

THE FRIENDS' SCHOOL



Years 5 – 8 Production of

ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

BOOK DENNIS KELLY | **MUSIC & LYRICS** TIM MINCHIN
ORCHESTRATIONS & ADDITIONAL MUSIC CHRIS NIGHTINGALE

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The Farrall Centre

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Directors' Note

Essie and John Hoggart

Directing *Matilda Jr.* has been a true delight and an unforgettable experience. From the very first rehearsal, we have been constantly inspired by our dedicated, talented cast; young performers who have brought their heart and an incredible sense of fun to every scene. Their commitment to telling this story, and the energy they bring to the stage, has been matched by an enthusiastic and creative production team who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to bring Roald Dahl's beloved world to life.

At its core, *Matilda* is a story about the power of courage, compassion, and standing up for what is right; qualities that resonate deeply with Quaker values. Matilda, though small, reminds us that every voice matters. Her sense of justice, her respect for truth, and her refusal to be silenced reflect the Quaker belief in integrity and the importance of speaking truth to power. The story also highlights the transformative power of education, kindness, and community; values that sit at the heart of a Quaker ethos.

This production has been a family affair for us, with our daughters both on stage and behind the scenes, and it has been so special to share this incredible

experience with them. Essie's parents, David and Maureen, have yet again realised that once Essie has an idea, it's much easier to get on board and ride the wild ride with her, and we thank them for the countless hours they have spent making sets, props and costumes.

Matilda Jr. is a celebration of what young people can achieve when given the space to shine, speak up, and support one another. We are so proud of what this team has accomplished, and we hope you enjoy the magic, mischief, and message of *Matilda Jr.* as much as we have enjoyed creating it.



Songs

Miracle
Naughty
Acrobat Story 1 (Part 1)
School Song
The Hammer
Naughty - Superglue (Part 2)
Chokey Chant
This Little Girl
Bruce (Part 1)
When I Grow Up
The Smell of Rebellion
Quiet
Revoluting Children

Cast



Agatha Trunchbull
Annabel Hutchinson



Matilda
Phoebe Ainslie



Miss Honey
Stella Hoggart



Bruce
Henry Bullard



Nigel
Max Nielsen



Tommy
James Swan



Eric
Jaden Aiyede

Cast



Amanda
Cecile Du Bois



Lavendar
Charlotte McArthur



Hortensia
Klara Kozlowska



Alice
Adelaide Moreton



Mr Wormwood
Henry Studd



Mrs Wormwood
Chloe Ainslie



Michael Wormwood
Toby Bell



Escapologist
Hugh Bloomfield



Acrobat
Sydney McInnes



Mrs Phelps
Izzy Milne

Cast



Rudolpho
Campbell Black



Sergei
Olive Nielsen



Big Kid 1
Ivy Salmon



Big Kid 2
Lily Adams



Big Kid 3
Dottie Charlton



Cook
Frances Farrell



Mechanic
Pippa Loberto



Russian Henchman
Back (L-R): Maddi Docking, Mae Brkic
Front (L-R): Sophia Dance, Eadie Price

Cast

Year 5 Ensemble



Back (L-R): Min Luo, Ettie Tranter, Matilda Stacy, Harriet Ellston, Pepa Ortega

Middle (L-R): Harriet Rapson, Tilly Cross, Lizzy Dong, Evelyn Churchill, Alex Newman, Arabella Carr

Front (L-R): Sophia Dance, Jack Gurr, Audrey Loney, Isabelle Woolford, Oliver Camac

Year 6 Ensemble



Back (L-R): Phoebe Pettet, Eva Sultan, Ida May Franklin, Remi Middendorf, Marnina Guo, Pippa Loberto, Ruby Seeger

Middle (L-R): Frances Farrell, Toby Bell, Abbie Kenyon, Anni Chong, Minette Cawood, Willow Mulcahy, Addison Higgins

Front (L-R): Eadie Price, Oliver Black, Jonah Sutton, Anoushka Aggarwal, Rosie Lowther, Mae Brkic, Flossie Brodribb, Maddi Docking

Absent: Mari Donovan, Lucy Fenton, Isabelle Locke, Oscar Salmon

Cast

Year 7 Ensemble



Back (L-R): Dottie Charlton, Alice Morgan, Grace Lorimer, Emily Swain, Macey Golding

Middle (L-R): Caitlin West, Lucy Finley, Eleanor O'Brien, Halle de Boer

Front (L-R): Apsara Franklin, Darcy White, Ryan Bonny, Sarah Burch, Sydney McInnes

Absent: Olivia Whitehouse

Year 8 Ensemble



Back (L-R): Charlotte Thompson, Sam Hebbink, Hugh Bloomfield, Olive Nielsen, Thea Ramsay, Jemima Stacy

Middle (L-R): Henrietta Watt, Ivy Salmon, Henry Studd, Chloe Ainslie, Ellie Reid, Izzy Milne, Campbell Black

Front (L-R): Isabelle Scarr, Lucia Zinn, Grace Fu, Ella Clauson, Lily Adams, Ghezel Parsa

Production Team

Directors	Essie Hoggart and John Hoggart
Vocal Director	Brett Budgeon
Vocal Assistants	Hilary Morgan, Estelle Levy
Production Manager	Nicola Collins
Choreographers	Luke Edmunds, Morgan Norris, Essie Hoggart, Marieka Moutsatsos, Sydney McInnes
Dance Captain	Charlotte Hoyle
Costumes, Set, Props	Essie Hoggart, John Hoggart, David Durno, Maureen Durno, Mimi Hoggart
Marketing and Promotions	Holly Chilman, Emma Gilligan, Community Engagement
Lighting	Gareth Keys
Sound	Andrew Johns
Projection Art/Animations	John Hoggart and Essie Hoggart
Projections	Brandon Van Den Broek
Stage Manager	Nicola Collins
Assistant Stage Manager	Anneka Lewis
Directors' Assistant	Mimi Hoggart
Crew	Charlie Arnold, Charlotte Hoyle, Walter Lowry

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