



Hats off to them:  
You have until  
January 26 to see  
Charles Cryer's  
Seussical, based  
around the  
adventures of  
Dr Seuss

# It's doctor's orders

The fantastical tales of Dr Seuss come to Carshalton next, bringing a whole host of wacky and weird characters to the Charles Cryer Studio Theatre.

Based on the hilarious children's books, Seussical begins when a small boy called JoJo – a "thinker of strange and wonderful thinks" – finds a rather odd red and white striped hat. When he starts to imagine who, or even what, it can belong to, he conjures up the Cat in the Hat and wonderful characters start to form.

From Horton the Elephant –

**THEATRE:**  
Seussical,  
Charles Cryer  
Theatre

*Paul Fleckney*

who is entrusted with a speck of dust which turns out to be a planet – to Gertrude McFuzz – who loves Horton – this musical is packed with delightful characters and fabulous latin, pop, swing and gospel and

everything inbetween.

Fourty pupils from the Betty Wivell Academy of Performing Arts are the stars of the show. Elizabeth Reeves, who runs the academy, says: "It is a very good show to do at this time, it is full of great morals and teaches you how to treat other people.

"It is quite a new piece and relatively unknown, but it is great for the kids because they get fed up with doing Annie and Oliver all the time.

"They have been working for three months on it so it is good

to have six shows, they get a real crack at it, not just two performances. So by Saturday they should be about as good as a professional show.

Previous graduates of the Betty Wivell Academy have appeared in Billy Elliott, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang and the Lion King in the West End.

**Seussical: Charles Cryer Studio Theatre, 39 High Street, Carshalton, SM5 3BB; 22-26 January (Tues-Sat), 7.30pm, Sat mat 3pm, £10/£8. Call 0208 770 6990 or visit [suttontheatres.com](http://suttontheatres.com).**