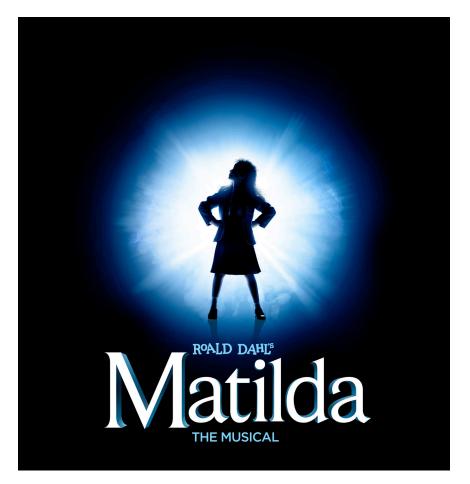


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Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical

Book **DENNIS KELLY**

Music & Lyrics TIM MINCHIN

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 transfered 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

TYLER BARATZ COLE BELLORGEY ISABELLA CAMPISI ISABELLA DIBUONO CATHERINE GMOSER ELLIE LILA DANIEL MOSER * JAY REYES JOSEPH TURNER

Starring EMILY HUGHES AYLA BATISTA **KEIRA BECK** ADELAIDE BLACK JARRETT BRUNO BILLY CRAANE CHRISTINE DIBUONO AMANDA DONNELLEY MICHELLE FOARD CHLOE GOODMAN JACK KEANE KIRSTEN LILLO EVAN MALLAMUD DANII ORTIZ PHILIP PODHURST SAM RODD LAUREN SUGANTINO NICO VAN DEN BERGH LINDSAY WUND

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Matilda The Musical

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CAST

Tyler Baratz	Michael Wormwood
Ayla Batista	Hortensia
Keira Beck	Big Kid, Loud Dancer
Cole Bellorgey	Bruce
Adelaide Black	Amanda
Jarrett Bruno	Tommy
Isabella Campisi	Big Kid, Loud Dancer
Billy Craane	Parent, Professor
Christine DiBuono	Mrs. Phelps
Isabella DiBuono	Alice
Amanda Donnelley	Mrs. Wormwood
Michelle Foard	Miss Honey
Catherine Gmoser	Cook, Parent, Professor
Chloe Goodman	Big Kid, Loud Dancer
Emily Hughes	Matilda
Jack Keane	Eric
Ellie Lila	Lavender
Kirsten Lillo	Big Kid, Nurse
Evan Mallamud	Nigel
Daniel Moser	Ms. Trunchbull
Danii Ortiz	Big Kid, Parent, Loud Dancer
Philip Podhurst	Big Kid
Jay Reyes	Doctor
Sam Rodd	Escapologist, Parent, Loud Dancer, Professor
Lauren Sugantino	Acrobat, Parent, Loud Dancer, Professor
Joseph Turner	Mr. Wormwood
Nico van den Bergh	Rudolpho, Parent, Professor
Lindsay Wund	Children's Entertainer, Professor

MUSICAL NUMBERS AND SCENES

ACT ONE

Miracle Company
Naughty Matilda
Acrobat Story I Matilda, Acrobat, Escapologist
School Song Students, Teens, Professors
Pathetic Miss Honey
The Hammer Miss Trunchbull, Company
Loud Mrs. Wormwood, Rudolpho, Loud Dancers
This Little Girl Miss Honey
Acrobat Story II Matilda, Acrobat, Escapologist
Bruce Company

There will be one 15 minute intermission

ACT TWO

When I Grow Up Company
Acrobat Story III Matilda, Acrobat, Escapologist
<i>I'm Here</i> Matilda, Escapologist
The Smell of Rebellion Miss Trunchbull, Students, Teens
Quiet Matilda
My House Miss Honey
Revolting Children Students, Teens

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CAST BIOGRAPHIES

EMILY HUGHES *(Matilda)* is overjoyed to make her Yorktown Stage debut as Matilda! Her first experience in a main stage show was at Sharon Playhouse in *Oliver*! Emily has participated in numerous productions with Star 2B Performing Arts. She loves crafting, family time, and her kitty, David. She is also a Girl Scout, student council representative and school safety patrol member. She aspires to be on Broadway one day!

