

# MATILDA



Pythagoras Academy Presents  
**ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA THE MUSICAL**

Gateway Theatre Richmond | February 16th, 2022. 6:30 PM



# Director's Note

After months of dedication and practice, welcome to Pythagoras Academy's presentation of Matilda Jr.! Students have been working tirelessly on all aspects of this show to create our best performance possible. Whether it is working with costumes, set design, props, lights, choreography, singing, or just regular acting – our students have truly been doing it all. I believe that they have been the driving force behind this production and without their passion and dedication this show would not be possible at all.

The musical Matilda has been having a major resurgence lately. With productions popping up all around the world, and a major Netflix film of the musical, everyone is talking about it. Matilda seems more relevant now more than ever because at its core it is a show about rebelling against authority. The youth of today have good reason to be dissatisfied with the modern world's leadership. With a lack of accountability from countries around the world, our ecosystems everywhere are falling apart. The growing climate crisis will continue to be a problem for future generations; in addition, so will issues like inflation, healthcare, and discrimination. With all these issues at the forefront of their minds, it becomes difficult to argue against the student's rebellion at all. They should be angry with authority and they should do something about it.

With that in mind, at Pythagoras Academy, we have an incredible group of staff members who have all assisted in creating this production. It would be impossible without the help for the choreography, set, lights, costumes, marketing, photography, props, and everything else! This show is truly a combination of efforts between staff and students and I hope that you can take a moment to appreciate each individual as you read through this program. To all staff and students involved from me personally:

I am truly in debt to every one of you for all your help. Your time, patience, and creativity has made this journey incredibly less stressful and it will be an experience I will always remember.

To my loving partner, thank you for being so patient and caring even when I fall asleep on the couch after rehearsals and supporting me every step of the way. You are so wonderful. Thank you to all the parents and other staff that have advertised and supported this process along the way, and finally, thank you to YOU. Yes, YOU. Reading this now. In the theatre. You are the reason we do what we do, as there is no such thing as theatre without an audience.

Please sit back, relax, and enjoy our production of Matilda Jr.!

Mr. Nathan Purcell  
Musical Theatre Specialist  
Pythagoras Academy



# Synopsis

Rebellion is nigh in Matilda JR., a gleefully witty ode to the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! This story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have audiences rooting for the “revolting children” who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson.

Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace!

Packed with high-energy dance numbers and catchy songs, Matilda JR. is a joyous girl power romp. Children and adults alike will be thrilled and delighted by the story of the special little girl with an extraordinary imagination.

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# Song list

Miracle

Naughty

Acrobat Story (Part 1)

School Song

The Hammer

Naughty - Superglue

The Chokey Chant

This Little Girl

Bruce

When I Grow Up

The Smell of Rebellion

Quiet

Revolting Children

*Songs and Lyrics by Tim Munchin*



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# Quotes

Joel Wen: "Mr. Purcell and the students at Pythagoras Academy have made a fabulous show. Enjoy Matilda the Musical!"

Zoe Zou: "Have you ever wondered what it is like to have telekinesis and be smart at a young age? Get ready to watch and find out."

Seolin Kim: "Do you ever think about how a young girl can read a book? Enjoy the show."

Julie Zhang: "Matilda is a smart person with special powers. Come and see what she can do."

Ms. Zhang: "The students and Mr. Purcell have worked very hard to memorize the lines in the show. I am so proud of their work and dedication."

Christie Wong: "Early morning and after-school practices have made Matilda the Musical more marvelous. I know everyone's hard work has paid off!"

E.J. De Guzman: "One of my favourite songs is the Revolting Children. It is a song that inspires to take action."

Sienna Peng: "Cockroach, you did this, you vile, repulsive, malicious little sinner."

Emma Rivera-Parrilla: Ah, parlez Italiano? Bene."

Ms. Claman- "It's hard to say who enjoyed preparing for the musical more: the teachers or the students. The joy, enthusiasm and growth I saw in the students made this whole experience so rewarding and, of course, fun!"



# Production Team



Director:

Nathan Purcell

Choreography Team:

Una Miljevic, Eliana Claman and  
Nathan Purcell

Musical Directors:

Nathan Purcell and Brian Lee

Stage Manager:

Valerie Christensen

Assistant Stage Manager:

Nathan Purcell

Costume and Hair and Makeup Team:

Nathan Purcell, Yanina Vihovska,  
Edgar Raygoza, Leah Zeballos,  
Cherie Tuan, Fatima Shareef and  
Julie Tempan

Set Design & Prop Team:

Angela Shudo, Melissa Elder, Arpan  
Dhaliwal, Dale Cope, Dawn  
Cleveland, Dawna McIver, Alice  
Gallagher, Namrata Verma,  
Dipanwita Mondal, Anna Bourak,  
Jean Huang and Cornelius Williams

Marketing, Design & Publicity Team:

Briana Bolt, Lois Powell, Linda Yan,  
Natalie Palombo, Polly Tang, Jason  
Kwan and Julia Malone

All the Cast Photos

Edward Li

Theatre Production Pictures

Jack Wong, Linda Yan

Videographer:

Edward Li

# Cast List

## Main Cast

Harley Bolt  
Tobias Chen  
EJ De Guzman  
Jayden De Guzman  
Felix He  
Graysen Issar  
Halin Kim  
Nora Lin  
Caitlyn Lui  
Emma Ma  
Sienna Pang  
Jessie Qiu  
Emma Rivera  
Linda Wang  
Christie Wong  
Gavin Yang  
Amiera Zhao  
Megan Zhao  
Paige Zheng  
Yvonne Zhu



## Ensemble

Austin Cao  
Sherene Chan  
Charles Chen  
Joy Chen  
Lanice Chen  
Derek Cheng  
Yulia Choy  
Logan Chung  
Kelsey Gao  
Ethan Gootman  
Mikaela Johal  
Seolin Kim  
Edison Li  
Benjamin Liu  
Louis Lu  
Matt Mao  
Jasmine Morrison  
Anthony Nguyen  
Winnie Qin  
Isabella Santillan  
Joel Wen  
Leo Yan  
Junchen Yang  
Elsa You  
Melody Yu  
Jamie Zhang  
Julie Zhang  
Olivia Zhong  
Zoe Zou