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STARRING

McKenzie Batt Gavin Webecke Ellie Shields Charlie Hudson
Savannah Carrasco Samuel Brown Rachel Dominguez
Ethan Etringer Olivia Brown

WITH

Harry Fuller, Xavier Jones, Ashley Halls, Gabe Walter, Elijah Newall

AND

McKayla Bean, Eva Frey, Layna Huggins, Carson Long,
Lochlan Newall, Ella Petersen, Gavin Sparti

COSTUME DESIGNER
Ramona Brown

CHOREOGRAPHY
Kirsten Richards
Erica Schoebinger

SET DESIGN
Jennifer Schoebinger

STAGE MANAGER
Ella Brown

ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER
Maddie Cardon

SOUND DESIGNER
Shaylin Guevara

SOUND ASSISTANT
Brandon Sanderson

ASSISTANT SOUND ASSISTANT
Bryton Coltharp

LIGHTING DESIGNER
Andrew Halls

ORCHESTRATIONS AND ADDITIONAL MUSIC
Chris Nightingale

MUSICAL DIRECTOR
Kirsten Richards

DIRECTOR
John Brown

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 transferred 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.

Director's Note

I have always believed that good art does not give you truth. It asks questions that allow you to find the truth for yourself. And *Matilda the Musical* asks some really great questions. What is it like to be a child? How does a child understand what it's like to be a grown-up? What role do parents, teachers, and other adults play in a child's life? These questions—and many others—are revealed throughout this wonderful show. The musical is filled with cartoonish and over-the-top characters, oversized and disconnected set pieces, and unrealistic and exaggerated circumstances, all of which are devised to reflect a child's perception of the world around them. Even beyond that, the musical appears to be a manifestation of adult memories; the thoughts, feelings, and images of childhood as seen through the lens of those who have already 'grown up.' Indeed, Tim Minchin, the composer and lyricist said of the song "When I Grow Up" that it was "a child's perception of adulthood and an adult's regret for their lost childhood." The whole show is, in my opinion, a thrilling, beautiful piece of writing. And while in an effort to challenge its audience, the musical can be distorted, is certainly stylized, and may be magnified, the most powerful scenes are unfolded through simple storytelling, and the truly profound questions are discovered in the quiet and calm moments of the show. To that end, I invite all of you to find your truth about childhood and about being a 'grown-up.' I am grateful to all of you for supporting Skyridge Theatre. I hope you all enjoy the show!

The Story

Matilda tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a sharp mind and a vivid imagination, dares to take a stand to change her story with miraculous results.

Matilda is a little girl with astonishing wit, intelligence, and psychokinetic powers. She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Over the course of her first term at school, *Matilda* and Miss Honey have a profound effect on each other's lives, as Miss Honey begins not only to recognize but also to appreciate *Matilda's* extraordinary personality. *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!

Technical Crew

Stage Manager Ella Brown

Assistant Stage Manager Maddie Cardon

Sound Designer Shaylin Guevara

Sound Assistant Brandon Sanderson

Lighting Designer Andrew Halls

Spotlights Lucas Bagley, Jayden Hayes

Makeup Crew Tech Class

Assistant Sound Assistant Bryton Coltharp

Production Team

Director John Brown

Music Direction Kirsten Richards

Choreography Kirsten Richards, Erica Schoebinger

Costume Design Ramona Brown

Hair Amy Goade

Set Design Jennifer Schoebinger

Set Construction Cast and Crew

Marketing Heather Newall

Photography Jessalyn Batt

Videography Jeff Batt

Communications Aubrey Sorenson

Publicity Wendy Halls

Merchandise Kat Fuller

Box Office Amber Montgomery

Concessions Becky Jones, Liz Shields

Act One

Overture	Orchestra
Miracle	Children, Entertainer, Doctor, Mrs. Wormwood, Mr. Wormwood, Matilda, Company
Naughty	Matilda
Story 1: Once Upon A Time	Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist
School Song	Children, Older Children
Pathetic	Miss Honey
The Hammer	Miss Trunchbull, Miss Honey, Children
Naughty (reprise)	Matilda
The Chokey Chant	Older Children
Loud	Mrs. Wormwood, Rudolpho, Company
This Little Girl	Miss Honey
Story 2: The Great Day Arrived... ..	Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Escapologist, Acrobat's Sister
Bruce	Children