TYLER BARATZ (Michael Wormwood) is excited to be back at Yorktown Stage. This is Tyler's second show here – he was previously in High School Musical. Other roles he has played include Andre in Dirty Rotten Scoundrels, Gaston in Beauty and the Beast, Oliver in Theory of Relativity and Tony in Disaster. Tyler thanks his family, friends and people at Yorktown Stage (you know who you are) for their support!

AYLA BATISTA *(Hortensia)* is thrilled to be playing Hortensia in *Matilda*. This is her first appearance at Yorktown Stage. Previous productions include *Moana* (Maui), *The Wizard of Oz* (Kansas Dorothy), *The Lion King* (Simba), *The Little Mermaid* (Ursula) and *The Addams Family* (Ancestor) with Artistree Performing Arts. Ayla is an 11-yearold sixth grader. Outside of school and theater Ayla enjoys playing softball and being with her friends.

KEIRA BECK (Teen) is thrilled to be a part of this awesome cast in one of her favorite shows! For the past five years, Keira has been dancing ballet, modern, jazz and hip-hop at Westchester Dance Artists. In her younger days, Keira appeared in many shows in the Westchester area including Seussical the Musical (JoJo), Matilda Jr. (Ms. Honey), James and the Giant Peach (Earthworm), Beauty and the Beast Jr. (Belle), Annie Jr. (Annie) and The Lion King Jr. (Scar). Recently, Keira had a blast as one of the muses in Xandau at Yorktown Stage. Keira thanks her family for always supporting her and being her biggest fans (not to mention all the rides).

COLE BELLORGEY (*Bruce*) saw his first Broadway show (*King Kong*) at seven years old and immediately began pondering a career in theater. Though he only recently began seriously pursuing an acting career, he has jumped in with both feet and loves performing. He is excited to be playing the role of Bruce and is thankful to Yorktown Stage for the opportunity.

ADELAIDE BLACK (Amanda) Adelaide is thrilled to be joining the cast of Matilda Yorktown Stage. An exuberant, at studious seventh grader at John Jay Middle School, she passionate about musical theatre - regularly performing with her school drama club, as well as the Columbia County Youth Theatre, The Playgroup Theatre, and most recently with the MacHaydn Theatre. Highlights of Adelaide's young career have been performing as Marta in The Sound of Music at the MacHavdn Theatre, Ariel in the Little Mermaid Ir., Olaf and Young Elsa in Frozen Ir. and Aladdin in Aladdin Jr. When not performing, Adelaide enjoys crocheting and creating new designs for clothing and purses. She extends thanks and love to her parents, siblings (for listening to her sing at all hours), grandparents, and voice and piano teacher Jessica Foglio Klein, and all those who continue to support her creative journey.

JARRETT Bruno (Tommy) has performed in numerous Yorktown Stage productions including Seussical, The Wizard of Oz, Pinocchio, Frozen, 101 Dalmatians, The Lion King, Aladdin and Guys and Dolls. Each production he has had the opportunity to be involved in at Yorktown Stage has added to his love of theater and dance. He also enjoys costume design. Thank you to his friends, family and everyone at Yorktown Stage for their continued support!

ISABELLA GRACE CAMPISI (*Teen*) is thrilled to be performing in Yorktown Stage's production of *Matilda*. She has performed in many productions including *The Wizard Of Oz* (Coroner/ Ensemble), *Xanadu* (Calliope), *High School Musical* (Martha Cox), *Cinderella* (Ensemble), *Carrie* (Frieda), *Seussical* (Jojo), *The Lion King* (Simba) and *Frozen* (middle-aged Anna). Many thanks to Yorktown Stage cast and crew for another amazing production.

BILLY CRAANE (*Adult*) makes his third appearance at Yorktown Stage. He has performed in musicals, operas, concerts and religious services in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. A graduate of Wagner College Theatre, Billy studied voice under David Gwesyn Smith. Past roles at Yorktown Stage include Uncle Henry/Winky General and King Maximus. He has also played Lumière (KJK MainStage), Nathan Detroit (Sayreville Players), Balthazar in *Amahl & the Night Visitors* (Staten Island Opera) and *Figaro* (Pacific Opera).

CHRISTINE DIBUONO (Mrs. Phelps) is a graduate of the SUNY Purchase Conservatory of Theatre Arts and Film. has enjoyed performing many She roles throughout the region and has appeared at the Westchester Broadway Dinner Theatre, The Broadway Theatre, Shakespeare on the Sound, American Theatre of Actors, and many more. She is excited to return to Yorktown Stage. Her past performances here have been in Grease, Miracle on 34th Street, and as the director of Peter Pan! She is extra excited to be sharing the stage with her daughter, Isabella. Break a leg, everyone!

