

**Star Theatre Coast Kids
Presents
Matilda
Synopsis & Character Breakdown**

Synopsis

MATILDA is the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

Inspired by the twisted genius of Roald Dahl, the Tony Award-winning Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical is the captivating masterpiece from the Royal Shakespeare Company that revels in the anarchy of childhood, the power of imagination and the inspiring story of a girl who dreams of a better life. With a book by Dennis Kelly and original songs by Tim Minchin, Matilda has won 47 international awards and continues to thrill sold-out audiences of all ages around the world.

Matilda is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Over the course of her first term at school, Matilda and Miss Honey have a profound effect on each other's lives, as Miss Honey begins not only to recognize but also appreciate Matilda's extraordinary personality. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace!

Packed with high-energy dance numbers, catchy songs and an unforgettable star turn for a young performer, Matilda is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN

MATILDA WORMWOOD

Gender: Female

Character Age: 6 to 10

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: A3

An imaginative girl who is clever and wise far beyond her years. She has a thirst for learning that cannot be quenched. She should be as small as possible. Enigmatic, serious, intense. Sincere and adorable. VERY STRONG acting ability, clear voice with strong pitch and clarity.

MISS AGATHA TRUNCHBULL

Gender: Female/Androgynous

Character Age: 35 to 55

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: A2

The tyrannical headmistress at Matilda's school who despises children. Former athlete. Extremely good enunciation and vocal dexterity. This character is traditionally played by a male, but can be played by male or female in our production. STRONG comedy and character actor preferred.

MISS HONEY

Gender: Female

Character Age: 25 to 40

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: F3

Matilda's kindhearted teacher. She is tired of living in fear under Miss Trunchbull. A mild person who never yells and is adored by every small child under her care. She should have a curious warmth and fragility.

MRS. WORMWOOD

Gender: Female

Character Age: 35 to 45

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: A3

Matilda's self-absorbed, negligent mother and an amateur ballroom dancer. Strong singer & dancer & comedic actress.

LAVENDER

Gender: Female

Character Age: 7 to 10

Matilda's classmate and friend. Strong singing and acting. Loud and kooky - likes to have fun - big personality.

MRS. PHELPS

Gender: Female

Character Age: 25 to 45

Warm and nurturing local librarian who encourages Matilda's love of reading. She loves Matilda's dramatic storytelling and encourages it. She's playful and fun.

THE ACROBAT

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: D4

A character in a story Matilda tells to Mrs. Phelps who comes to life in their imagination.

THE ESCAPOLOGIST

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: E4

Vocal range bottom: C3

A character in a story Matilda tells to Mrs. Phelps who comes to life in their imagination.

MR. WORMWOOD

Gender: Male

Character Age: 35 to 45

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: D3

Matilda's uncaring father. A slimy, greedy used-car salesman. Strong comedic acting needed. A weasley or ratty essence and voice.

MICHAEL WORMWOOD

Gender: Male

Character Age: 10 to 15

Matilda's older brother who is favored by their parents, although he is not very bright. Looking for deadpan comedy and the ability to find a character during a lot of stage time with few words.

BRUCE

Gender: Male

Character Age: 7 to 14

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: C4

Matilda's classmate. He is subject to extreme punishment by Miss Trunchbull. Comedic.

RUDOLPHO

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: D#3

Mrs. Wormwood's ballroom dance partner. Needs a strong comedic actor. Should be genuinely athletic, and have great vocal and dance stamina. Latin ballroom is an advantage. A dancer would be great, but if he's hilarious with physical comedy, it doesn't matter.

DOCTOR

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: C3

Mrs. Wormwood's Doctor when she goes into labor with Matilda.

CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: Eb4

Vocal range bottom: F#3

A party entertainer at the start of the show.

SERGEI

Gender: Male

Head of the Mafia. Extremely dangerous and intimidating, but becomes charmed by Matilda. A Russian accent would be ideal.

ENSEMBLE CHARACTERS

Cook

Mafia Henchman 1, 2, 3

Kids including (Amanda, Nigel, Eric, Alice, Hortensia, Tommy)

Parents, Dancers