

Community Park District

Footlight Players

La Grange Park



ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL
JR.

Directed By: Spencer Douglas Clark
Musical Direction: Cole Burdick | Choreography: Michele Ritacco
Junior Direction: Hayden Clark and Cassidy Selig
Stage Managers: Kai Hendricks and Enzo Paulucci

Production Team

Direction by Spencer Douglas Clark

Choreography By Michele Ritacco

Music Direction/Sound Design By Cole Burdick

Junior Direction by Cassidy Selig and Hayden Clark

Stage Management by Kai Hendricks and Enzo Paulucci

Dialect Assistance by Ella Giampietro

Wigs by Keith Ryan

Set by John Baderman

Props by Amy Callahan

Costumes by:

Vanessa Feuerstein

Pam Podolner

Heather Rolek

Special Thanks to our Fantastic Volunteers!

And of course, the Community Park District
of La Grange Park!

Synopsis

Opening - "Miracle" - Matilda, Students, Parents

Scene 1: The Wormwood's Living Room - Matilda, Mr. Wormwood, Mrs. Wormwood, Michael

Scene 2: "Naughty" - Matilda

Scene 3: The Library - Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist

Scene 4: "School Song" - Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Big Kids, Little Kids, Miss Honey, Trunchbull

- "The Hammer" - Trunchbull, Miss Honey, Big Kids, Little Kids

Scene 5: The Wormwood's House - Matilda, Mr. Wormwood, Mrs. Wormwood, Michael

- "Naughty - Superglue (Part 2)" - Matilda

Scene 6: The Playground at School - Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Big Kids, Little Kids, Trunchbull, Miss Honey

- "Chokey Chant" - Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Big Kids, Little Kids

Scene 7: Wormwood Motors - Mr. Wormwood, Mechanic

Scene 8: The Wormwood House - Mrs. Wormwood, Rudolpho, Miss Honey

- "This Little Girl" - Miss Honey

Scene 9: The Library - Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist, Trunchbull

Scene 10: Miss honey's Classroom - Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Miss Honey, Trunchbull

- "Bruce" - Miss honey's Classroom - Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Miss Honey, Trunchbull

Scene 11: The Library - Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist, Trunchbull

Scene 12: The Park - Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Big Kids, Little Kids, Miss Honey

- "When I Grow Up" - Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Big Kids, Little Kids, Miss Honey

Scene 13: The Wormwood's Living Room - Matilda, Mr. Wormwood, Mrs. Wormwood, Michael, Escapologist, Trunchbull

Scene 14: School Gymnasium - Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Big Kids, Little Kids, Miss Honey, Trunchbull

- "The Smell of Rebellion" - Trunchbull, Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Big Kids, Little Kids, Miss Honey
- "Quiet" - Matilda

Scene 15: Miss Honey's Classroom - Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Miss Honey, Trunchbull

- "Revolting Children" - Matilda, Bruce, Lavender, Nigel, Amanda, Eric, Tommy, Alice, Hortensia, Students, Big Kids, Little Kids

Epilogue - Matilda, Miss Honey, Mrs. Phelps, Mr. Wormwood, Mrs. Wormwood, Michael, Rudolpho, Sergei, Russians

Bows - Ensemble

This performance will run an approximate 1 hour and 15 minutes without an intermission