ISABELLA DIBUONO *(Alice)* is very excited to making her Yorktown Stage debut as Alice. Some of her past roles include Jack in *Into The Woods*, Matilda in *Matilda Jr.* and Wednesday in *The Adam's Family Jr.* When not on a stage, Isabella enjoys playing piano, creating art and playing in her rock band. Thank you to Augie and everyone at Yorktown Stage for this wonderful opportunity. Have a super awesome show, everyone!

AMANDA DONNELLY (Mrs. Wormwood)

is a recent graduate of the musical theatre program at Rider University. Recent theatrical credits include *The Polar Express Train Ride, The Show Place Ice Cream Parlor* (2022 and 2023), *A Christmas Story* (The Broadway Theatre of Pitman) and *Urinetown* (Rider University). Amanda is psyched to be portraying the very loud and flamboyant Mrs. Wormwood in *Matilda* as her Yorktown Stage debut!

MICHELLE FOARD (Miss Honey) is thrilled to be back at Yorktown Stage, where she was last seen as Cinderella in Cinderella, Ariel in The Little Mermaid, and Sophie in Mamma Mia! Off-Broadway credits include For Goodness Sake with Musicals Tonight and Valley Forge with First Flight Productions. Recent screen credits include Special Ops: Lioness on Paramount Plus. Favorite regional roles include Natalie in All Shook Up, Serena in Legally Blonde and Hope Cladwell in Urintown. She has also performed in several recent productions with New Rochelle Opera and Fort Worth Opera. Michelle teaches music at Shrub Oak International School and holds a Master's of Music from Truman State University. She is also the Founder of Capes For A Cos, a nonprofit organization that creates custom, adaptive costumes for children with disabilities. A huge thank you to Augie, Carrie, Ricky, Barry, and the incredible crew and cast of *Matilda*!

CATHERINE GMOSER (*Cook/Adult*) is excited to be performing again! Favorite past roles include Martha in *The Secret Garden*, the Mistress in *Evita*, Gloria Thorpe in *Damn Yankees* and Sonia in *They're Playing Our Song*. Catherine recently retired from teaching math and computer science at Tuckahoe Middle/ High School where she also directed and produced the annual musical for 28 years.

CHLOE GOODMAN (Teen) is so excited to be back on stage! Recent credits include The Wizard of Oz (Munchkin Mayor/ Ensemble), The Music Man (Amaryllis) Winnie The Pooh (Rabbit) and Cinderella (Ensemble). Special thanks to those who helped make this show so amazing!

JACK KEANE (*Eric*) is thrilled to be in this production of *Matilda The Musical*. In 2022, Jack made his Radio City Music Hall debut as part of the Kids Choir with SpotlightKidz, opening for the Rockettes. Other credits include Kassim in *Aladdin Jr.*, Zeus/Hermes in *Xanadu*, Tigger in *Winnie the Pooh Kids*, Iago in *Aladdin Kids*, Young Scrooge in the original cast of *A Christmas Carol: A Story of Hope*, Nikko/LollipopGuild in *The Wizard of Oz*, Ensemble in *Cinderella* and many more! Many thanks to the cast and crew for making this show possible! ELLIE LILA (Lavender) is thrilled to join the cast of Matilda. Ellie's favorite former roles include Gretl in The Sound of Music at Thomaston Opera House, Matilda in Matilda Jr. at Spotlight Arts, Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz and the Youth Ensemble in Jesus Christ Superstar ACT of Connecticut. Ellie has been on Sesame Street, Saturday Night Live, ABC's 20/20 and Generation Gap. Thank you to Augie, Barry, Casey, Mary Jo, Morgan, Jodi, Mom, Dad and Tyler for their support. @EllieLila_NYC

KIRSTEN LILLO *(Teen)* is a senior, and this is her fourth production with Yorktown Stage. Recent roles include Emily Webb in *Our Town*, Erato in *Xanadu* and the Baker's Wife in *Into the Woods*. She hopes you enjoy *Matilda* and says thank you to everyone at Yorktown Stage for being a second family to her for the last three years.

