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The show must go on

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No act of God will prevent a Christchurch school from raising the curtain on the opening night of their major production.

Selwyn House School's musical performance of Seussical is due to open on Friday - but putting the show together has not proved to be an easy task.

February's earthquake pushed back the performance dates and damaged key pieces of set and now volcanic ash from Chile may prevent the play's lead from landing in Christchurch in time for the show.

A group of four 12-year-old pupils - including the Cat in the Hat Madeleine Tilley - have been in Wisconsin and were due to arrive in Christchurch tomorrow morning.

A Selwyn House spokeswoman said the situation was a "bit like the Amazing Race".

"They're flying with Air New Zealand, which I suppose is good...but a lot of parents are already making plans for how we could get them back to Christchurch in case they're not so lucky."

The group, along with the school's principal, was attending an International Future Problem Solving competition. They are due to arrive in Auckland early tomorrow morning before flying to Christchurch.



Selwyn House student Madeleine Tilley is determined to make it back in time for the show.