Act Two

Telly	Mr. Wormwood, Michael
Entr'acte	Orchestra
When I Grow Up	Children, Miss Honey, Matilda, Company
Story 3: The Trick Started Well... ..	Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist
Story 4: I'm Here	Matilda, Escapologist
The Smell of Rebellion	Miss Trunchbull, Children
Quiet	Matilda
My House	Miss Honey, Escapologist
Revolting Children	Children, Older Children
This Little Girl (reprise)	Sergei
When I Grow Up (reprise)	All

Cast List

McKenzie Batt	_____	Matilda
Gavin Webecke	_____	Trunchbull
Ellie Shields	_____	Miss Honey
Charlie Hudson	_____	Mr. Wormwood
Savannah Carrasco	_____	Mrs. Wormwood
Sam Brown	_____	Michael Wormwood
Rachel Dominguez	_____	Mrs. Phelps (Librarian)
Ethan Etringer	_____	Bruce
Olivia Brown	_____	Lavender
Harry Fuller	_____	Doctor
Xavier Jones	_____	Escapologist
Ashley Halls	_____	Acrobat
Gabe Walter	_____	Rudolpho
Elijah Newall	_____	Entertainer/Sergei



CHILDREN SOLOISTS

Front row: Layna Huggins, McKayla Bean, Eva Frey

Back row: Gavin Sparti, Ella Petersen, Carson Long, Lochlan Newall



OLDER CHILDREN / ADULTS

Tyler Anderson
Emma Ashby
Sydney Bair
Carter Denton
James Dodge
Harry Fuller
Liberty Fuller
Grace Harper
Darby Harris

Oliver Hudson
Chase Karren
Brett Lorenz
Olivia Netjes
Elijah Newall
Keaton Oaks
Reagan Pfunder
Jayden Pont

Justin Rushton
Hailey Sorenson
Caleb Southwick
Cheyenne Strongo
Claire Summers
Ruby Swogger
Emma Timmerman
Jordyn Watson
Zackery Wright



CHILDREN

Kamille Anderson
McKayla Bean
Corinne Braley
Tyani Chisholm
James Cuellar
Eva Frey
Naomi Frost
Rosie Goade

Gabriella Greenwood
Lucia Griffiths
Sophia Groom
Layna Huggins
Matisyn Johnson
Carson Long
Elise Livingston
Abigail Montgomery

Lochlan Newall
Ella Petersen
Ellie Sabin
Mia Schoebinger
Gavin Sparti
Lyla Stanley
Melynn Stevens
Gracie Wilcox

Who's Who



McKenzie Batt MATILDA

McKenzie is beyond thrilled to portray one of her dream roles her Senior year! She has loved being part of this program! Some of her favorite roles include Trinculo in *The Tempest*, Wendy in *Peter/Wendy*, and Sardine Soloist in *SpongeBob*. She has also loved being part of the ensemble in various musicals and being on the Shakespeare and State teams! She sends her love to Mom, Dad, John Brown, and Kissy for being her biggest supporters!

Gavin Webecke TRUNCHBULL

Gavin is a senior and has been doing theatre since eighth grade. He has competed in improv on a national level and has won an award for Best Orchestra in the State of Utah. He loves theatre and feels so lucky to be a part of such an outstanding program. He'd like to thank his family, his friends, the Basset's, [music starts playing] the Honorable John Brown, the academy, and the Hollywood Foreign Press, for supporting him in his ventures. [applause]



