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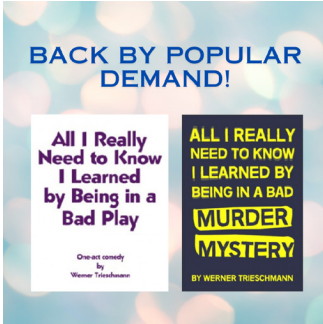


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Artistic Director's Message

Welcome to the second musical of our 2023-24 season!

After last season's smash successes of *Elf The Musical JR*, *The Play that Goes Wrong: HSE*, *Willy Wonka KIDS*, and *Newsies JR* and our summertime comedies of *The Complete History of Theatre (Abridged)* and *All I Really Need to Know I Learned by Being in a Bad Play*, theatre (and life) is beginning to look a little more normal and we have been able to return again back to this lovely theatre.

Welcome! Please enjoy our presentation of *Roald Dahls's Matilda JR*. For some of our younger performers this is their first chance ever to step onto a stage!

This is the third in our season of "Finding the power inside yourself" in December we began with the *Wizard of Oz*, followed by *Lion King KIDS* at the Kitchener-Waterloo Little Theatre and now we walk the boards with *Matilda JR*.

Next month, *Marian, or The True Tale of Robin Hood: Teen Edition* will return us to Waterloo Park and the Centennial Bandshell. We hope to see you there!

I would like to take a moment to thank the hard work of Gabriella, Olga, Helena, Yansshi over this production and our board of directors for all they do to assist in the creation of theatre by & for children of our region. I would also like to note the hard work of our volunteers this whole season. Thanks to everyone for all you do.

To the performers of this and all productions this season. Thanks for your sweat, tears, talents, and drive. It has been a deep privilege to be a small part in your development as artists. I am in awe of all you do.

I often note there are only two things necessary for great theatre: Actor and audience. Thanks for being half of that equation and welcome back to the theatre!

Todd Vercoe
Artistic Director



Director's Message

Welcome to actOUT's production of *Roald Dahl's Matilda JR*!

After three fun-filled months of hard work from an amazing cast, we are ready and excited to share this timeless tale filled with laughter, love, and the indomitable spirit of a young girl who dares to "put it right" and change her story.

Based on Roald Dahl's novel, *Matilda JR* follows the journey of a young girl named Matilda Wormwood who possesses extraordinary intellect and imagination. Through Matilda's eyes, we see the complexities and challenges of childhood. We join Matilda on a transformative journey as she refuses to be held back by her circumstances and stands up for what is right. In the wise words of Matilda herself, "just because you find that life's not fair, it doesn't mean that you just have to grin and bear it". Beyond the fun of song and dance, the story of *Matilda JR* shares a valuable message reminding us all that no matter how small we may feel in the face of adversity, we each have the power to make a difference and change our stories.

As you watch this talented cast bring the story of Matilda to life, I encourage you to embrace the magic and wonder and be transported alongside them into childhood where anything is possible with a touch of imagination and determination.

Thank you to this wonderful cast and to the amazing crew working hard behind the scenes for your dedication, creativity, and tireless efforts in bringing this production to life.

Now as the story begins, let us laugh, let us cheer, and let us be inspired by the strong spirits of Matilda and her friends.

Gabriella Bell-Divincenzo
Director



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Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR

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Matilda JR Synopsis

MATILDA JR OPENS WITH ENTHUSIASTIC SCHOOL CHILDREN (AND THEIR EQUALLY ENTHUSIASTIC PARENTS) SINGING THEIR OWN PRAISES...EXCEPT MATILDA. ACCORDING TO HER PARENTS, SHE IS NOTHING BUT A NUISANCE ("MIRACLE"). AT MATILDA'S HOME, HER FATHER, MR. WORMWOOD, REVEALS HIS SCHEME TO SELL OLD AUTOMOBILES AS BRAND-NEW LUXURY CARS TO RUSSIAN BUSINESSMEN. MATILDA SAYS THAT SHE DOESN'T BELIEVE THIS IS FAIR, AND HER FATHER INSULTS HER, BELIEVING HER INTELLIGENCE AND LOVE OF BOOKS TO BE UNNATURAL. MATILDA GOES TO HER ROOM, PAUSING ON THE WAY TO MIX HER FATHER'S HAIR TONIC WITH HER MOTHER'S HAIR DYE ("NAUGHTY"). THE NEXT MORNING, MR. WORMWOOD'S HAIR IS GREEN.

