

Matilda Jr. Character Descriptions

Matilda Wormwood - The hero of the show. An imaginative girl who is clever and wise far beyond her years. She has a thirst for learning that cannot be quenched. Likable and charismatic, not annoying or pretentious. Honest and unassuming, but with a prankster streak and a strong sense of justice. 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.

Miss Honey - Matilda's kindhearted teacher. She is tired of living in fear under Miss Trunchbull. Sweet, honest, caring, and intelligent, Miss Honey is timid but willing to become brave and stand up to bullies in order to protect her students. She and Matilda share a special bond.

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. This character was originally played by a male identifying actor on Broadway, but has been played by both male-identifying and female-identifying actors on both stage and screen. Above all, must be a strong actor with a good sense of physicality, humor and characterization. Willing to make big choices and not be afraid to play a villain.

Bruce - One of Matilda's classmates. He has the bad luck to get caught after eating Trunchbull's cake.

Amanda - One of Matilda's classmates. She gets in trouble for wearing pigtails to school.

Lavender - One of the Matilda's classmates. She is kind and bright (though not as brilliant as Matilda) and quickly decides that Matilda is her best friend.

Nigel - One of Matilda's classmates. He is enthusiastic, sweet, and always in a bit of a panic.

Eric, Hortensia, Alice, Tommy - Matilda's classmates.

Mr. Wormwood – Matilda's father. A slimy, greedy used car salesman. He is egotistical, rude, and not very bright. Though Mr. Wormwood is not a good person and he is mean to Matilda, his harebrained schemes can be hilariously funny, so we are seeking an energetic character actor in this role who can really land the comedy and isn't afraid to play an unlikeable character.

Mrs. Wormwood - Matilda's self-absorbed, negligent mother and 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. She is as loud in her makeup and dress sense as she is in her voice and physicality – must have strong comedic skills.

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.

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

Acrobat - A product of Matilda's imagination. She is an elegant and dynamic performer/dancer!

Sergei - 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.

Rudolpho- Mrs. Wormwood's Dance Instructor

Plus a small, dynamic ensemble of Little Kids, Big Kids, Russians, Parents and more who must be strong singers, dancers and actors. Many with featured lines and solos.

PLEASE NOTE: All roles are open to anyone regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, class, caste, religion, belief, gender, language, sexual orientation or gender identity. Some actors will play more than one role.