

WHITCHURCH HIGH S~~K~~OOL PRODUCTION OF

ROALD DAHL'S

# Matilda

THE MUSICAL

IR. MAGGOTS RULE



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# Matilda JR.

Matilda The Musical is a multi-award-winning musical, inspired by the beloved 1988 novel by the incomparable Roald Dahl which won the Children's Book Award and first commissioned by the Royal Shakespeare Company and premiered at the Courtyard Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, England on November 9th, 2010. It transferred to the Cambridge Theatre in the West End of London on October 25th, 2011, and received its US premiere at the Shubert Theatre, Broadway, USA on March 4th, 2013.

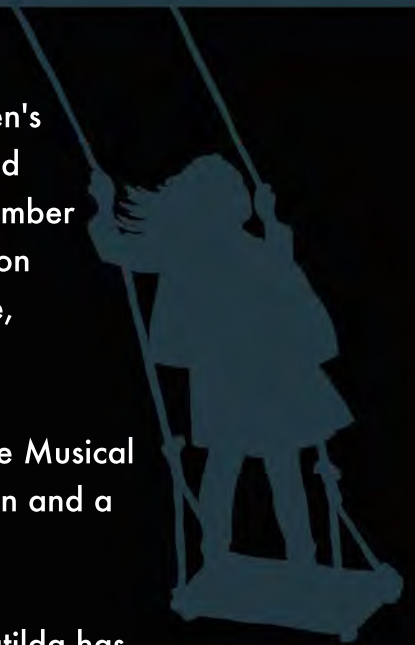
With book by Dennis Kweilly and original songs by Tim Minchin, Matilda The Musical is the story of an extraordinary little girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

Winner of over 100 international awards, including 24 for Best Musical, Matilda has been delighting audiences in London's West End for over a decade and now Matilda Jr. can be performed and enjoyed by school and community theatres across the world with this licenced version from Musical Theatre International. A smash-hit film adaptation made by the same core creative team received its World Premiere in October 2022, opening the BFI London Film Festival to rave reviews.

Rebellion is nigh in this gleefully witty ode to the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! The story of a girls who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have you rooting for the "revolting children" who are out to teach grown-ups a lesson. Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers!

Matilda is unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the loveable Miss Honey. 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. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts and could be the schools' saving grace!

Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, Matilda JR, is a joyous girl and kid power romp.



**"Never do anything by halves if you want to get away with it. Be outrageous. Go the whole hog. Make sure everything you do is so completely crazy it's unbelievable."**







# Director's Notes

Welcome to our production of Matilda JR.! We are thrilled to present this delightful and magical show to you. Matilda's story is one of resilience, courage, and the power of knowledge. Our talented cast and crew have worked tirelessly to bring this beloved tale to life, and we hope you enjoy the performance. Sit back, relax, and let us transport you to a world of wonder and imagination.

Matilda JR. is based on the beloved children's book by Roald Dahl. It tells the story of Matilda, a precocious young girl with extraordinary powers of intellect. Despite facing adversity and an unkind headmistress, Matilda discovers her own strength and learns to embrace her uniqueness. With memorable music, witty dialogue, and captivating characters, Matilda JR. is a show that will captivate audiences of all ages.

In this production, our aim was to capture the enchanting and whimsical nature of Matilda's world. We wanted to create a visually stunning and magical experience for the audience. Through dynamic choreography, expressive performances, and attention to detail, we sought to transport viewers into the imaginative realm of Matilda's journey. We hope that our interpretation brings joy and inspiration to all who watch.

Each character in Matilda JR. is unique and memorable. Our cast members have worked diligently to bring these characters to life, staying true to the essence of Roald Dahl's original creations. From Matilda's determination to Miss Trunchbull's terrifying presence, every character has been carefully crafted to showcase their distinct personalities and motivations. We are immensely proud of our cast's commitment to their roles.

The music in Matilda JR. is an integral part of the storytelling. From the catchy and exuberant "Revolting Children" to the heartfelt and inspiring "Quiet," the musical numbers add depth and emotion to the production. Our talented performers have dedicated countless hours to perfecting their vocal performances, and we are thrilled to present a dynamic and memorable musical experience.

Putting together a production of Matilda JR. has been a true collaboration. We would like to extend our gratitude to our dedicated cast, crew, and production team for their hard work and passion. Their commitment to excellence and their creative contributions have made this production truly special. We hope that you enjoy the fruits of their labour as much as we have enjoyed bringing this show to life.

**"I'm right and you're wrong, I'm big and you're small, and there's nothing you can do about it."**



# Matilda



Evie Giles is a talented young actress who brings her passion for performing and love of storytelling to the role of Matilda in our production here at Whitchurch High School. At just 13 years old, Evie has already shown remarkable dedication and skill in her theatrical pursuits.

With her infectious enthusiasm and vibrant stage presence, Evie embodies the spirit of Matilda. Inspired by the beloved film adaptation, Matilda has always held a special place in Evie's heart, and she feels incredibly honoured to bring this iconic character to life on stage.

Beyond her love for acting, Evie is an accomplished musician. She plays both the guitar and piano, and her musical talents shine through in her performances. With a particular affinity for The Beatles, she finds inspiration in their timeless music and incorporates their melodies into her own creative endeavours.

Evie is an active member of the esteemed Orbit Theatre Group, where she has honed her skills and nurtured her love for the performing arts. She recently showcased her talents in their production of School of Rock, where her dynamic stage presence and musical abilities were met with great acclaim.