Naughty Cast

Junior Direction by Cassidy Selig and Hayden Clark

Stage Management by Kai Hendricks

Matilda.....	Elsie Clark
Miss Honey.....	Leah Halverson
Trunchbull.....	Gabby Grote
Mr. Wormwood.....	Kenny Graves
Mrs. Wormwood.....	Roxy Podolner
Michael Wormwood.....	Joe Fadool
Mrs. Phelps/Big Kid/Parent.....	Leah Anderson
Acrobat/Big Kid/Parent.....	Molly Curran
Escapologist/Big Kid/Parent.....	Dottie Rolek
Bruce.....	Danny Callahan
Lavender.....	Lennon Chellburg
Eric.....	Abby D'Albenzio
Tommy.....	Laila Lorenzi
Amanda.....	Olivia Coolman
Alice.....	Juliana Schlueter
Hortensia.....	Arete Lindo
Nigel.....	Cian Curran
Student.....	Sloane Highland
Student.....	Madelyn DiOrio
Student.....	Sofia Will
Student.....	George McNulty
Rudolpho/Student.....	Giada Paul
Sergei/Big Kid/Parent.....	Ryder Chatman
Cook/Big Kid/Parent.....	Nora D'Albenzio
Mechanic/Big Kid/Parent.....	Charlotte Wheeler
Big Kid #1/Parent.....	Jane Fadool
Big Kid #2/Parent.....	Molly Sanchez
Big Kid #3/Parent.....	Sophie Bettencourt
Big Kid/Parent.....	Quinton Stout
Big Kid/Parent.....	Gretchen Pohl
Little Kid/Russian.....	Caitlin Thayer
Little Kid/Russian.....	Charlotte Bettencourt
Little Kid/Russian.....	Cora Stanczak

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Elsie Clark as Matilda

Elsie is thrilled to be performing in her tenth show as Matilda with the Footlight Players. She has always loved to sing, dance, and act, but also enjoys drawing, painting, reading, and rehearsing with her awesome cast every weekend. She would like to thank the junior directors Cassidy, Kai, and Hayden. She would also like to give a special thanks to her amazing directors Spencer, Cole, and Ms. Michele.

Leah Halverson as Miss Honey

Leah is delighted to be back on stage as Miss Honey in the Footlight Players production of Matilda. She has previously performed as Nurse Ancestor in the Adams Family and Baker's Wife in Into the Woods. When Leah is not acting or singing, she enjoys dancing, writing, and drawing. Leah would like to give a special thank you to her directors for all their encouragement helping her do her very best. She would also like to thank her family and friends for their love and support.



Gabby Grote as Principal Trunchbull

Gabrielle is thrilled to be back with the Footlight Players for Matilda! This is her fourth performance with this amazing crew and she is ecstatic to be delivering her first lead role as Ms. Trunchbull. She was last seen on stage in The Addams Family, Into the Woods and The Little Mermaid. Offstage you may see her hanging with friends, cheering at school or playing with her favorite four-legged brother, Harrison. She would like to thank her mom, dad and sister for all their love and support. And thank all that came out to see her this weekend. But most importantly, a huge thanks to Spencer, Cole, and Michele for this amazing opportunity to be the meanest principal in school.



Kenny Graves as Mr. Wormwood

Kenny is super excited to be part of Matilda.

It is his first year with the Footlight Players. He has been performing in theater for 6 years

Some of his previous roles include: Michael in Mary Poppins and Michael in Peter Pan.

He would like thanks his mom & dad for chauffeuring him each week and his sister Kylee for practicing with him.

He hopes you enjoy these Revolting Children in this production of Matilda.



Roxy Podolner as Mrs. Wormwood

Roxy is so excited to be back on the stage with the Footlight Players! She has most recently been seen as Uncle Fester in The Addams Family. This 6th grader can be found doing gymnastics, art, and baking when she's not performing. Roxy has had such fun playing the outlandish Mrs. Wormwood, and loves tottering around in her mom's four-inch heels on stage. Roxy would like to thank Spencer, Cole, and Michele for this amazing experience.



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Joe Fadool as Michael Wormwood

Joe Fadool is excited to be on stage for the first time with Footlight Players. When off stage, Joe plays baseball, basketball, football, or on his PS5 with his friends. He would like to thank his family and friends for their support.

Leah Anderson as Mrs. Phelps/Big Kid/Parent

Leah Anderson is so excited to be joining the Footlight Players for the first time! She was last on stage during her school's production of the Lion King. In her free time, Leah loves to read, dance, and eat. She would like to thank her mom and dad for giving her the opportunity to be in this performance.