EVAN MALLAMUD (*Nigel*) is thrilled to be playing Nigel in *Matilda The Musical*. This is Evan's second main stage production and tenth show at Yorktown Stage. His favorite roles have been Christopher Robin in *Winnie the Pooh* and Father Munchkin in *The Wizard* of Oz. He also recently played Peter Pan in *Shrek* at the Limelight Theater Company. DANIEL MOSER (Miss Trunchbull) is excited to be performing at Yorktown Stage! Originally from Turlock, California, he has been curious and creative all his life, attending The California Institute of The Arts where he earned his BFA in Theatre Production and Design. He also earned a Masters Degree in Musical Theater Performance from The Royal Conservatoire of Scotland where he was awarded the Sir Cameron Mackintosh Scholarship. Daniel has performed nationally and internationally in theatrical productions playing other tall characters such as Melman in Madagascar: A Musical Adventure, The Man With The Yellow Hat in Curious George Live! and Josh Baskin in Big: The Musical. He currently lives and creates in New York City. To discover more visit www.dannydomore. com or @dannydomore

DANII ORTIZ *(Teen)* is happy to be playing the role of a teen and feels so lucky to be a part of this production. It is always so fun working with both new and familiar people. I hope you enjoy the show and kids being naughty!

PHILIP PODHURST *(Teen)* is thrilled to be joining this incredible cast and team in *Matilda The Musical*! Roles he has previously played include Sonny Malone (*High School Musical*), Basilius (*Head Over Heels*), Jack Scott (*High School Musical*) and Percy Jackson (*The Lightning Thief*). He is honored to join Yorktown Stage in another production; and thanks Yorktown Stage for giving him this opportunity, and Star2B Performing Arts for teaching him everything he knows. Enjoy the show! JAY REYES (Doctor/Adult) is making his New York debut with at Yorktown Stage playing the Doctor! He is very excited to jump back into the world of Matilda. Though he is making his debut here, he is no stranger to the stage. Jay has previously performed In Curtain Call Stamford's Summer production of The Addams Family where he played Fester Addams. Around that time he also released his debut EP titled BreatheX and continued to release his debut single LoveSick. This is a big year in music for Jay and he is excited to join the Yorktown Stage family. He can't wait to see what the future holds for him, and he is super excited for more projects here! He thanks his family and friends for supporting him and the Matilda team for trusting him with such a fun role!

SAM RODD *(Escapologist/Adult)* is thrilled to be a part of his first show with Yorktown Stage! Some of Sam's favorite roles include Will in *Big Fish*, Mercutio in *Romeo and Juliet*, Lysander in *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and Dennis in *All Shook Up*. Sam's favorite movie is *Robocop*, and will defend its place as a cinematic masterpiece for all time.

LAUREN SUGANTINO (Acrobat/Adult) is thrilled to make a comeback at Yorktown Stage in the role of the Acrobat in Matilda! Having recently showcased her talents in The Wizard of Oz and portrayed Kim MacAfee in Bye Bye Birdie, Lauren is grateful for her family and friends' unwavering love and support and thanks everyone involved for making this experience truly rewarding. **JOSEPH TURNER** (*Mr. Wormwood*) is so excited to be part of this talented cast! Recent regional theatre credits include *The Wizard of Oz* (Tin Man), *Anything Goes* (Purser) and *Beauty and the Beast* (Ensemble). Joseph graduated from Muhlenberg College with a B.A. in theatre. Thanks to his family for their love and support.

NICO VAN DEN BERGH (Adult) is happy to return to performing on stage for this production of Matilda. He has been the production assistant for Yorktown Stage's last two productions of The Wizard of Oz and High School Musical. A few other YTS productions he has been in were Cinderella, Seussical (Wickersham) and The Little Mermaid (Jetsam). Insta: @ musically_nico

LINDSAY WUND *(Entertainer/Adult)* is thrilled to be joining Yorktown Stage for the production of *Matilda*. Her past productions include *The Wizard of Oz, Towards the Moon* and *Xanadu*. She thanks Yorktown Stage for the wonderful opportunity to perform alongside such an amazing cast. She also thanks her friends and family for all of their love and support!