MATILDA DROPS BY THE LIBRARY TO VISIT MRS. PHELPS, THE LIBRARIAN. THE GIRL TELLS MRS. PHELPS THE FIRST PART OF THE TALE OF THE ACROBAT AND THE ESCAPOLOGIST, TWO CIRCUS PERFORMERS DEEPLY IN LOVE. THE TALE CUTS OFF JUST AS THE COUPLE IS PRIMED TO PERFORM THEIR MOST DANGEROUS TRICK YET. MATILDA STARTS HER FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL THE NEXT MORNING, SURROUNDED BY INTIMIDATED NEW CHILDREN AND SCARY BIG KIDS ("SCHOOL SONG"). FORTUNATELY, MATILDA'S TEACHER IS MISS HONEY, A SWEET WOMAN WHO CARES DEEPLY FOR HER STUDENTS. MISS HONEY IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZES MATILDA'S ADVANCED INTELLIGENCE, PROMPTING HER TO VISIT THE SCHOOL'S VICIOUS HEADMISTRESS, MISS TRUNCHBULL. THE TEACHER HOPES TO PROMOTE MATILDA TO A MORE CHALLENGING CLASS, BUT TRUNCHBULL REFUSES, INSISTING THAT MATILDA CANNOT BE AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULES ("THE HAMMER").

AFTER SCHOOL, MR. WORMWOOD RETURNS HOME, FURIOUS THAT THE RUSSIANS DID NOT FALL FOR HIS SCHEME. MATILDA QUESTIONS HIM ABOUT IT, AND HE NOTICES HER BOOK, PROMPTING HIM TO RIP THE BOOK APART. IN AN ACT OF REBELLION, THE GIRL LINES THE RIM OF HER FATHER'S HAT WITH SUPERGLUE, WATCHING IN SATISFACTION AS HE PUTS THE HAT ON HIS HEAD ("NAUGHTY - SUPERGLUE - PART 2"). AT SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY, MATILDA'S CLASSMATE NIGEL RUNS THROUGH THE PLAYGROUND IN A PANIC, SAYING HE HAS BEEN BLAMED FOR A TRICK ON TRUNCHBULL. HE SAYS THAT IF SHE FINDS HIM, SHE WILL PUT HIM IN THE INFAMOUS CHOKEY, A CUPBOARD LINED WITH NAILS, SPIKES AND BROKEN GLASS ("THE CHOKEY CHANT"). MATILDA TELLS THE STUDENTS TO THROW THEIR COATS ONTO NIGEL. WHEN TRUNCHBULL STORMS ONSTAGE, MATILDA TELLS HER NIGEL HAS BEEN ASLEEP UNDER THE COATS FOR THE LAST HOUR DUE TO HIS SLEEPING DISORDER. TRUNCHBULL RELUCTANTLY ACCEPTS THIS EXPLANATION AND LEAVES AFTER BULLYING ANOTHER STUDENT.

WHILE MR. WORMWOOD REALIZES HIS HAT IS GLUED TO HIS HEAD AT WORMWOOD MOTORS, MRS. WORMWOOD IS AT THE WORMWOOD HOUSE, ANSWERING THE DOOR WHEN MISS HONEY KNOCKS. THE TEACHER TRIES TO EXPLAIN TO MRS. WORMWOOD HOW SPECIAL HER DAUGHTER IS, BUT THE GIRL'S MOTHER DOESN'T LISTEN AND PUSHES HER OUT THE DOOR. MISS HONEY STANDS OUTSIDE, WANTING TO FIGHT FOR MATILDA, YET FEELING HELPLESS ("THIS LITTLE GIRL"). MEANWHILE, MATILDA IS AT THE LIBRARY CONTINUING HER CIRCUS LOVE STORY FOR MRS. PHELPS. THE ESCAPOLOGIST ANNOUNCES THAT THEIR ACT IS CANCELLED BECAUSE HIS WIFE, THE ACROBAT, IS PREGNANT. HOWEVER, THE ACROBAT'S SISTER REFUSES TO CANCEL THE ACT, REFERRING TO THE CONTRACT THE PERFORMERS SIGNED. MATILDA PROMISES TO CONTINUE THE NEXT DAY.