In addition to her artistic pursuits, Evie has a genuine enthusiasm for making new friends and connecting with others who share her love for the stage. She believes in the power of collaboration and cherishes the friendships she has formed within the theatrical community.

Evie's dedication, talent, and vibrant personality make her an exceptional choice for the role of Matilda. She has poured her heart and soul into bringing this character to life, and we are delighted to have her as the leading actress in our production.

Please join us in applauding Evie Giles for her exceptional talent, her love for performing, and her commitment to the arts. We are confident that her portrayal of Matilda will captivate and inspire you.



**"Somewhere inside all of us is  
the power to change the world"**



# Our Cast



Mr Wormwood  
Seren Bowen



Mrs Wormwood  
Izzy Roberts



Michael  
Connor Fry



Rodolpho  
Oliver Sayers



Miss Honey  
Amelia Diamond



Trunchbull  
Nancy Reeves



Eric  
Tom Hunter



Nigel  
Harvey Marshall



Tommy  
Sammy Shepperd



Amanda  
Isla Trelawny



Bruce  
Jaxon Crory-Hunt



Lavender  
Chloe Rice



Alice  
Ava St Louis



Little Kid Principal  
Gracie Kirby-Jones



Little Kid Principal  
Jenna Cobner



Little Kid Principal  
Eve Lewis

**"Make sure everything you do is completely unbelievable"**





Little Kid Principal  
Caitlin Evans



Mrs Phelps  
Kritika Pathmaranjan



Escapologist  
Eliza Clarke



Acrobat  
Millie Pritchard



Sergi  
Jack Whiteley



Big Kid 1  
Evie Hatch



Big Kid 2  
Arianne Prince



Big Kid  
Una Lewis



Big Kid  
Luca Revill



Big Kid  
Alex George



Big Kid  
Lowri Mahoney



Big Kid  
Lola James



Big Kid  
Nathan Tacuri



Big Kid  
Evie Morgan



Big Kid  
Anuka O'Hare



Big Kid  
Seren McCallum-Weller



Big Kid  
Katie Snook



Big Kid  
Eve Carter



Little Kid  
Oliver Murphy



Little Kid  
Ffion Nel





Little Kid  
Sophie Milton



Little Kid  
Lily Randall



Little Kid  
Gracie Roberts



Little Kid  
Carys Oates



Little Kid  
Abigail Bourke



Little Kid  
Seren Mort



Little Kid  
Arwen Morgan-Smith



Little Kid  
Megan Dutton



Little Kid  
Grace Smith



Little Kid  
Robyn Milton



Little Kid  
Holly Brown



Little Kid  
Ameliah Gauci



Little Kid  
Belle Lebar-Hill



Little Kid  
Lucy Hallett



Little Kid  
Charlie Tugwell



Little Kid  
Rosie Grove



Little Kid  
Liv Williams

**"Sometimes Matilda longed for a friend,  
someone like the kind, courageous  
people in her books."**

### Full Cast

Seren Bowen  
Izzy Roberts  
Connor Fry  
Oliver Sayers  
Evie Giles  
Amelia Diamond  
Nancy Reeves  
Tom Hunter  
Harvey Marshall  
Sammy Shepperd  
Isla Trelawny  
Jaxon Crory-Hunt  
Chloe Rice  
Ava St Louis  
Gracie Kirby-Jones  
Jenna Cobner  
Eve Lewis  
Caitlin Evans  
Kritika Pathmaranjan  
Millie Pritchard  
Jack Whiteley  
Luca Revill  
Alex George  
Lowri Mahoney  
Evie Hatch  
Arianne Prince  
Una Lewis

Lola James  
Nathan Tacuri  
Evie Morgan  
Anuka O'Hare  
Seren McCallum-Weller  
Katie Snook  
Eve Carter  
Oliver Murphy  
Ffion Nel  
Sophie Milton  
Lily Randall  
Gracie Roberts  
Carys Oates  
Abigail Bourke  
Seren Mort  
Arwen Morgan-Smith  
Megan Dutton  
Grace Smith  
Robyn Milton  
Holly Brown  
Ameliah Gauci  
Belle Lebar-Hill  
Lucy Hallett  
Charlie Tugwell  
Rosie Grove  
Liv Williams

### Band

David Thomas - Keys 1  
Charlotte Cobner - Keys 2 / Conductor  
Alun Horgan - Drums  
Celi Johnson - Percussion  
Luca White - Bass  
Dan Whitting - Bass Guitar

### Support Choir

Carrie Taylor  
Lauren Taylor  
Alys Fraser  
Lucy James  
Lauren Price  
Lara Sayers  
Grace Hatch  
Ellie Williams  
Eva Jazani  
Reuben Turpy



### Production Team

Director - Anna Capstick  
Musical Director - Charlotte Cobner / Celi Johnson  
Stage Manager - Hali Simmons  
Production Assistant - Rachel Leonard  
Programme and Photography - Andrew Rooke

### Crew

Phoebe Armitage, Emma Slocombe, Ruby Thomas, Heulwen Barker, Evangeline Orrell, Ryan Noble, Samuel Reviriegs-Casado, Summer Taylor, Renaya Lyon, Nicole Baah, Megan Smeeth, Henry Smith, Stevie Lee Weeks, Josh Reddy, Sam Edwards, River Hembury, Charis Wu, Alice Hunt, Edward Smeeth, Megan Smeeth, Molly James, Izzy Lawley, Isabella Tibbs, Liam Welton, Ffion Fraser, Ashmi Ghoshal, Emily Coates, Bronwen Pitman

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