

Matilda: The Musical Character Descriptions

Character Breakdown – Youth (8-14)

- ❖ All characters use some form of British accent.
- ❖ All ages listed are a place to start from and can be flexible depending on audition turnout. We will be looking at children of all ages, including high schoolers.

Matilda Wormwood – female; age 8-12

An imaginative girl who is clever and wise far beyond her years. She has a thirst for learning that cannot be quenched. Likable and charismatic, not annoying or pretentious. Honest and unassuming, but with a prankster streak and a strong sense of justice. Has important lines, monologues, and solos, and some featured dance moments as well. Vocal range: D5-A3

Bruce Bogtrotter – male; age 9-14

Matilda's classmate. He is subject to punishment by Miss Trunchbull. Bruce is a genuine, kind boy with a fondness for sweets; his spirit is broken by the Trunchbull but he bounces back stronger than ever. Has important lines, monologues, and solos, and some featured dance moments as well. Vocal range: E5-C4

Lavender – female; age 9-14

Matilda's classmate and best friend. Lavender is squeaky and super-adorable, and what she lacks in intelligence she makes up for in enthusiasm and friendliness. Has important lines, monologues, and solos, and some featured dance moments as well. Vocal range: F5-F3

Tommy, Eric, and Nigel – male, age 9-14

Matilda's boy classmates. Each has important lines and solos, and some have featured dance moments as well. Vocal range: F5-F3

Amanda, Alice, and Hortensia – female, age 9-14

Matilda's girl classmates. Each has important lines and solos, and some have featured dance moments as well. Vocal range: F5-F3

Michael Wormwood – male, age 10-18**

Matilda's slightly older brother. He is a deadpan comedic character, with various lines and “bits” throughout the show. Vocal range: E5-C4

Youth & Teen Ensembles – male and female, ages 8-20

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Character Breakdown – Adult (15+)

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Miss Agatha Trunchbull – female or male, age 30+

Tyrannical headmistress at Matilda's school who despises children. Male in female clothing/makeup/hair, or female. A cruel and sadistic person, but not a brute or brash – rather, sly and conniving, cunning and slinky. Has important lines, monologues, and solos, and some featured dance moments as well. Vocal range: G4-A2

Miss Honey – female, age 20-40

Matilda's kindhearted teacher. She is tired of living in fear under Miss Trunchbull. Sweet, honest, caring, and intelligent, Miss Honey is timid but willing to become brave and stand up to bullies in order to protect her students. Has important lines, monologues, and solos, and some featured dance moments as well. Vocal range: D5-F3

Mr. Wormwood – male, age 30-50

Matilda's uncaring father. A slimy, greedy used-car salesman, unintentionally hilarious. Has important lines and solos, and some featured dance moments as well. Vocal range: A4-D3

Mrs. Wormwood – female, age 30-50

Matilda's self-absorbed, negligent mother and an amateur ballroom dancer. Has important lines and solos, and some featured dance moments as well. Vocal range: F5-A3

Mrs. Phelps – female, age 20+

A kindly librarian and Matilda's friend. Has numerous important lines and scenes.

Children's Entertainer – A party entertainer at the start of the show. Vocal range: F#3-Eb4

Doctor – The doctor who delivers Matilda. Vocal range: A4-C3

The Escapologist – A character in Matilda's story. Vocal range: E4-C3.

The Acrobat – A character in Matilda's story. Vocal range: A4-D4

Rudolpho – Mrs. Wormwood's dancing partner. Vocal range: A4-D#3.

Cook – The cook at Miss Trunchbull's school

Sergei – A Russian mob boss who Mr. Wormwood rips off Vocal range: F4-F3

Henchmen – Sergei's Russian associates who threaten the Wormwoods

Adult Ensemble – male and female, ages 18+