AT SCHOOL THE FOLLOWING DAY, MISS HONEY PULLS MATILDA ASIDE AND PROMISES TO BRING IN EXTRA BOOKS TO CHALLENGE THE GIRL. MATILDA IS THRILLED. BUT HER JOY IS SHORT-LIVED AS TRUNCHBULL BURSTS INTO THE CLASSROOM, ACCUSING MATILDA OF EATING A PIECE OF HER CAKE. THE TRUE CULPRIT, HOWEVER, IS MATILDA'S HUNGRY CLASSMATE BRUCE, WHO ACCIDENTALLY REVEALS HIS GUILT WITH A LOUD, CHOCOLATY BURP. TRUNCHBULL COMES UP WITH A TWISTED PUNISHMENT FOR BRUCE, BRINGING OUT THE REST OF THE MASSIVE CAKE FOR THE BOY TO EAT IN ONE SITTING. THE KIDS CHEER ON THE BOY, WHO FINALLY FINISHES OFF THE HUGE DESSERT ("BRUCE - PART 1"). DESPITE HIS VICTORY, TRUNCHBULL TAKES BRUCE TO THE CHOKEY. MATILDA IS UPSET BY THE UNFAIRNESS OF THIS. SHE GOES TO THE LIBRARY, LAUNCHING

INTO THE NEXT PART OF HER DRAMATIC CIRCUS TALE. DURING A PERFORMANCE, THE ACROBAT SLIPS AND FALLS, BREAKING EVERY BONE IN HER BODY AND PASSING AWAY-BUT NOT BEFORE SHE GIVES BIRTH TO A BABY GIRL. HOWEVER, THE GIRL GROWS UP WITH AN ABUSIVE AUNT AND A FATHER WHO IS UNAWARE ANYTHING IS WRONG. THE STORY CUTS OFF ONCE AGAIN, AND THE SCENE SHIFTS TO THE CHILDREN IN MATILDA'S SCHOOL, SINGING ABOUT WHAT LIFE WILL BE LIKE WHEN THEY GROW UP. MISS HONEY AND MATILDA JOIN IN, WONDERING WHAT THEY CAN DO TO RIGHT ALL OF THE WRONGS IN THEIR LIVES ("WHEN I GROW UP").

AT THE WORMWOOD HOME, MR. WORMWOOD ANNOUNCES THAT BY TWEAKING THE SPEEDOMETERS IN HIS CARS, HE HAS COMPLETED A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS DEAL WITH THE RUSSIANS. WHILE THE REST OF THE FAMILY IS THRILLED BY THE MONEY, MATILDA IS DISGUSTED THAT HER FATHER CHEATED THE BUSINESSMEN. MR. WORMWOOD THREATENS TO BAN HER FROM THE SCHOOL AND NEVER LET HER READ AGAIN. ALONE IN HER ROOM, MATILDA TELLS THE REST OF THE CIRCUS STORY TO HERSELF. THE ESCAPOLOGIST DISCOVERS THAT HIS SISTER-IN-LAW HAS BEEN BEATING HIS DAUGHTER, AND HE LEAVES TO CONFRONT HER, BUT HE NEVER RETURNS AGAIN.

