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**OLD GLOBE ANNOUNCES 2008 CAST OF THE**  
**11<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF DR. SEUSS'**  
**HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS!**

San Diego – The Tony Award®-winning Old Globe is pleased to announce the cast of the 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary production of San Diego's premiere holiday event, *Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*, book and lyrics by Timothy Mason, music by Mel Marvin, and directed by Jack O'Brien, playing **November 15 – December 28, 2008** (press/opening night: **Thursday, November 20 at 7pm**).

The cast includes **Kevin Bailey** as the "Grinch" ("Old Max" in the Globe's 2006 production and "The Grinch" in the Globe's 2007 production of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*; **Martin Van Treuren** as "Old Max" and **Logan Lipton** as "Young Max." Reprising the roles they created in the Globe's inaugural production are **Melinda Gilb** and **Steve Gunderson** as "Mama Who" and "Papa Who" respectively. **Eileen Bowman** and **James Vasquez** also return this year as "Grandma Who" and "Grandpa Seth Who." Returning as "Cindy-Lou Who" is **Skylar Starrs Siben**, who will alternate in the role with newcomer **Issadora Tulalian**.

The Who Children include **Bibi Valderrama** and **Alison Norwood** as "Betty-Lou Who" (on alternate performances), **Madison Simpson** and **Kayla Solsbak** as "Annie Who" (on alternate performances), **Benjamin Shaffer** and **Dylan Mulvaney** as "Danny Who" (on alternate performances), and **Tommy Twomey** and **A.J. Foggiano** as "Boo Who" (on alternate performances).

The adult ensemble includes: **Amy Biedel**, **Dennis Clark**, **Courtney Corey**, **Kurt Norby**, **Anise Ritchie** and **Jeffrey Rockwell**. The ensemble also consists of ten local children, who will rotate into their roles every other performance: **Hallie Bodestab**, **Allison Ma**, **Charisma McKorn**, **Dallas Perry**, **Anna Strickland**, **Issabela Tulalian**, **Ashley Twomey**, **Sean Waters**, **Roma Watkins** and **Lucia Vecchio**.

Individual tickets went on sale **Sunday, September 15 at 10:00am** and are available by phone at **(619) 23-GLOBE**, on the Globe website at **www.TheOldGlobe.org**, or by visiting the box office at 1363 Old Globe Way in Balboa Park. Ticket prices range from \$29 to \$79 for adults and from \$19 to \$59 for children (3-17 years). **Last year all performances sold out** and this year that trend has continued and there are already some performances with limited or no availability.

The 11<sup>th</sup> anniversary production of Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* will feature last year's major revisions, including three new songs, among them a duet between Young Max and Old Max entitled "**This Time of Year,**" a full company number entitled "**It's the Thought that Counts,**" as well as the delightful carol, "**Fah Who Doraze,**" from the popular animated version of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*.

Launched in 1998, the Globe has performed this family favorite year after year, having played to over 350,000 children and adults. "Now in its 11<sup>th</sup> wonderful year at the Globe, Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* has established a permanent place in the hearts of San Diegans," said Globe Executive Director Louis G. Spisto. "We thank Audrey Geisel (a.k.a. "Mrs. Dr. Seuss") for her generous support of this production which has become a timeless holiday classic in the San Diego community. Those who've loved the Grinch in previous years will love it even more this year; and for those who haven't experienced this classic tale live on stage, now is the time!"

The Globe is also pleased to announce its third annual **Christmas Tree Lighting** ceremony on **Sunday, November 16 at 6:00pm** on the Globe Plaza. Continuing the tradition, 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**, this unique tree will be built 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 very limited but may be obtained by subscribers and are included with the tickets to the November 16<sup>th</sup> performance at 4:30.

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

**WHAT:** Dr. Seuss' *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*  
Book and lyrics by Timothy Mason; music by Mel Marvin

**WHERE:** Old Globe Theatre, Balboa Park

**WHEN:** November 15 through December 28, 2007 (Press Opening: **November 20 at 7pm**)

**CREW:** Director: Jack O'Brien                      Scenic Design: John Lee Beatty  
Lighting Design: Pat Collins                      Costume Design: Robert Morgan (Associate Artist)  
Sound Design: Paul Peterson                      Stage Managers: Leila Knox, Tracy Skoczelas

**CAST:**

Kevin Bailey	<i>The Grinch</i>
Eileen Bowman	<i>Grandma Who</i>
Logan Lipton	<i>Young Max</i>
A.J. Foggiano	<i>Boo Who</i> (alternate performances)
Melinda Gilb	<i>Mama Who</i>
Steve Gunderson	<i>Papa Who</i>
Dylan Mulvaney	<i>Danny Who</i> (alternate performances)
Allison Norwood	<i>Betty-Lou Who</i> (alternate performances)
Benjamin Shaffer	<i>Danny Who</i> (alternate performances)
Skylar Starrs Siben	<i>Cindy-Lou Who</i> (alternate performances)
Madison Simpson	<i>Annie Who</i> (alternate performances)
Kayla Solsbak	<i>Annie Who</i> (alternate performances)
Issadora Tulalian	<i>Cindy-Lou Who</i> (alternate performances)
Tommy Twomey	<i>Boo Who</i> (alternate performances)
Bibi Valderrama	<i>Betty-Lou Who</i> (alternate performances)
Martin Van Treuren	<i>Old Max</i>
James Vasquez	<i>Grandpa Seth Who</i>

Adult Ensemble: Amy Biedel, Dennis Clark, Courtney Corey, Kurt Norby, Anise Ritchie and Jeffrey Rockwell

Child Ensemble: Hallie Bodenstag, Allison Ma, Charisma McKorn, Dallas Perry, Anna Strickland, Issabela Tulalian, Ashley Twomey, Sean Waters, Roma Watkins and Lucia Vecchio

**TICKETS:** Adults: \$29-\$79  
Children (ages 3-17): \$19-\$59

**BOX OFFICE:** (619) 23-GLOBE or order tickets on-line at [www.TheOldGlobe.org](http://www.TheOldGlobe.org)  
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