

ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda** JR.  
THE MUSICAL

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Based on Roald Dahl's Tony-award winning hit musical, Matilda JR. is the fantastical story of a precocious five-year-old prodigy with telekinesis, who faces an uncaring home and overbearing school headmistress, while befriendng her maternal and supportive young teacher.

Rebellion is nigh in Matilda JR., a gleefully witty ode to the the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! This story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have audiences rooting for the "revolting children" who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson.

Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly 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 school pupils' saving grace!

Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, Matilda JR. 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.

## MATILDA JR. Character Descriptions

- Matilda Wormwood** The hero of the show. She's brilliant, resilient, creative, and kind, despite growing up in difficult circumstances. Her parents treat her poorly, but Matilda escapes into a world of books, which puts her reading level far above the other children in her class, and she develops a bit of magical power in an effort to defeat Trunchbull.
- Agatha Trunchbull** The quintessential terrifying tyrant. As headmistress, she runs her school like a dictator, making up arbitrary rules to suit her every whim and dreaming up creative punishments.
- Mr. Wormwood** Matilda's father. He is egotistical, rude, and not very bright, not to mention a liar. Though Mr. Wormwood is not a good person and he is mean to Matilda, his harebrained schemes can be hilariously funny.
- Mrs. Wormwood** Matilda's mother. Like her husband, she dislikes Matilda and does not understand why her daughter loves to read. Mrs. Wormwood is selfish, obsessed with her own appearance, and believes everything she sees on TV. Her dancing lessons with Rudolpho are the most important part of her day.
- Bruce / Bryce** One of Matilda's schoolmates. He/She has the bad luck to get caught after eating Trunchbull's cake.
- Lavender** One of the kids at school with Matilda. She is kind and bright (though not as brilliant as Matilda) and quickly decides that Matilda is her best friend.
- Miss Honey** A teacher at Matilda's school. She is kind, is generous, and really cares about the children despite her own desperate circumstances.
- Michael** Matilda's brother. He is not very bright, though he is the apple of his father's eye.
- Mrs. Phelps** The kindly librarian who loves hearing Matilda's stories.

<b>Escapologist</b>	A character of Matilda's creation. Everything this character does is grand and exaggerated – he's performing for the cheap seats!
<b>Acrobat</b>	A product of Matilda's imagination.
<b>Amanda</b>	A student at school with Matilda.
<b>Nigel /Nigella</b>	One of the kids at school with Matilda. He/She is enthusiastic, sweet, and always in a bit of a panic.
<b>Alice</b>	Alice, Hortensia, and Tommy/Tamara are classmates of Matilda.
<b>Eric</b>	A student at school with Matilda.
<b>Hortensia</b>	Alice, Hortensia, and Tommy/Tamara are classmates of Matilda.
<b>Tommy/Tamara</b>	Alice, Hortensia, and Tommy/Tamara are classmates of Matilda.
<b>Sergei</b>	A customer swindled by Mr. Wormwood. Though he shows up looking for payback, Matilda has had quite enough of revenge, and Sergei lets the Wormwoods escape.
<b>Rudolpho</b>	Mrs. Wormwood's self-obsessed dance teacher.
<b>Ensemble</b>	Ensemble roles include Russians, Little Kids, Big Kids (including Big Kid 1, Big Kid 2, and Big Kid 3), Kids, Mums, Dads, the Cook, and the Mechanic.

CHARACTER NAME	GENDER	PART SIZE	VOCAL PART(S)
Matilda Wormwood	Female	Lead	Mezzo-Soprano
Miss Agatha Trunchbull	Either Gender	Lead	Tenor, Alto
Mr. Harry Wormwood	Male	Supporting	Tenor
Mrs. Zinnia Wormwood	Female	Supporting	Mezzo-Soprano
Bruce Bogtrotter (Bryce)	Either Gender	Supporting	Tenor
Lavender	Female	Supporting	Mezzo-Soprano
Miss Jennifer Honey	Female	Supporting	Soprano
Michael Wormwood	Male	Featured	Tenor
Mrs. Phelps	Female	Featured	Non-singer
The Escapologist	Male	Featured	Tenor
The Acrobat	Female	Featured	Mezzo-Soprano
Amanda Thripp	Female	Female	Soprano
Nigel/ Nigella	Either Gender	Featured	Tenor/Mezzo Sop
Alice	Female	Featured	Mezzo-Soprano
Sergei	Male	Ensemble	Baritone
Rudolpho	Male	Ensemble	Tenor
Hortensia	Female	Ensemble	
Tommy / Tamara	Either Gender	Ensemble	Tenor/Mezzo Sop