THE NEXT DAY AT SCHOOL, TRUNCHBULL BELIEVES THE STUDENTS ARE UP TO SOMETHING ("THE SMELL OF REBELLION"). HER FEARS ARE CONFIRMED WHEN MATILDA'S SNEAKY CLASSMATE LAVENDER PUTS A NEWT INTO TRUNCHBULL'S WATER JUG. SHE IMMEDIATELY BEGINS POINTING FINGERS AND FIGURING OUT WHO TO BLAME, BUT MATILDA SILENCES HER WITH A YELL. TRUNCHBULL YELLS BACK, BUT SUDDENLY EVERYTHING SLOWS DOWN AND GOES QUIET AS MATILDA EXPLAINS TO THE AUDIENCE THAT SHE CAN SOMETIMES FIND A CALMNESS IN HERSELF THAT ALLOWS HER TO DO AMAZING THINGS ("QUIET"). IN THIS MOMENT, THE CALMNESS ALLOWS HER TO THROW THE GLASS WITH THE NEWT AT TRUNCHBULL. THE HEADMISTRESS SCREAMS AND RUNS AWAY. MISS HONEY DISMISSES THE CLASS, BUT MATILDA STAYS BEHIND TO SHOW THE TEACHER HER ABILITY. THEY WALK TOGETHER, AND MISS HONEY REVEALS THAT SHE IS POOR AND LIVES IN A SHED. HER FATHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE, AND HER CRUEL AUNT BECAME HER LEGAL GUARDIAN AND THE OWNER OR HER CHILDHOOD HOME. MISS HONEY SUSPECTS HER AUNT KILLED HER FATHER, BUT SHE HAS NO PROOF. MATILDA ASKS WHO MISS HONEY'S AUNT IS. RELUCTANTLY, MISS HONEY REVEALS THAT HER AUNT IS NONE OTHER THAN TRUNCHBULL.

IN MISS HONEY'S CLASSROOM THE NEXT DAY, TRUNCHBULL CHALLENGES THE CLASS TO A SPELLING TEST. THE STUDENTS SPELL EVERY WORD RIGHT-PROOF THAT MISS HONEY'S KIND, PATIENT TEACHING METHODS HAVE PAID OFF. WHEN TRUNCHBULL CLAIMS A STUDENT HAS SPelled A WORD WRONG AND TRIES TO DRAG HER TO THE CHOKEY, THE WHOLE CLASS BEGINS SPELLING WRONG SO THERE WILL BE NO ROOM FOR ALL OF THEM IN THE CRUEL DEVICE. AS TRUNCHBULL CLAIMS SHE HAS MULTIPLE CHOKEYS FOR ALL OF THEM, WRITING APPEARS ON THE CHALKBOARD-WRITING THAT APPEARS TO BE FROM HER DEAD BROTHER-IN-LAW. TRUNCHBULL LEAVES THE CLASSROOM SCREAMING. THE CHILDREN SING IN JOY ("REVOLTING CHILDREN").

A FEW DAYS PASS, AND MISS HONEY HAS INHERITED HER PARENTS' HOUSE, TAKEN OVER THE ROLE OF HEADMISTRESS, AND REMOVED ALL THE CHOKEYS. MATILDA, MEANWHILE, IS ABOUT TO BE WHISKED OFF TO SPAIN BY HER FAMILY. HER FATHER IS ON THE RUN FROM THE RUSSIAN BUSINESSMEN, WHO HAVE REALIZED THAT THEY WERE CHEATED BY HIM. HOWEVER, MISS HONEY HAS A PROPOSITION: LET MATILDA STAY WITH HER. AFTER JUST A BIT OF RELUCTANCE, MR. AND MRS. WORMWOOD AGREE, AND MATILDA AND MISS HONEY ARE BOTH OVERJOYED ("BOWS").



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KADIAN AARONS

Kadian is 11 years old and in grade 6. This is her first production with actOUT!, but she has trained with Drayton Entertainment in the past. She is playing the roles of Hortensia, Russian, Big Kid, Little Kid, and Dad. Kadian has been dancing since she was 4 years old. She has passion for musical theatre and is excited for her future performances.



JİYANA AGARWAL

Jiyana is a sixth grader. She is participating in her second actOUT! performance. She is a very musical person who also enjoys reading. Jiyana is playing the roles of the Acrobat, Big Kid 3, and Sergei. She is thankful for Helena, Olga and the rest of the crew members who have helped her prepare for this performance and also her family who have always supported her.



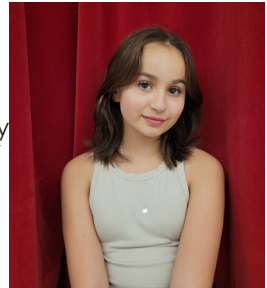
AMELIA ALEXANDER

Amelia is a grade 6 student who loves to sing and play the piano. This is her second time on stage with actOUT! and she is excited to play the role of Matilda in the Storytellers cast. You can also see Amelia on stage with KW Glee! She thanks her parents and the rest of the cast, particularly Lauren & Fiona, for their support.



