



## Matilda Jr. Character Descriptions

*Costumes are the responsibility of each cast member and must be approved by the Director by January 6.*

| Character               | Character Description  | Costume Description  |
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| <b>Matilda Wormwood</b> | 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- School Costume: Matilda should wear the same uniform as all of the other ensemble members, which includes a <b>white button-down shirt, black/blue pants or skirt, black shoes, and a grey or blue blazer/cardigan</b>.</li><li>- Out Of School Costume: Matilda can wear the same black/blue pants or skirt for her out of school costume, but she should have a <b>different black, brown, or grey shirt</b> of any pattern/style.</li></ul> |
| <b>Eric</b>             | A student at school with Matilda.  | Student Uniform: White button down shirt, black/blue pants, black shoes, and grey/blue blazer or cardigan.   |
| <b>Amanda</b>           | A student at school with Matilda.  | Student Uniform: White button down shirt, black/blue pants, black shoes, and grey/blue blazer or cardigan. Pigtails.   |
| <b>Bruce</b>            | One of Matilda's schoolmates. He has the bad luck to get caught after eating Trunchbull's cake.  | Student Uniform: White button down shirt, black/blue pants, black shoes, and grey/blue blazer or cardigan.   |
| <b>Hortensia</b>        | A student at school with Matilda.  | School Uniform: White button down shirt, black/blue skirt, black shoes, grey/blue blazer or cardigan.  |
| <b>Alice</b>            | A student at school with Matilda.  | School Uniform: White button down shirt, black/blue skirt, black shoes, grey/blue blazer or cardigan.  |
| <b>Tommy</b>            | A student at school with Matilda.  | Student Uniform: White button down shirt, black/blue pants, black shoes, and grey/blue blazer or cardigan.   |
| <b>Lavender</b>         | One of the kids at school with Matilda. She is kind and bright (though not as brilliant as Matilda) and quickly decides that Matilda is her best friend.   | School Uniform: White button down shirt, black/blue skirt, black shoes, grey/blue blazer or cardigan.  |
| <b>Nigel</b>            | One of the kids at school with Matilda. He is enthusiastic, sweet, and always in a bit of a panic.   | Student Uniform: White button down shirt, black/blue pants, black shoes, and grey/blue blazer or cardigan.   |
| <b>Mr. Wormwood</b>     | Matilda's father. He is egotistical, rude, and not very bright, not to mention a liar. Though Mr.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Either a suit OR a fun colored/patterned button down</li></ul>   |

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|                          | Wormwood is not a good person and he is mean to Matilda, his harebrained schemes can be hilariously funny.   | shirt and slacks. Black or brown shoes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fedora or Bowler hat</li><li>• Green wig</li><li>• The wackier the better!</li></ul>   |
| <b>Mrs. Wormwood</b>     | Matilda's mother. Like her husband, she dislikes Matilda and does not understand why her daughter loves to read. Mrs. Wormwood is selfish, obsessed with her own appearance, and believes everything she sees on TV. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Can wear a dress, shirt and pants, or skirt</li><li>• Clothes should be wild colors and/or patterns</li><li>• Shoes to match the rest of the costume</li><li>• The wackier the better!</li></ul>   |
| <b>Michael</b>           | Matilda's brother. He is not very bright, though he is the apple of his father's eye.  | Jeans and a brightly colored or printed t shirt (maybe relating to television or video games – anything other than books)  |
| <b>Mrs. Phelps</b>       | The kindly librarian who loves hearing Matilda's stories.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brightly colored clothes</li><li>• Can be a dress, pants/shirt, or shirt/skirt</li><li>• Brightly colored headband or scarf</li></ul>  |
| <b>Escapologist</b>      | A character of Matilda's creation. Everything this character does is grand and exaggerated – he's performing for the cheap seats!  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Should match/relate to the Acrobat's costume</li><li>- Black leggings/sweatpants</li><li>- Red Shirt (plain t-shirt or tank top)</li><li>- Black socks or non-sneaker shoes (something that would be believable on a gymnast)</li><li>- Alternatively, if the actor is a previous dancer, please feel free to reuse old dance costumes or Tanya may be able to help with costume pieces</li></ul>                |
| <b>Acrobat</b>           | A product of Matilda's imagination.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Should match/relate to the Escapologist's costume</li><li>• Black leggings/sweatpants</li><li>• Red shirt (plain long sleeved shirt or t-shirt)</li><li>• Black socks or non-sneaker shoes (something that would be believable on a gymnast)</li><li>• Alternatively, if the actor is a previous dancer, please feel free to reuse old dance costumes or Tanya may be able to help with costume pieces</li></ul> |
| <b>Cook</b>              |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• White shirt, black pants/slacks, chef's hat, and apron</li></ul>   |
| <b>Mechanic</b>          |  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Grey or blue shirt</li><li>• Jeans</li><li>• Baseball cap</li></ul>  |
| <b>Miss Honey</b>        | A teacher at Matilda's school. She is kind, is generous, and really cares about the children despite her own desperate circumstances.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pastel or floral colored shirt/skirt or dress – not brightly colored</li><li>• Light colored shoes</li></ul>   |
| <b>Agatha Trunchbull</b> | The quintessential terrifying tyrant. As headmistress, she runs her school like a dictator, making up arbitrary  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Brown or army green jacket</li><li>• Thick waist belt</li><li>• Brown or army-green slacks or skirt</li></ul>  |

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|                 | rules to suit her every whim and dreaming up creative punishments.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Combat boots (brown or black)</li> <li>• Grey sweatshirt for the Phys Ed scene</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Rudolpho</b> | Mrs. Wormwood's self-obsessed dance teacher.  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black shirt (preferably button down but any style will work)</li> <li>• Black fedora hat/bowler hat</li> <li>• Sunglasses</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul>                    |
| <b>Sergei</b>   | 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. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black shirt (preferably button down but any style will work)</li> <li>• Black fedora hat/bowler hat</li> <li>• Sunglasses</li> <li>• Black shoes</li> </ul>                    |
| <b>Ensemble</b> | Ensemble roles include Russians, Little Kids, Big Kids (including Big Kid 1, Big Kid 2, and Big Kid 3), Kids, Mums, Dads.                                   | <p>School Uniform: White button down shirt, black/blue skirt, black shoes, grey/blue blazer or cardigan.</p> <p>May also need a “parent” costume – adding a detail such as a jacket or hat to their school uniform.</p> |

**All actors should have a base costume which consists of a white t-shirt or tank top and black pants/leggings. This will assist with costume changes throughout the show.**

Please note: Many of these costume pieces can be purchased from Goodwill/ found in your closet. Hair should be pushed back out of your face; Make up should be used to highlight facial features as stage lights will wash them out. It is recommended that actors wear mascara, slightly darkened brows, pink or red lipstick or gloss, and a pink blush on cheeks. Additional props may be requested as needed.

Actors are encouraged to bring in costumes to any rehearsal for approval but all costumes are due January 6. Please keep costumes at home. Costumes should be worn for all rehearsals beginning January 13.

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| <b>School Uniform/Ensemble</b> |  <p><b>Note: Tie is not required.</b></p> |
| <b>Mr. Wormwood</b>            |   |

**Mrs. Wormwood****Miss Honey****Trunchbull****Escapologist and Acrobat**

## Rudolpho

