

Matilda JR

Show Synopsis

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!

Roles

Matilda Wormwood

Character Age: Elementary School

Triple Threat

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.

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Vocal range top: D5

Eric

Character Age: Elementary School

Actor, Singer

A student at school with Matilda. He has the very first solo line of the entire show. He also has some featured moments as one of Matilda's schoolmates.

Vocal range bottom: C3

Vocal range top: Eb4

Amanda

Character Age: Elementary School

Strong Actor

A student at school with Matilda. She has a few solos and lines, but her most featured moment is when Trunchbull throws her through the air using her pigtailed.

Vocal range bottom: C4

Vocal range top: Eb5

Bruce

Character Age: Elementary School

Strong Singer/Dancer

One of Matilda's schoolmates. He has the bad luck to get caught after eating Trunchbull's cake. Bruce goes through quite a transformation throughout the show and has some important solos.

Vocal range bottom: C3

Vocal range top: F#4

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Hortensia, Alice, & Tommy *Character Age: Elementary School* **Singers**

Alice, Hortensia, and Tommy are classmates of Matilda who each sing solos, and Hortensia has a few lines.

Vocal range bottom: C4

Vocal range top: D5

Lavender *Character Age: Elementary School* **Actor**

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.

Vocal range bottom: C4

Vocal range top: D5

Nigel *Character Age: Elementary School* **Good Actor Singer**

One of the kids at school with Matilda. He is enthusiastic, sweet, and always in a bit of a panic. Nigel has a few solos and some great featured moments in the show, so cast a strong actor and singer in this great supporting role.

Vocal range bottom: C3

Vocal range top: D4

Mr. Wormwood *Character Age: Mid 30's* **Actor with Good Comic Timing**

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 *Character Age: Mid 30's* **Actor with Good Comic Timing**

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.

Michael *Character Age: Early High School* **Actor with Good Comic Timing**

Matilda's brother. He is not very bright, though he is the apple of his father's eye. Michael's contributions to the scene usually function as deadpan one-liners.

Mrs. Phelps *Character Age: Mid 20's* **Good Actor**

The kindly librarian who loves hearing Matilda's stories. This is a great featured role for a stronger actress who reads as older than Matilda onstage.

Escapologist *Character Age: Mid 20's* **Actor, Singer**

A character of Matilda's creation. Everything this character does is grand and exaggerated – he's performing for the cheap seats!

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Vocal range bottom: E3

Vocal range top: F3

Acrobat

Character Age: Mid 20's

Actor, Singer, Gymnast

A product of Matilda's imagination. Cast an actor in this featured role that can give their all!

Vocal range bottom: D4

Vocal range top: A4

Miss Honey

Character Age: Mid 20's

Strong Singer/Dancer

A teacher at Matilda's school. She is kind, is generous, and really cares about the children despite her own desperate circumstances.

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Vocal range top: D5

Agatha Trunchbull

Character Age: 50's

Strong Singer/Actor

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.

Vocal range bottom: C4

Vocal range top: F#5

Rudolpho

Character Age: Mid 20's

Strong Dancer

Mrs. Wormwood's self-obsessed dance teacher. This is a hilarious featured role for a comedic performer.

Sergei

Character Age: Mid 30's

Actor

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.

Ensemble

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.