CLARA ANDERL

Clara is a grade 6 student and is very happy to be participating in her first actOUT! production. She is very excited to play the role of Miss Honey in the Bookworms cast. Clara would like to thank her family and all the wonderful people in this production that made every rehearsal a lot more exciting.



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ISABELLE BARRETT

Izzy Barrett is a 15-year-old actor who has performed in acting camps, *The Play that Goes Wrong: Teen Edition*, *The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition*, and now *Matilda JR*. Izzy hopes that one day she can have a try at professional performing because she has always had a love for theatre, acting, and singing from as far back as she can remember.



BROOKE BEAUMONT

Brooke Beaumont is a grade 8 student. She has been involved with actOUT! for the last 2 years. She enjoys Drama Club at her school as well as horseback riding in her free time. Brooke previously was in the production *Newsies JR* and is really enjoying her time with the *Matilda JR* cast this year. She wants to thank her family for encouraging her and she hopes you enjoy the show!!!



MAYA BEECH

Maya is extremely excited for her second actOUT! production! She is a 13 years old student at. Her hobbies include reading, listening to music, and ranting about Matilda to her friends and family!



GABRIELLA BELL-DIVINCENZO - DIRECTOR

Gabriella Bell-Divincenzo is thrilled to be making her directorial debut working with such a remarkable group of dedicated and talented young performers. A recent graduate of Wilfrid Laurier University, with an Honours Bachelor of Music and a Diploma in Opera, she has performed in multiple operatic productions with Opera Laurier, Brott Music Festival, North York Concert Orchestra, No Strings Theatre/Opera by Request and others. Beyond performing, Gabriella has a passion for sharing her experience and knowledge with the younger generation through teaching and has taught piano and voice privately for upwards of 5 years. Gabriella has enjoyed this opportunity to venture off the stage and into the director's seat. Much like Matilda, Gabriella has a passion for stories and directing has provided her with a fresh avenue for her to share her love for narrative and bringing stories to life.

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HELENA CUICUIRA - CHOREOGRAPHY

Helena is a KW born creative: she completed her BA in Performance Studies at the *Marilyn I Walker School of Fine and Performing Arts* in St. Catharines Ontario, then moved to London, England to complete her MFA in Acting. There she was in *A Winter's Tale* (The Globe), worked with ABBA at *Mamma Mia the Party*, and performed in a series of London based shows with a variety of international directors. Previously last season for actOUT! she has choreographed *Elf JR*, and *Newsies JR*.



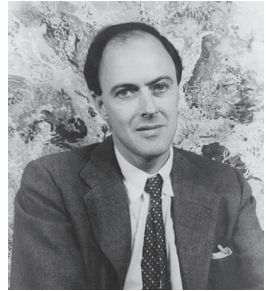
NATALIE CLARK

This is Natalie's third production with actOUT! She is playing Mrs. Phelps in the Storytellers cast and several supporting roles in the Bookworms cast. Natalie is in grade 10 and enjoys playing with her rabbit. She thanks her friends and family for supporting her and helping her prepare, and thanks Gabriella, Olga, and Helena for their support and guidance at rehearsals.



ROALD DAHL - AUTHOR

Roald Dahl (1916 – 1990) was a British popular author of irreverent children's literature and short stories, a poet, and wartime fighter ace. His books have sold more than 300 million copies worldwide. Dahl has been called "one of the greatest storytellers for children of the 20th century". His works for children include *James and the Giant Peach*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, *The Witches*, *Fantastic Mr Fox*, *The BFG*, *The Twits*, *George's Marvellous Medicine* and *Danny, the Champion of the World*.



EMMA DAY

Emma is in grade 5. This is Emma's second play with actOUT! She was in *Willy Wonka KIDS* last year and is now playing the role of Rudolpho and Big Kid 2 in *Matilda JR*. She enjoys volleyball, acting, art, and spending time with her friends and family! She wants to thank Olga, Gabriella, Helena, and the amazing cast for making an amazing show!