Molly Curran as Acrobat/Big Kid/Parent

Molly Curran is thrilled to be playing Acrobat/Parent/Big Kid in Matilda Jr. This is her 5th performance with the Footlight Players. Molly is an 8th grader at Park Junior High. She can be found flipping at gymnastics, playing volleyball, or enjoying Crumbl's flavors of the week. She would like to thank her little brother, Cian, for rehearsing with her and the rest of her family for all their support. She would also like to thank Spencer, Michele, Cole, Cassidy, Hayden, Ella, Kai, and all the costume moms for helping make Matilda Jr. a huge success! She hopes you enjoy the show!



Dottie Rolek as Escapologist/Big Kid/Parent

Dottie is excited to be in Matilda Jr. with the Footlight Players! Her past shows were Addams Family playing Gomez Addams, Into the Woods as the Mysterious Man, and Frozen as Oaken. Offstage you will see her going downtown with friends, and singing. She would like to thank her voice teacher Rita, her Mom for helping with the show, her friends for seeing the show, and her family for supporting her.



Danny Callahan as Bruce

Danny is thrilled to be a part of the Matilda Jr cast as the role of Bruce Bogtrotter. This is his 9th production with The Footlight Players. Danny began his acting journey at age 7 with his first ever role as Michael Darling in Peter Pan (Infinity Arts Academy). His two favorite roles were Gomez in Addams Family (Footlight Players), and Baker in Into the Woods (Footlight Players). Danny is a 7th grader at Park Jr High. Outside of acting, Danny enjoys singing, writing songs and drawing. He would like to thank his family for their support as well as Spencer, Cole, Michele and the entire production team for all their hard work and dedication!



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Lennon Chellburg as Lavender

Lennon is a 5th grader at Brookpark elementary. This is her 4th production with footlight players and theater is her passion. In her free time time, she loves hanging with friends, singing, and kickball.

Abby D'Albenzio as Eric

Abigail D'Albenzio is ecstatic to be returning to the Footlight Players for her second show. She is 12 years old and goes to S.E. Gross Middle School. Some of her favorite roles in the past have been the Cavewoman Ancestor (Addams Family), Morris Delancey (Newsies), Link(Hairspray) and Kristof (Frozen). She would like to thank the Footlight Players, her parents, grandparents, her sister Nora, her dog Penny, and her friends who have supported her throughout the journey of forming Matilida (You know who you are). Enjoy the show!



Laila Lorenzi as Tommy

This is Laila's 6th show with Footlight Players. She is so excited to see the set and all the costumes. She is a 7th grader at Park JH and also does dance and soccer. She wants to thank her family, Spencer, Michele, and Cole for endlessly encouraging her to be a better singer, actress, and dancer. She is so excited to perform on stage again and hopes you enjoy the show.

Olivia Coolman as Amanda

Olivia is so excited to be back for her 8th show with the Footlight players. In her free time you can catch her cheer competitions and hanging out with friends. Olivia would thank Spencer, Cole, and Miss. Michele for this opportunity.



Juliana Schlueter as Alice

Juliana is pumped to make her theatrical debut in the Footlight Players' production of Matilda! She is 8 years old and a 2nd grader at Ogden Avenue School. Like so many Roald Dahl characters, Juliana has a vivid imagination, boundless curiosity, and youthful exuberance that not even the crankiest authority figure could tame. She enjoys time with family & friends, dancing, playing piano, reading, and dreaming up theatrical productions of her own (frequently casting her little brother Dean and an army of "stuffies" or action figures in supporting roles). Juliana is thankful to all who have helped guide her toward her first appearance on the lighted stage.

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Arete Lindo as Hortensia

This is Arete's seventh play with the Footlight Players and she is super excited. She has been working hard in and out of rehearsal. Outside of the play you can find Arete practicing violin or at a gymnastics class. She hopes that you enjoy the show!

