



## **Matilda Auditions Character Breakdown**

This is a youth-focussed show but we will cast adults as needed. We will be casting an adult ensemble, as well. The majority of the roles and ensemble will be played by students.

Auditioners will be asked to read with a British accent (of any class/region). We are also interested in hearing Italian and Russian dialects for Rudolpho and the Russian Mafia.

### **MATILDA WORMWOOD**

*Gender: Female*

*Character Age: 8-14*

*Vocal range top: D5*

*Vocal range bottom: A3*

An imaginative girl who is clever and wise far beyond her years. She has a thirst for learning that cannot be quenched. She should be as small as possible. Enigmatic, serious, intense. Sincere and adorable. **VERY STRONG** acting ability, clear voice with perfect pitch and clarity. She carries the entire show.

### **MISS AGATHA TRUNCHBULL**

*Gender: Female/Androgynous*

*Character Age: 35 to 55*

*Vocal range top: G4*

*Vocal range bottom: A2*

The tyrannical headmistress at Matilda's school who despises children. Former athlete. Extremely good enunciation and vocal dexterity. **STRONG** comedy and character actor preferred. Ideally one of our tallest performers would play this role.

## **MISS HONEY**

*Gender: Female*

*Character Age: 25 to 40*

*Vocal range top: D5*

*Vocal range bottom: F3*

Matilda's kindhearted teacher. She is tired of living in fear under Miss Trunchbull. A mild person who never yells and is adored by every small child under her care. She should have a curious warmth and fragility.

## **MRS. WORMWOOD**

*Gender: Female*

*Character Age: 35 to 45*

*Vocal range top: F5*

*Vocal range bottom: A3*

Matilda's self-absorbed, negligent mother and an amateur ballroom dancer. Strong singer & dancer & comedic actress.

## **LAVENDER**

*Gender: Female*

*Character Age: 7 to 10*

Matilda's classmate and friend. Strong singing and acting. Loud and kooky - likes to have fun - big personality.

## **MRS. PHELPS**

*Gender: Female*

*Character Age: 25 to 45*

Warm and nurturing local librarian who encourages Matilda's love of reading. She loves Matilda's dramatic storytelling and encourages it. She's playful and fun. Usually played by a non-Caucasian actress with Jamaican or African accent, but we are open to anything.

## **THE ACROBAT**

*Gender: Female*

*Vocal range top: A4*

*Vocal range bottom: D4*

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

## **THE ESCAPOLOGIST**

*Gender: Male*

*Vocal range top: E4*

*Vocal range bottom: C3*

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## **MR. WORMWOOD**

*Gender: Male*

*Character Age: 35 to 45*

*Vocal range top: A4*

*Vocal range bottom: D3*

Matilda's uncaring father. A slimy, greedy used-car salesman. Strong comedic acting necessary. A grimy, unsavory character. Entirely unlikeable.

## **MICHAEL WORMWOOD**

*Gender: Male*

*Character Age: 10 to 15*

Matilda's older brother who is favored by their parents, although he is not very intelligent. The actor playing Michael needs to be able to pull off good deadpan comedy and have the ability to find a "character" during a lot of stage time with few words.

## **BRUCE**

*Gender: Male*

*Character Age: 7 to 14*

*Vocal range top: E5*

*Vocal range bottom: C4*

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

## **RUDOLPHO**

*Gender: Male*

*Vocal range top: A4*

*Vocal range bottom: D#3*

Mrs. Wormwood's ballroom dance partner. Need a strong comedic actor. Should be genuinely fit and athletic, and have great vocal and dance stamina. Latin ballroom is an advantage. A dancer would be great, but if he's hilarious with physical comedy, it doesn't matter.

## **DOCTOR**

*Gender: Male*

*Vocal range top: A4*

*Vocal range bottom: C3*

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

## **CHILDREN'S ENTERTAINER**

*Gender: Male*

*Vocal range top: Eb4*

*Vocal range bottom: F#3*

A party entertainer at the start of the show.

## **SERGEI**

*Gender: Male*

Head of the Mafia. Extremely dangerous and intimidating, but becomes charmed by Matilda. A Russian accent would be ideal.

## **ENSEMBLE CHARACTERS**

Cook

Mafia Henchman 1, 2, 3

Kids (Amanda, Nigel, Eric, Alice, Hortensia, Tommy: strong dance and vocal ability)

Parents ( Will cast adults, as well as teens)

**Additional Roles:**

These roles will be cast after rehearsals begin. There are various roles available in various scenes:

Mums

Dads

Doctors

Nurses

Mechanic

Dance Judge