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OLGA DENISOVA - Music DIRECTION

A music director, independent music instructor and vocalist, Olga holds an Advanced Diploma from School of Arts (Russia), majoring in piano, choir and conducting, as well as a B.A. with Intense Music Specialization from the University of Waterloo. Olga has been music director of actOUT!'s performances of *Beauty and the Beast JR*, *Fiddler on the Roof JR*, *Disney's The Lion King JR*, *Les Miserables*, and many others. Previously She took the helm as director of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang JR* and *Elf JR*.



NOAH EL-SHARNOUBY

Noah was in actOUT!'s production of Willy Wonka KIDS in the 2022-2023 season. He likes acting and enjoys being part of plays. In his free time, he likes learning and playing games. He also likes math and science. Noah is very happy to be in this *Matilda JR* production.



NATALIE GOLOD

This is 10-year-old Natalie's second production with actOUT! She is playing Matilda in the Bookworms cast. She enjoys doing karate, gymnastics, and singing lessons. She had a really fun time preparing with the cast and hopes you like the show!



ASHLEY GREEN

Ashley is a grade 5 student. She likes hockey, volleyball, piano, art, and playing with her friends. This is her first year with actOUT!, and she is having a lot of fun. Ashley would like to thank her parents for letting her try something new!

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ANNIE KADAMUS

Annie Kadamus is a 12-year-old actor who has been involved in the prior actOUT! productions of *Elf JR.* and *Newsies JR.* During her free time, she enjoys dancing, playing piano and hiking. Annie would like to give a shout-out to Helena, Olga and Gabriella for being such a supportive part of *Matilda The Musical JR.*



JULIA KADAMUS

Julia is an actor who is excited to perform *Matilda JR* with everyone. She enjoys singing, dancing, and horseback riding. Julia and her sister Annie practice during their free time together. Julia wants to say a big thank you to everyone for putting the show together! She hopes you enjoy the show!



EDEN KRAWETZ

Eden is in grade 7 and this is her second actOUT! production. Eden was in *Newsies JR.* with actOUT! and *Peter Pan: The Panto Children's Chorus* with Drayton Entertainment. She enjoys dancing, acting, and parkour. Eden would like to thank everyone who worked hard to make this production such a great experience.



GRACE LORENTZ

Grace is thrilled to be performing as Miss Honey in her 5th overall production! She enjoys sketching and playing volleyball. *Matilda* has been her favorite movie for years, so she is extremely excited. She would like to thank her friends here at actOUT! and her family for encouraging her. She would also like to thank YOU, the audience, for coming to see the performance. Enjoy the show!



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LUCAS MACKENZIE

Lucas describes his experience with actOUT! to be "The most amazing thing I have ever done." He has been in previous productions such as *Elf the Musical JR*, *Newsies JR* and *The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition*. He thanks his family and friends for supporting him. He hopes you enjoy the show.



EMILY MAK-FAN

Emily has enjoyed being in *Matilda JR* with actOUT! She has performed in other shows before, including *Newsies JR* and *The Aristocats KIDS*. In her free time, Emily likes to read, draw, do gymnastics, sing, and eat. Emily will be playing the role of Eric in Bookworms cast, and will be part of the Big Kids, Russians and Dads in Storytellers cast. She hopes you enjoy the show!



JESSICA MAK-FAN

Jessica is 10 years old and in grade 5. She is thrilled to be part of *Matilda JR* this season. Jessica's past actOUT! performances include *101 Dalmatians*, *The Claw*, and *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS*. She would like to thank her parents for signing her up and her sister for being there with her. She hopes you enjoy the show.



FIONA MCNEIL-MCLEOD

Fiona is excited to be performing in her fourth production with actOUT! She has also performed in the *Wizard of Oz*, *Willy Wonka KIDS*, and *All I Really Need to Know I Learned by Being in a Bad Play*. In her free time, Fiona enjoys reading, playing with her cat Eddie, and filming stop motion videos.

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TIM MINCHIN - MUSIC AND LYRICS

Tim Minchin is an Australian musician, comedian, composer, actor, writer and director.



GWEN MILLIGAN

This is Gwen's second production with actOUT! She was previously in *The Wizard of Oz* as the Munchkin Barrister, and now, in this production, she plays Sergei. Gwen also has two cats named Custard and Strawberry. She thanks her friend, Emily, and the cast for this production. She hopes you enjoy the show!



