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ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL



The Montfort Academy Players

PRESENT



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Book by

DENNIS KELLY

Music & Lyrics by

TIM MINCHIN

Executive Producer

RICHARD GRECO JR.

Producer

MARCI SCHEIN FICOCELLI

Videographer

ERIC FICOCELLI

Music Director

MARCI SCHEIN FICOCELLI

Costume Design

LUCIA BAUTISTA

Lightning Design

VADIM LEDVIN

for Organic Designs

Stage Managers

ANGELIA HENRY and

ELIZABETH RICE

Projection Designer

GREGG BELLON

Set Design

LUCIA BAUTISTA

Choreographed by

SAMARA GROSSMAN

Directed by

MARCI SCHEIN FICOCELLI

MUSICAL NUMBERS

Miracle.....	School Kids
Naughty	Matilda
Acrobat Story I (Part 1).....	Matilda, Escapologist, Acrobat
School Song	Little Kids
The Hammer	Trunchbull, Miss Honey, Little Kids
Naughty – Superglue (Part 2)	Matilda
The Chokey Chant.....	Little Kids
This Little Girl	Miss Honey
Bruce (Part 1).....	Kids, Trunchbull, Miss Honey
When I Grow Up	Kids, Miss Honey
The Smell Of Rebellion	Trunchbull, Kids
Quiet.....	Matilda
Revolting Children	Kids
Bows	All

CAST MEMBERS

Alice Josephine Escano
Amanda..... Rebecca McFarland
Bruce..... Ysabelle Gatilao
LavenderAva Moncada
Hortensia Kayla Malcolm
Nigel..... Keturah Jean-Louis
Matilda..... Sydney Payla
Mr. WormwoodEvan Iervolino
Mrs. Wormwood..... Aerin Greehan
Michael Sophia Creo
Mrs. Phelps Arnae Brown
Escapologist Mariposa Condrón
Acrobat Josephine Escano
CookSophia Creo (wheels out cake)
Miss Honey Hunter Moore
Agatha Trunchbull..... Brian Mahaney
MechanicJaden Prado
Rudolpho..... Mariposa Condrón
Sergei Mr. Kevin Duraiswamy
Russian..... Jaden Prado
RussianGarrett Donnelly

PRODUCTION CREW

Stage Managers

Angelia Henry and Elizabeth Rice

Set Design

Lucia Bautista

Running Crew

Timothy Sullivan

Light Board Operator

Briana Adimari and Kyle Boyne

Sound Board Operators

Maya Bochnik and Avery Pasmantier

Set Painters

Lucia Bautista, Avery Pasmantier, Peter Rosario, Brian Curtin,
Joseph Abdallah, Evan Iervolino, and Siobhan Schenk

Social Director

Maximilian Greco

Costume Design

Marci Schein Ficocelli

SFX and Tracks

Angelia Henry

Projections

Elizabeth Rice

Properties

Marci Schein, Elizabeth Rice and Crew

Hair and Makeup

Madison-Dakota Casanas

Student Videographers

Seth Bunque and Maliek Laboy Wilson

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President and Chairman of the Board of

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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



Joseph Abdallah

Joe is currently a junior in The Montfort Academy. He has recently joined the stage crew and has helped a lot with the painting of the stage. He is very excited for the play this weekend!



Briana Adimari

Briana is a senior at Montfort and this will be her last play. She took on the role of a judge during The Frogs play and will be working behind the scenes as the lights person for the Matilda play. She looks forward to seeing the play and hopes you all enjoy it as well!



Lucia Bautista

Lucia Bautista is a Junior this year and took great delight in designing the sets for this year's musical. She loves art and enjoyed working with her team to bring Matilda to life. She would like to thank the whole cast and crew who lent a hand and made this wonderful show possible.



Maya Bochnik

Maya is a junior and rising senior at The Montfort Academy. She has done sound work, specifically the microphones, for The Sound of Music and now Matilda. She has also acted in Macbeth and The Frogs.



Arnae Brown

Arnae will be playing the role of Mrs. Phelps. Transitioning from Stage Crew to now an Actor has been fun for her because she has learned what it is like to be behind the scenes, but she has also learned what it is like to be an actor with lights on her and memorizing lines. She is extremely excited to play the role and cannot wait for you guys to see her as a librarian.



Seth Bunque

Seth Bunque is one of the Technical Assistants. He enjoys working with technology and operating some of Montfort's live streams.



Sophia Creo

Sophia is 15 years old, and this is her very first play. She has enjoyed putting on the play and hopes that the audience enjoys the show. She also wishes that she will do more in the future.



Brian Curtin

Brian Curtin is a junior at The Montfort Academy. This is his first time working as a member of stage crew, and he has greatly enjoyed his time helping paint the set.