Cian Curran as Nigel

Cian Curran is so excited to be playing Nigel in Matilda Jr. This is his 5th performance with the Footlight Players. His favorite role was Pugsley in Addams Family Jr. Cian is a 6th grader at Ogden Avenue Elementary and in his free time can be found on the soccer pitch, on the couch watching the World Cup, or eating chocolate. He would like to thank his big sister, Molly, for rehearsing the show with him, his little sister, Maisy, for being his biggest fan and his parents for always supporting him as an actor.



Sloane Highland as Student

Sloane is excited to be performing again with Footlight Players! She has previously been on stage in Frozen, Little Mermaid and Descendants. Sloane spends her days singing, playing piano and hanging out with her friends and family. She'd like to thank all of her family for their support and excellent snack supplies!



Madelyn DiOrio as Student

Madelyn is a 4th grader at Highlands Elementary. She is excited to be in this production of Matilda! Her favorite role was Grandma in Addams Family. Besides acting, Madelyn enjoys gymnastics and hanging out with her sister, Eleanor, and her friends! She wants to give a BIG shout out to her mom and dad for helping her practice her roles.



Sofia Will as Student

Sofia Will is thrilled to be onstage with the footlight players. She's 10 years old and this is her Second play. She is thrilled to be here! She loves baking, singing and writing stories. She loves writing realistic fiction stories with her friends at school and taking ice skating lessons. When she's not ice skating she likes watching movies with her family and reading chapter books. Her favorite subjects in school are writing, math, and art. She would like to thank her Mom, Dad, grandparents, brother and the directors for all the support.



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George McNulty as Student

George is super excited to make his theatrical debut as “student” in Matilda! A role that George can relate to as he is currently a 5th grade student at Brook Park school. In his free time George enjoys Legos and hanging out with his two brothers, Tom and Paul, and his dog Lexi.

Giada Paul as Rudolpho/Student

Giada is excited to be back with the Footlight Players for Matilda Jr. this Fall! She was last seen on stage as the Flapper Ancestor in The Addams Family Jr. Offstage you may see her dancing, playing volleyball, or hanging out with friends. She would like to thank her family for all of their love and support.



Ryder Chatman as Sergei/Big Kid/Parent

Ryder Chatman is a fifth grader at Forest Road and this is his third production with the Footlight Players. When he is not faking a Russian accent he enjoys reading, hiking, and entertaining his bearded dragon.



Nora D'Albenzio as Cook/Big Kid/Parent

Nora D'Albenzio is so excited to be back for her second year with the Footlight Players. She is 9 years old and is in fourth grade at Brook Park. In her free time, she is not a revolting child and enjoys reading and playing with her dog Penny. She'd like to thank her mom, dad, her sister Abby, her dog Penny, grandma, grandpa, and all her friends.



Charlotte Wheeler as Mechanic/Big Kid/Parent

Charlotte Wheeler is a fifth grader at BrookPark Elementary. She has been involved in theatre since age 6 and this is her second production with Footlight Players. She is super excited to be in Matilda! In her spare time, Charlotte likes listening to music, spending time with friends and family, and all things fashion.



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Jane Fadool as Big Kid #1/Parent

Jane Fadool is excited to be back on stage with Footlight Players. Her previous roles were a Ghost in Adams Family and Aqua the Water Tiger in The Magical Adventures. When off stage, Jane likes to play Roblox, eat Italian food, play with her friends and go to amusement parks. Special shout out to her family, friends, her dog Trudy, and stuffed elephants.

Molly Sanchez as Big Kid #2/Parent

Molly is an 8th grader at Park Jr. High School. In addition to theater, she is involved in scouts and gymnastics.



Sophie Bettencourt as Big Kid #3/Parent

Sophie most recently played the Victorian Ancestor in the Addams family. With her love of singing and acting she has loved being apart of theatre!