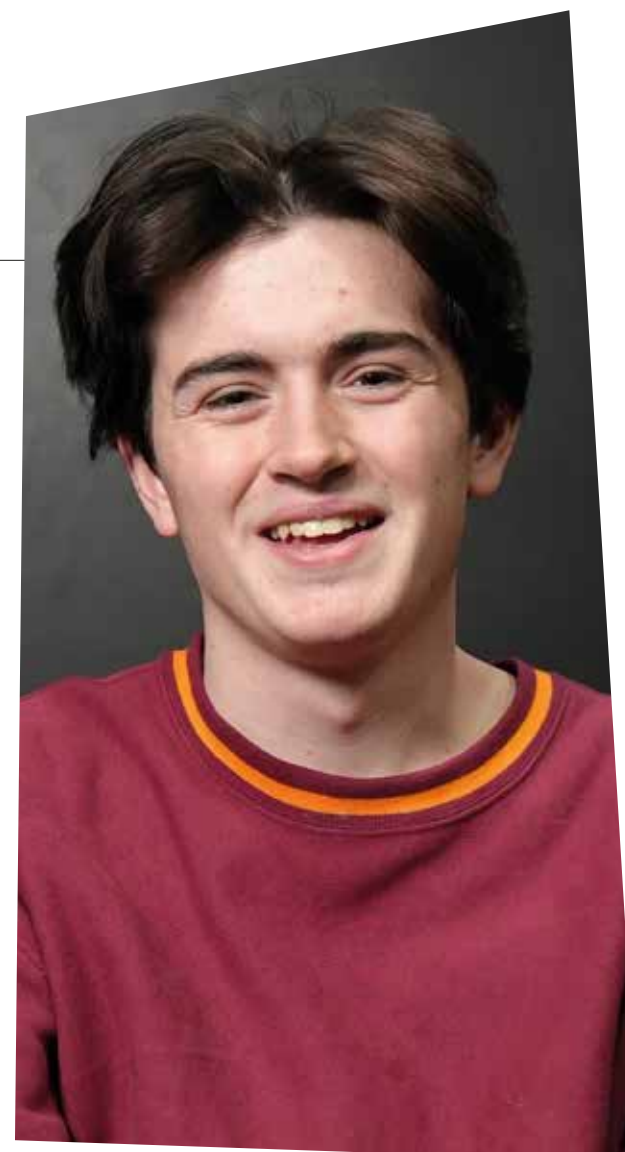
Ellie Shields MISS HONEY

Ellie Shields, aka "Shelbs," is a senior this year and has been doing theater since she was 7. She's loved every second of being a part of Skyridge Theatre and is extremely excited to be playing Miss Honey! Some of her previous Skyridge roles include Hope in *Urinetown* and Jojo in *Seussical*. She would like to thank Mom, Dad, McKay, Anna, Abby, and all her supporting friends and family. Love you all, and thank you!



Charlie Hudson MR. WORMWOOD

Charlie is a senior and has been performing on stage since he was six. He has LOVED being a part of Skyridge Theatre, where he has played named roles in *Failure*, *Peter/Wendy*, *The Fantasticks*, *Spongebob*, and *Man of La Mancha*. He has found a home here and is sad he will soon take his final bows. He would like to thank John Brown, who, like Miss Honey, "met a [boy] who possessed, or so it seemed to him, quite extraordinary qualities and realized something needed to be done about it as soon as possible." Charlie will be forever thankful to John Brown for lifting, motivating, and inspiring him.





Savannah Carrasco MRS. WORMWOOD

Savannah is honored to be performing as Mrs. Wormwood, in “Mrs. Wormwood: The Musical”. Last May, Savannah was nominated, and awarded the title of “Best Actress 2022” by the Utah High School Musical Theater Awards. Savannah then was sent to represent the state of Utah in the National High School Musical Theater Awards (The Jimmy Awards). Where she made her Broadway debut last June on the Minskoff theater stage in New York City, New York.

Sam Brown MICHAEL WORMWOOD

Sam is very excited to end his high school theatre career by playing Michael in this amazing show. Skyridge Theatre has been the highlight of these past few years! He has made many friends and is grateful for all the love and support he has been shown. He loves the story of Matilda and hopes you will too!



Rachel Dominguez MRS. PHELPS (LIBRARIAN)

(Please read in an Irish Accent) Rachel is a Senior at Skyridge and has been doing Theatre since she was in the 6th grade! Some of her favorite past roles have been Wendy in Peter/Wendy, the ensemble of Urinetown, and Ariel in The Tempest. She loves to tell stories on stage just as much as Mrs. Phelps loves reading them! She thanks her family and best friends for loving and supporting her.