Mariposa Condron

Mariposa has been in several productions in the past including, recently, The Frogs. Mariposa loves the thrill of feeling like another person while playing a character and performing for an audience. Truly getting to know the character is such a fun privilege, and it is wonderful to portray them and to enthusiastically seize the role. Playing Rudolpho and the Escapologist, Mariposa is excited to perform in Matilda.



Madison-Dakota Casanas

Madison-Dakota is a junior at The Montfort Academy. This is her first time doing stage crew where she will be helping out with makeup, hair and costumes, as well as any painting that needs to be done or craft work. Her freshman year she was in one of our Shakespeare plays but this year she wanted to see what it would be like to be behind the scenes. She hopes you enjoy this production that they all worked so hard to put together!



Kevin Duraiswamy

Mr. D teaches Greek, Latin, Rhetoric, and Grammar here at Montfort. He was born and raised in the Bay Area in California. After high school, he came to the East Coast for college. Kevin graduated in 2019 from Princeton University where he majored in Classics. Since then, he has been teaching here at Montfort. In his free time, he mostly reads and spends time with friends and family!



Garrett Donnelly

Garrett Donnelly is currently a junior and, this is his first time taking part in a high school play.



Dr. Samara Lisa Grossman

(Choreographer) is the producing artistic director of the Children and Teen Production Companies at JCC MetroWest. She is also a freelance director/choreographer throughout the NYC area having worked on shows off-Broadway, at universities, community theaters and schools. In addition to shows, Samara is a teaching artist working with students of all ages in acting, dance, writing, and more. In 2018, she successfully defended her doctoral dissertation: "Children and Art": Stephen Sondheim's Influence on the Current Prolific Generation of Broadway Composer/Lyricists. She is now a Doctor of Letters in Literary Studies from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. She also holds a Master's from Kean University in Liberal Studies with a certificate in Holocaust and Genocide Studies; thesis title: Using Drama to Teach the Holocaust. Most recently, Samara wrote a children's book called "Princess Hypalotta Hippo", which was a #1 new release on Amazon. Samara has a wonderful and longstanding relationship with Marci and loves to make art together- look- we made another hat! Follow Samara at www.DrSamaraGrossman.com.



Josephine Escano

Josephine is so excited to be a part of *Matilda* as Alice and the Acrobat. She has been in several musicals in school ever since she was a young girl. Her shows include *The Little Mermaid (Sebastian)*, *Peter Pan (Tiger Lily)*, *Beauty and the Beast (Belle)*, and *Hamlet (Ophelia)*



Yssabelle Gatilao

Yssabelle has been in musical productions since she was very young. In Young At Arts in Bronxville she has been in: *In The Heights* (2019), *Oklahoma* (2018), *Beauty and the Beast* (2017), *Into the Woods* (2016), *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* (2015), *Oliver* (2014), *The Wizard of Oz* (2013), and *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* (2012). She has also been in the school productions: *The Sound of Music* (2019), *Guys and Dolls* (2018), and *Fiddler on the Roof* (2017). She also performed in smaller performances for Young at Arts (2015-2019) and took dance classes at Bronx Dance Theatre (2011-2014). Yssabelle is excited to be a part of *Matilda* for her senior year.



Aerin Greehan

This is Aerin's third year performing with The Montfort Academy Drama club. She is in her junior year and so far has performed as Fabian in *Twelfth Night*, Cane Toad/Aeacus in *The Frogs* and stage crew for *Macbeth*. She has also been in several productions before Montfort and has been playing the violin for over 5 years. She is very excited to have been cast in *Matilda* and looks forward to both performances.



Angelia Henry

Angelia Henry is a junior and a rising senior at The Montfort Academy. She was the stage manager for the previous play, *The Frogs*. She continues to grow in her appreciation for Theater through her continuation of being a stage manager for the Musical *Matilda Jr.* She is grateful for the experience and can't wait to learn more about Theater.



Evan Iervolino

Evan is a junior and has appeared in plays not only at The Montfort Academy but also for Sarah Lawrence College's theatre outreach program. He is a member of SAG and has worked on movies and television shows.



Keturah Jean-Louis

Keturah Jean-Louis is 15 years old and glad to be part of the Matilda cast. Keturah plays the role of Nigel. This is her first Montfort production and she hope you all like the show.



Brian Mahaney

Brian is in the 11th grade. He has always loved the stage and has been in multiple theater performances since the fourth grade. He is looking forward to transforming into Agatha Trunchbull for this year's musical, Matilda, and he hopes to bring lots of enjoyment to the audience while performing this role.



Maliek Laboy Wilson

Maliek Laboy Wilson is one of the technical assistants for the school. He likes to participate in after school events and is now starting to stream some of Montfort's events.



Kayla Malcolm

Kayla is a student of the class of 2023. She is a singer and sings at any chance she gets. She is very active and keeps her friends close. Her goal is to go to a university of music and arts or become a prominent and successful physical therapist for kids. She is bubbly and enjoys just being happy.