CHRIS NIGHTINGALE - ORCHESTRATIONS & ADDITIONAL MUSIC

Christopher is a Tony Award winner for the "Best Original Score written for Theatre" for *A Christmas Carol*, a Tony nominee for *Matilda, The Musical* Broadway, a Grammy nominee for the *Matilda* US Album and NY Outer Critic Circle Honouree for *A Christmas Carol*, Broadway.



AJ NOSEWORTHY

AJ—previously appearing in actOUT!'s productions of *Newsies JR* as Race, and *The Wizard of Oz* as Dorothy—is so excited to join everyone again in *Matilda JR*! She's dubbed this month as chaos month, since she now has dance performances, *Matilda* shows, and *KW Glee* along with her regular weekly activities such as piano and vocal, but she's happy to perform and hopes everyone enjoys *Matilda*! <3



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MOLLY PICKETT

Molly is a grade 5 student. *Matilda JR* will be her second performance with actOUT! Last year, she played the Candy Man in the production of *Willy Wonka KIDS*. She enjoys creating comics and digital editing. She hopes you enjoy the show.



KALLA POULIMENOS

Kalla Poulimenos is a California native currently living in Breslau, ON. She is 10 years old. This is her first production with actOUT! and her first time performing on stage. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with friends and playing with her two cats: Smokey and Penelope.



YANSSHI RUGHANI - STAGE MANAGER

Yansshi Rughani is a creative and communication enthusiast hailing from Mumbai, India. She completed her Bachelor's degree in Multimedia and Mass Communications, which fuelled her passion for the industry. Currently, she is pursuing a postgraduate degree in Strategic Marketing Communications at Conestoga College. Yansshi has joined actOUT! to merge her interests in drama and production. Last year with actOUT! she stage managed *Newsies JR*.



JAMES SAVARESE

This is James's second production with actOUT! Although this is only his second play, he has more acting experience, starring in his own short films. 525 is his favorite number, which is also how old he is (if you subtract the square root of 263,169). He is very happy to see this show come together and to have had this experience again.

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DENNIS KELLY - Book

Work for theatre includes *Debris*, *Osama the Hero*, *After the End*, *Love and Money*, *Taking Care of Baby*, *DNA*, *Orphans*, *The Gods Weep*, and *The Ritual Slaughter of Gorge Mastromas*.



JUNO SEDRA

Juno is in grade 4. Juno has appeared in *Willy Wonka KIDS* (actOUT!) and *KW Glee*. She studies voice (Resound) and dance (Evolve). In her spare time Juno likes to swim, draw, and spend time with her friends, family, and cats. She would like to thank her family, cast members, and the actOUT! team!



ADA SIEMENS-RUSS

Ada, a.k.a. Mr. Wormwood in the Bookworms cast and a Big Kid in Storytellers cast, has been with actOUT! since the summer of 2023 and was previously in *The Complete History of Theatre (Abridged)*. Ada, aged 13 and in the 7th grade, is a gaming fanatic and loves creating her own stories. She thanks everyone who made this possible. Enjoy!

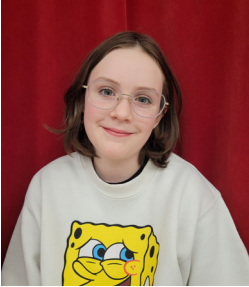


KAYDEN ST-ONGE

Kayden is a theatre kid who lives life with the volume on high. She enjoys nothing more than belting her heart out and taking centre stage. She is so very proud of all her castmates for putting together what is sure to be an amazing show. Her biggest thanks go to AJ and Nath—love you two forever.



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LAUREN ST-ONGE

Lauren is ecstatic to be a part of her third actOUT! production, as Lavender in *Matilda the Musical JR*. Her debut on stage was in *Willy Wonka KIDS*. In her spare time, she can be caught reading or playing video games. She wants to give a special thanks to her sister, Kayden, who encouraged her to join. <3



VERA STONEHOUSE

Vera is delighted to be part of their third musical with actOUT! They previously performed in *Newsies JR* and *The Wizard of Oz: Youth Edition* (as Dorothy), as well as summer page-to-stage *The Complete History of Theatre (Abridged)*. They'd like to thank the cast, crew, and all parents EVER of actOUT!—for everything they've done—especially Mum, for involuntarily volunteering. They also thank their cat, Grover.



