

Stage Program



Hastings on Hudson, NY
Hastings Theatre Program Presents

FMS 6th Grade Musical

Friday, December 8, 2023

Saturday, December 9, 2023

HHS Auditorium ~ 7:00 PM



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

Book by
Dennis Kelly

Music & Lyrics by
Tim Minchin

Roald Dahl's Matilda Jr is presented through special arrangement with Music Theater International (MTI).
All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com

Director's Note

I remember as a child, *Matilda* was one of the first books that made me excited to read. I loved every single character and could not put the book down. As a teacher, I love reading it to my students and seeing in their eyes their excitement and eagerness to hear more when we read it together in class. As a mom, bringing my daughters, along with my mother, to see it on Broadway is one of my happiest memories. The music stuck with me and I couldn't wait to one day direct the show.

When asked to direct the sixth-grade musical, "*Matilda Jr.*" was my immediate choice! The story pulls at your heartstrings and makes you fall in love with a tiny girl who can do big and magical things. In this story we meet teachers who can change your life, friends who will last a lifetime, and people you choose to be your family.

My favorite line in the show is "Nobody else is going to put it right for me. Nobody but me is going to change my story." I love this message because it is a life lesson that is important to learn. In life, **YOU** have the power to make things great and make good choices. Some of which will change your world. You have the power to make your life amazing. Even as middle schoolers, this lesson resonates well.

To my amazing cast, I hope you always remember to be a little bit **naughty**, stay slightly **revolting**, and remember to not **grow up** too fast. Remember the feeling you have doing this show, being part of a family, and surrounding each other with love. To the crew, we could not have done this incredibly massive performance without you.

To Emily Isidori, I can't imagine doing a show without your creativity and positivity. Thanks for being my sidekick. Gillian, without your hand-holding, this performance would have never happened. Phyllis, I appreciate all that you do for this amazing growing theater program! To the incredible parents, thank you so much for instilling a love of theater in your children and allowing them to participate in this musical. Without all of you, the show could have never gone up. They have all done a wonderful job and forever hold a place in my heart.

Lisa Levine, Director

Creative Team

Director & Musical Director Lisa Levine
Choreographer Emily Isidori
Technical Director Gillian Husovsky
Production Coordinator Phyllis Udice



Hastings Theatre Program Upcoming Shows

HS One Acts	January 11 & 12
7&8 One Acts	February 2 & 3
Playwrights Festival (24 hours to put on a show)	February 10
4th Grade Musical - Frozen Kids	March 7 & 8
5th Musical - Mary Poppins Jr.	March 15 & 16
HS Musical - TBA	April 12, 13 & 14

Musical Numbers

Act I

Miracle
Naughty
School Song
The Hammer
Naughty-Superglue
The Chokey Chant
This Little Girl
Bruce

Act II

When I Grow Up
The Smell of Rebellion
Quiet
Revolting Children
Bows

Cast

Matilda	Katie Vulpone
Eric	Gareth Fuentes
Amanda	Skye Gunton
Bruce	Rocco Consorte
Hortensia	Sasha Goldberg
Alice	Leni Gagliano
Tommy	Emmett Sturm
Lavender	Noa Reimer
Nigel	Henry Baxendale
Mr. Wormwood**	Rowan Chen
Mrs. Wormwood**	Parker Avery
Michael**	Jack Finn
Mrs. Phelps**	Eden Greenberg
Escapologist**	Mehrunissa Rao
Acrobat*	Clementine Kupillas
Miss Honey	Fiamma Seelye
Agatha Trunchbull	Sofie Jackson
Rudolpho*	Juliette Boudrais
Sergei**	Samuel Price
Little Kids Ensemble:	Rose de la Garza, Sadie Seely, Andie McKinnon, Keren Saltzman

Big Kids Ensemble:

Beila Bagley, Julia Levan, Poppy Leon, Olivia Tian, Anna Lapson, Kaiya Garfman, Emi Mansour, Elle Werner, Taylor Ruggiero-Hazel, Melanie Pocius, Charlotte Perzanowski, Lehner Persheff, Ella Armstrong, Tallulah McCaffrey, Oliver Berger, Jonah Seitz, Esme Andrew, Spencer Galland, Zoe Kaplan, Addy Simmons, Ami De Lowe, Nami Saeed, Sebastian Trager, Shai Sundheim

*Also Little Kids Ensemble

**Also Big Kids Ensemble

Crew

Assistant Stage Manager/Props Build	Jane Weber
Assistant Stage Manager	Timothy Rice
Backstage Run Crew	Ruben Ayuso
Backstage Run Crew	Lorenzo Ballerini
Backstage Run Crew	Penelope Blanc
Backstage Run Crew	Rosa Burani
Backstage Run Crew	Benjamin Felix
Backstage Run Crew	Leo Groskin
Props Build Crew/Props Run Crew	Lucas Greenfield
Props Build Crew/Props Run Crew	Oliver Prado Matz
Props Build Crew/Props Run Crew	Harper Waijers
Props Run Crew	Sophie Kangas
Costumes Crew	Lilah Sbrega
Costumes Crew	Edie Felix
Deck Sound Crew	Sami Kumar
Deck Sound Crew	Diego Nafziger
Light Board Operator	Dean Wilkerson-Monsonis
Spotlight Operator	Henry Baker
Spotlight Operator	Max Jacobs
Sound Cue Operator	Violet Goldberg
Sound Cue Operator	Maya Scout Raskin

High School Mentors

Dance Captain	Ruby Black
Stage Manager	Maya Tadmor
ASM & Deck Crew	Sylvie Black, Valentina Dimnet, Ezra Fishman, Olive Friederich, John Mielke, Jet Spiro, Aynsley Zamore
Props	Olive Berko, Olivia Huang
Costumes	Bianca Arnon, Anelise Chen, Lucinda Gunton
A1 Engineer	Isaac Volpe
A1 Mentors	Liam Mulvihill, Malcolm Trese
Deck Sound	Bruno Dal Piaz
Lighting Design	Chloe McCabe
Lighting Crew	Marcus Galland, Brian Jaeger, Chloe McCabe, Sam Kastner
Spotlight	Will McQuaid Curtis, Jacob Levan
Front of House	Leigh Jacobs, Chiyo Christ, Frankie DiMartino-Blanco, Maya Ganeshananthan, Elin Esposito
Videographer	Eden Goldman-Wetzler

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