Kyle Boyne

Kyle is a junior at The Montfort Academy. He enjoys helping out and has a passion for acting. For his first time in the play, he takes on the challenging roll of poking a cup through a hole in a table. He hopes his work does not go unnoticed!



Rebecca McFarland

Rebecca is 16 years old and has been acting since the of age 7. Some of her favorite roles to play include Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz, Tzeitel in Fiddler on the Roof, and Mr. Smee in Peter Pan. She is so excited to be a part of this amazing cast and she hopes you enjoy the show.



Ava Moncada

Ava Moncada is a current junior/ rising senior. Along with acting she is the Vice President of student government. She has done a few productions in the past such as assistant director for "The Twelfth Night" back in 2018.



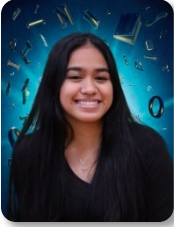
Hunter Moore

Hunter Moore is a senior playing the role as Miss Honey in Matilda. She has previously performed in the TMA production of The Frogs. She is excited to play the role and has had fun during every step of the process.



Avery Pasmantier

Avery Pasmantier is a freshman and is excited for her first year doing stage crew at The Montfort Academy. Avery most enjoyed painting the patterns on the set walls after school. She wishes all the actors and stage crew good luck!



Sydney Payla

Sydney Payla is a senior and is sad that it is her last show being a Montfort Player after four years. She has appeared in shows such as Guys and Dolls, Into the Woods (Jack), The Sound of Music (Marta), The Little Mermaid Jr. (Sebastian), Seussical Jr. (Jojo), Annie Jr. (July), and The Lion King Jr. (Sarabi). She is grateful for the wonderful opportunity to play the role of Matilda. She is thankful to her friends and family for their love and support and would like to wish her cast to break a leg!



Jaden Prado

Although this is his first time participating in a play, he enjoyed working with the cast and crew. Hopefully, he wishes you will enjoy it too.



Elizabeth Rice

Elizabeth is a freshman at Montfort. She is the co-stage manager and runs projections. She likes to play softball and volleyball, eat macarons, and obsess over music. She hopes you enjoy the show as much as she enjoyed helping to bring it to life!



Peter Rosario

Peter Rosario wanted to join the entertainment industry, but through a minor yet important role. He felt helping assemble and paint the set was the best way to test the waters.



Marci Schein Ficocelli

Marci Schein Ficocelli (Director, Musical Director) is thrilled and grateful to be back at The Montfort Academy for her ninth production. As a stage and vocal director, Marci has worked on hundreds of plays and musicals with both professional and community companies. She is a sought-after teacher of Cabaret and Musical Theatre technique, private voice teacher and a workshop leader in monologue and song audition technique. She has taught and continues to teach music and theatre in public and private schools and conducts professional adult and children's choirs. Many of her students have been on Broadway and in professional regional productions and national tours. Marci is a performer in all the disciplines of theatre. As a proud member of Actors' Equity Association, Marci has starred Off Broadway and regionally in numerous productions. As a Jazz vocalist, Marci has performed with an array of jazz royalty.



Siobhan Schenk

Art History Teacher and Director of Admissions at The Montfort Academy. Siobhan has very little art experience but loves to study art history. She has enjoyed helping the Montfort stage crew under the guidance of Lucia Bautista and her artistic eye. This is her first time ever working on a school production.



Timothy Sullivan

Timothy is 15 years old and is in 9th grade. He is enjoying being part of the crew. He has worked as a part of a play crew before he came to Montfort. He thinks that the show will be good, and he hopes that you will enjoy the show.

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- ✓ The Creo family for hydrating the cast and crew.
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The Montfort Academy Past Productions

- 2005 – Macbeth
- 2006 – Nightmare Before Christmas
- 2007 – Julius Cesar
- 2008 – Be My Ghost
- 2009 – The importance of Being Earnest
- 2010 - The Lottery
- 2010 – The Good Doctor
- 2011 – Cheaper by the Dozen
- 2012 – Twelve Angry Men
- 2012 – Witness for the Prosecution
- 2013 – Does Anyone still Wear a Hat?
- 2014 – King Lear
- 2014 – Right You Are! (If you Think So)
- 2015 – Stage Door
- 2016 – All in The Timing
- 2016 – Taming of the Shrew
- 2017 – Fiddler on the Roof, Jr.
- 2017 – Much Ado About Nothing
- 2018 – Guys and Dolls, Jr.
- 2018 – Twelfth Night
- 2019 – Sound of Music
- 2019 – Macbeth
- 2020 – Beauty and the Beast (Review)
- 2020 – The Frogs (A Modern Adaptation)



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Matilda was first commissioned and produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company and premiered at The Courtyard Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, England on 9 November 2010. It transferred to the Cambridge Theatre in the West End of London on 25 October 2011 and received its US premiere at the Shubert Theatre, Broadway, USA on 4 March 2013.

Orchestrations and Additional Music – Chris Nightingale

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