s M.F.A. is from the University of Virginia.

External Understudies

Ryan London Levin
External Understudy
Ryan is thrilled to be part of Cinderella! Other works: Dirty Business; Teen Idol: The Bobby Vee Story; Orphan Train (History Theatre); Jefferson Township Sparkling...Pageant; The Diary of Anne Frank (Park Square Theatre); The Mikveh Monologues (MN Jewish Theatre Company); She Loves Me; Awake and Sing; The Last Five Years; (Artistry); and The Boy and Robin Hood (Trademark Theater).

Katie Taintor
Assistant Choreographer, External Understudy, Dance Captain
Katie has enjoyed roles in Dance 'Til U Drop (History Theatre/Collide Theatrical); Dracula; Le Petit Moulin (Collide Theatrical); Mary Poppins; Thoroughly Modern Millie (Artistry); and The Blue Jar (Cherry Lane Theatre). She is a passionate artist, educator, and choreographer and is so excited to be working on Cinderella! katietaintor.com