Emily Hughes



Tyler Baratz



Ayla Batista



Keira Beck



Cole Bellorgey



Adelaide Black



Jarrett Bruno



Isabella Grace Campisi



Billy Craane



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ARTISTIC STAFF

LIEBMAN (Producer/Artistic BARRY Director) Barry has been a theatre professional for more than 50 years, producing director at Yorktown Stage for the past 20 and director of all Yorktown Stage productions from 1998 - 2012. Previously: producer of the musical revival of Golden Boy for Broadway; producer/director of entertainment, Holland American Cruise Line; director/ choreographer of musical productions at The Theatre Place, Mahopac Farm Playhouse, North Stage Dinner Theatre and Pleasantville Music Theatre. As an actor: J. Pierpont Finch How To Succeed in Business..., Chuck Baxter Promises Promises!, Vernon Gersh They're Playing Our Song, Allan Felix Play It Again Sam, Eddie Goldberg Conversations With My Father and Pseudolus/Hysterium in seven different productions of A Funny Thing...Forum. He is a proud graduate of Penn State University musical theatre and Suffolk University Law School. Thank you all for your patronage and support!

AUGUST ABATECOLA (Director) welcomes you to Yorktown Stage and this wonderful production! As the Artistic Director of the theatre August has been an integral part in the founding and development of several new programs here at the theatre. He has directed over fifty productions, more than twenty here, throughout the tri-state area in the last decade. Favorites include Spamalot, Gypsy, Shrek and All Shook Up. August has worked alongside and directed some of the best local, youth and award-winning Broadway talent to bring the magic of theatre to Westchester County. Onstage, August has starred in productions at the Westchester Broadway Theatre, the Mac-Haydn Theatre and the Cohoes Music Hall. He toured internationally on the AMA: America in Concert production and made his Off-Broadway debut in The Gayest Christmas Pageant Ever. August wishes to thank the Town of Yorktown for their continued support in the arts and of course, you, our loyal patrons who believe in the magic of the theatre.

CASEY BREHM (Stage Manager) Casey started stage managing in 2009 and has been hooked ever since! In addition to SMing at Yorktown Stage since 2014, she has worked Off-Broadway, regionally, for benefit concerts and with multiple local youth theatres. Some of her favorite credits include Brush Strokes (Philipstown Depot Theatre), Northern Lights (The Paramount), The Secret Garden (Friends in Theater Co.), Movin' On Up (NYC Fringe Festival), Alice in Wonderland (Literally Alive), Twelfth Night (TP&Co) and Barbicide (The Theatre Project). Many thanks to our stage crew and the dream team!

RICKY ROMANO (Music Director) is is a Music Supervisor, Music Director, and pianist based in the New York Metropolitan Area. Recently, he shifted over to the recording side of the industry and was an Associate Producer for the cast recording of Broadway's The Music Man, starring Hugh Jackman and Sutton Foster, which has reached the #1 position on Billboard's Cast Albums chart. He was also an Associate Producer for the cast recordings of Off-Broadway's Fiddler on the Roof (A Fidler Afn Dakh), Off-Broadway's Desperate Measures, and Courtney Love's Kansas City Choir Boy. Outside of the recording studio, Ricky has served as a Music Director for several productions, cabarets, workshops, and industry readings, including Off-Broadway's revival of Ruthless the Musical, Salgado Production's AIDA (starring Ace Young) at the Axelrod Theatre, and Jaime Lozano and Nancy Chester's Present, Perfect. Ricky has earned a Masters Degree with distinction in Music Business from Berklee College of Music and is currently a Senior Rights Management Coordinator at The Orchard (Sony Music).

ANDREW GMOSER (Lighting Designer) has lit the majority of our mainstage company's productions since the inception, and is delighted to be working on this production of Cinderella alongside Augie, Carrie, Ricky and everyone else at Yorktown Stage. Andrew loves his job designing for all levels of theatre, from high school programs through professional Broadway-caliber and received the Cab productions, Calloway Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Performing Arts in Westchester. Through his production company, Silent G Productions, Andrew theatrical lighting provides design, equipment, and consultation for live theatre, dance and concerts throughout Westchester and beyond. He recently completed his 28th season designing at the MacHaydn Theatre in upstate New York, and was lighting designer for over 30 years at the Westchester Broadway Theatre, until its unfortunate closing due to the pandemic. Andrew's best and most important production is with his lovely wife, Catherine: their twins, Thomas and Elizabeth!

PRODUCTION STAFF

Producer Barry Liebman
Artistic Director August Abatecola
Dance Captain Lindsay McGirr
Lighting Technician
Spot Operators Samantha Burgio, Joshua Weiner
Stage Crew Erin Booth, Caitlyn Del Balzo, Taka Matsunaga, Adriana Salvatore
Theatre Manager Stephen Wolf
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