GRACE TSINTZOURAS

This is Grace's fourth production with actOUT!, her past shows being *Wizard of Oz*, *Elf JR*, and *Newsies JR*. She previously performed as the lead in the *Christmas Nativity Story*, and as the lead in *Snow White*. Grace enjoys writing and drawing, and has a special love for nature. She would like to thank her fellow cast members and the Directors for helping her progress as an actor.



ALEXANDRA VAN RENSBURG

Alex is 11 years old and brand new to actOUT! She had a blast meeting new friends and learning more about singing, dancing, and acting. Alex is an avid lover of nature and music (especially the Beatles!). A big thank you to Mom, Dad, Nick, Nana, Baki, Uncle Andrew, Lucy, and the Walkers for their support!

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TODD VERCOE - ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

A lifelong student and teacher of games, play, and theatre, Todd has instructed or lectured in games, play and drama for the Toronto Board of Education, Inje University and the University of Waterloo. A graduate of York University where he studied directing and playwriting, he also holds a masters degree from Columbia University. Todd is a member of the Playwright's Guild of Canada and an individual colleague of the Professional Association of Canadian Theatres.



CHLOE WINTER

Chloe is a grade 5 student. She has been part of the Inter-Mennonite Children's Choir and Kodaly Choir over the past few years and enjoys singing both alto and soprano. *Matilda JR* is her first actOUT! production and Chloe is so excited to be playing the role of Alice. She loves solving Rubik's Cubes, rock climbing, and playing with her dog, Buster.

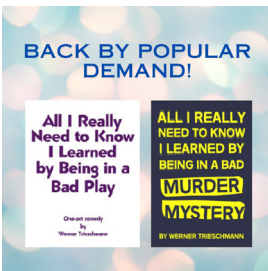


NATHAN ZETTEL

This is Nathan's fourth actOUT! production. He has previously been in the *Wizard of Oz*, *Newsies JR*, and the Christmas classic, *Elf JR*. He is thrilled to be playing Bruce in *Matilda the Musical JR*, and wishes you to enjoy the show!



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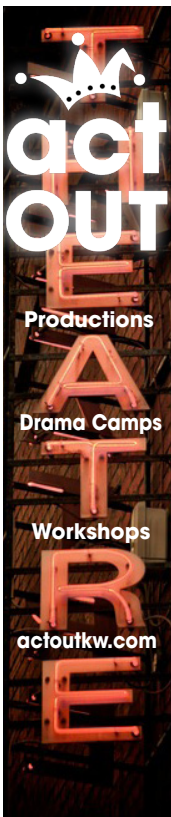


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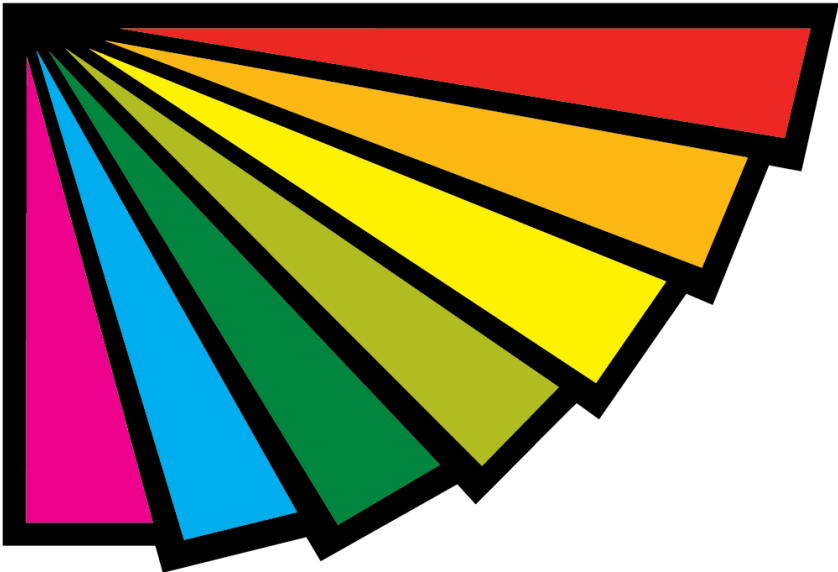
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