

Matilda Casting Breakdown

Synopsis

Matilda is the story of an extraordinary little girl with extraordinary powers. The daughter of abusive parents, Matilda finds refuge in library books, which she reads quickly and in creating her own stories. Things are no better at school, where Matilda also must face a tyrannical and cruel headmistress, Miss Trunchbull (often played by a male), who believes in Crunchem Hall's motto: "Bambinatum est Magitum," or "Children are Maggots." Matilda finds companionship in her teacher, Miss Honey, though well-intentioned, is shy and fragile. Brave little Matilda knows she has to stand up against the adults in her world, and in doing so, discovers her own remarkable powers. Matilda's bravery teaches Miss Honey and her classmates an important lesson -- that even though life can be hard, "nobody but me is gonna change my story" so "sometimes you have to be a little bit naughty."

Fantastic character roles for adults (see below), and children age 8-13.

Character Breakdown

Matilda Wormwood

An imaginative girl who is clever and wise far beyond her years. She has a thirst for learning that cannot be quenched.

Gender: Female

Age: 6 to 10

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: A3

Miss Agatha Trunchbull

The tyrannical headmistress at Matilda's school who despises children.

Gender: Any

Age: 35 to 55

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: A2

Miss Honey

Matilda's kindhearted teacher. She is tired of living in fear under Miss Trunchbull.

Gender: Female

Age: 25 to 40

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: F3

Mr. Wormwood

Matilda's uncaring father. A slimy, greedy used-car salesman.

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Gender: Male
Age: 35 to 45
Vocal range top: A4
Vocal range bottom: D3

Mrs. Wormwood

Matilda's self-absorbed, negligent mother and an amateur ballroom dancer.

Gender: Female
Age: 35 to 45
Vocal range top: F5
Vocal range bottom: A3

Michael Wormwood

Matilda's older brother. He is not very bright and favored by their parents.

Gender: Male
Age: 10 to 15

Bruce

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

Gender: Male
Age: 7 to 14
Vocal range top: E5
Vocal range bottom: C4

Lavender

Matilda's classmate and friend.

Gender: Female
Age: 7 to 10

Mrs. Phelps

A nice librarian.

Gender: Female
Age: 25 to 45

The Escapologist

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

Gender: Male
Vocal range top: E4
Vocal range bottom: C3

The Acrobat

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

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Gender: Female

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: D4

Rudolpho

Mrs. Wormwood's ballroom dance partner.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: D#3

Doctor

Mrs. Wormwood's Doctor when she goes into labor with Matilda.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: A4

Vocal range bottom: C3

Children's Entertainer

A party entertainer at the start of the show.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: Eb4

Vocal range bottom: F#3

Ensemble

Cook, Henchman 1, Henchman 2, Henchman 3, Kids (Amanda, Nigel, Eric, Alice, Hortensia, Tommy), Parents.