

HIGHLAND PARK
PLAYERS

ROALD DAHL'S
MATILDA THE MUSICAL

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN



YOUNG PERSONS ROLES

Matilda Wormwood

An imaginative girl who is clever and wise far beyond her years. She has a thirst for learning that cannot be quenched. Enigmatic, serious, intense. Instinctive acting ability.

Note: This role may be double cast, each performer having four scheduled mainstage performances.

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: A3

Bruce

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

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: C4

Michael Wormwood

Matilda's older brother. He is the favorite of his parents, and not very bright.

Lavender

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

Kids Ensemble

Amanda, Nigel, Eric, Alice, Hortensia, Tommy

ADULT ROLES

Miss Agatha Trunchbull

The tyrannical headmistress at Crunchem Hall Primary School who despises children. Miss Honey's aunt. Once a famous athlete, she is described as a "gigantic Holy terror," a "fierce tyrannical monster." Strong Character actor with an imposing presence. **Gender:** ANY (We are looking for the best Person for the role, though the character will present as a female)

Stage Age: 30 to 60

Vocal range top: G4 / Vocal range bottom: A2

Miss Honey

Matilda's kindhearted teacher. She is tired of living in fear under Miss Trunchbull. A mild, quiet person who never raises her voice and seldom seems to smile - yet possesses the rare gift of being adored by every child under her care.

Stage Age: 20 to 45

Vocal range top: D5 / Vocal range bottom: F3

Mr. Wormwood

Matilda's uncaring father. A slimy, greedy used-car salesman. Strong character actor with a strong personality.

Stage Age: 25 to 50

Vocal range top: A4 / Vocal range bottom: D3

Mrs. Wormwood

Matilda's self-absorbed, negligent mother. An amateur ballroom dancer. She is obsessed with her dancing partner, Rudolpho, and her looks. Like her husband she thinks very little of Matilda's unique abilities and often berates her. Must have strong comedic abilities.

Stage Age: 25 to 50

Vocal range top: F5 / Vocal range bottom: A3

SUPPORTING ADULT ENSEMBLE ROLES

Note: These roles will be doubled and some may be modified to maximize actor stage time & flow of the story.

Doctor

Mrs. Wormwood's Doctor when she goes into labor with Matilda / Vocal range bottom: C3

Mrs. Phelps

Warm and nurturing local librarian who encourages Matilda's love of reading.

The Escapologist

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

The Acrobat

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

Rudolpho

Mrs. Wormwood's ballroom dance partner. Strong Dancer.

Sergei

Russian Mafia Boss who is physically intimidating.

Children's Entertainer

A party entertainer at the start of the show.

Additional Roles

Parents, Cook, Henchman 1, Henchman 2, Henchman 3