Ethan Etringer BRUCE

Ethan H. Etringer is a junior at Skyridge Highschool and has participated in theatre for six years! He loves all the friendships he’s made throughout the theatre department! Ethan has starred in many roles, such as “Tevye” in Fiddler on the Roof, “Peter” in Peter Wendy, “Sir John” in Sense and Sensibility, and “Officer Barrel” in Urinetown. He is excited to bring “BRUCE” to the stage in Matilda!!!



Olivia Brown LAVENDER

Olivia is currently a Junior at Skyridge High school. Olivia has been doing shows since she was ten years old. Some of her favorite roles include Elinor (Sense and Sensibility), Ensemble (Urinetown), and Smee (Peter Wendy). She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her through everything she does. She wants to thank her parents, and she especially hopes her dad knows how much she appreciates how much he does for her and her acting roles. *Dab*





Harry Fuller DOCTOR

Harry is a Junior and super excited to be the Doctor in Matilda. He's been in two shows at Skyridge, playing Edward Ferrars in Sense and Sensibility in 2021 and Jeter in Footloose. He's extremely grateful to be a part of this theatre family at Skyridge. In addition to theater, he plays volleyball, draws and paints, sings with Skyridge Singers, and loves his AP and honors classes.

Xavier Jones ESCAPOLOGIST

Xavier is a senior. You may have seen him as Anselmo in Man of La Mancha. Other favorite past roles include the Wall Clock in Failure: A Love Story, Bickle in Footloose, and a wealthy man in Urinetown. He has always loved singing and acting ever since 7th grade. Xavier loves puzzles and programming. He hopes to one day change the world.



Ashley Halls ACROBAT

Ashley is a senior and grateful to be a part of the theatre department here at Skyridge. She's been doing theatre since the 6th grade. Some of her favorite productions have been Pippin, Peter/Wendy as Tinkerbell, Spongebob, and Urinetown. She's currently Service Officer on Theatre Council. She's excited about the chance to play the Acrobat. She hopes that you enjoy the show and that it brings you the wonder and magic of childhood.



Gabe Walter RUDOLPHO

"This is only Gabe's second year performing in theatre, but he has fallen in love with this program and the art form itself. Matilda has been by far one of his favorite shows he's done at Skyridge, and he is so grateful to have such an amazing program to grow and learn in."



Elijah Newall ENTERTAINER/SERGEI

Elijah has enjoyed playing comedic roles, such as Patrick (SpongeBob) and Stephano (Tempest.) He's excited to play Mortimer Mortimer (Failure) for State One Acts. He's performed on many distinct stages, a favorite being the "Stage for Everyone." He wants to thank John Brown, his director, and compass, for his unwavering encouragement in giving an awkwardly tall kid a chance to step out onto the stage and never exit. He thanks his family for their constant support and his mom for always being there, rehearsing every line alongside him. He would not be here without her.



Special Thanks

Thank you to the teachers of Skyridge High School for working with your students in allowing them to be involved in a production like this. A big thank you to the Skyridge High School administrative team, particularly Jed Francis and John Wallwork; I am grateful for your patience and understanding. Thank you to the Alpine School District for creating and nourishing an environment where students can learn about and perform significant works of art. A huge THANK YOU to the parents, family, and friends who were so involved and helpful and without whom this show would never have been possible.

Thank you to Heather Newall, the social media genius, the publicity guru, the brains behind the scenes, and a dear, dear friend. Thank you to Aubrey Sorenson for your countless hours, hard work, and your boundless love for these students. Thank you to Becky Jones for your work on concessions. Thank you to Jeff and Jessalyn Batt for your time, vision, and willingness to help! Thank you, Jennifer Scheobinger, for the countless things you do that go above and beyond just building the sets—you are a blessing. Thank you, Kissy Richards, for your love, outstanding musical direction, and beautiful choreography. And last — but certainly not least — thank you to Ramona Brown. Thank you for your work and your vision regarding the costumes, your determination, your patience, and your attitude! But more than that, thank you for your support, patience, and love. Thank you for telling these stories with me.

John C. Brown

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