Quinton Stout as Big Kid/Parent

Quinton is excited to join the Footlight Players for this production of Matilda. Quinton is coming off two starring roles with Music Makers Theater Company in Western Springs where he delighted the audience as Sven the reindeer in frozen and dazzled the crowd as Rodger Sterling in 101 Dalmatians. Quinton is an amazing magician but don't expect him to disappear from the stage anytime soon. He would like to send a special thank you to his mom, Courtney who is always encouraging him to be the best he can be.



Gretchen Pohl as Big Kid/Parent

Gretchen is excited for her first performance with the Footlight Players. Outside of theater, Gretchen loves singing, cello, pottery, cats, and all things mushrooms.



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Caitlin Thayer as Little Kid/Russian

Caitlin is thrilled to be back with the Footlight Players for Matilda Jr! Her acting debut was in early 2020 in their Frozen Jr. musical. Caitlin attends the 4th grade at Ogden Avenue in La Grange. When she is not in school, she can be found dancing her heart out through Impact Dance Studio's Show Stars team. She also loves reading, crafting and time with her friends and family. Caitlin would love to thank her family and friends who are here to support her love of performing!

Charlotte Bettencourt as Little Kid/Russian

She loves to dance and craft. This is her first time being a part of a theatre group and she has loved it!



Cora Stanczak as Little Kid/Russian

This is Cora's first performance with the Footlight Players, but certainly not the last. She has loved every minute of it so far! In her free time you can find her babysitting, hanging out with friends, cooking and playing legos! She has a mom and a dad and 2 sisters named Hazel and Rosie. Her favorite animal is a giraffe and she also loves playing guitar and piano.

Quiet Cast

Junior Direction by Cassidy Selig and Hayden Clark

Stage Management by Enzo Paulucci

Matilda.....	Isla Feuerstein
Miss Honey.....	Finley Gorman
Trunchbull.....	Gianna Parolin
Mr. Wormwood.....	Zion Brown
Mrs. Wormwood.....	Cora Borner
Michael Wormwood.....	Ben McGinn
Mrs. Phelps/Big Kid/Parent.....	Astrid Paulucci
Acrobat/Parent.....	Megan Radak
Escapologist/Parent.....	Dylan Lindstrom
Bruce.....	Luka Malacenia
Lavender.....	Elise Arcuri
Eric.....	Taylor Selig
Tommy.....	Lily Hynes
Amanda.....	Elise Feuerstein
Alice.....	Holiday Boldon
Hortensia.....	Allegra Feuerstein
Nigel.....	Ava Fernandez
Student.....	Adeline Jandek
Student.....	Lucy Fletcher
Student.....	Layne Chobot
Student.....	Annie Bonjour
Rudolpho/Student.....	Aidan Murphy
Sergei/Big Kid/Parent.....	Iris Belsan
Cook/Big Kid/Parent.....	Sienna Casamassimo
Mechanic/Big Kid/Parent.....	Rian Reynolds
Big Kid #1/Parent.....	Jane Cannon
Big Kid #2/Parent.....	Anne Sloane
Big Kid #3/Parent.....	Viv Viehman
Big Kid/Parent.....	Katie Springer
Big Kid/Parent.....	Sofia Kader
Big Kid/Parent.....	Thea Ross
Little Kid/Russian.....	Jane Viehman
Little Kid/Russian.....	Sammy Fletcher
Little Kid/Russian.....	Greta Boldon
Little Kid/Russian.....	Riley Sutton
Little Kid/Russian.....	Katy Boylan

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Isla Feuerstein as Matilda

This is Isla's eighth show with The Footlight Players. Her favorite past roles include Cinderella, Little Alice, Young Elsa and she's so excited to be playing Matilda now. Isla is in 6th grade and goes to S.E. Gross middle school. When she is not on stage, she is a serious soccer player. Isla would like to thank her family and friends for practicing lines with her at home and at recess. She would also like to thank Spencer, Michele, and Cole for helping put on this wonderful show.

Finley Gorman as Miss Honey

Finley is so happy to be a part of this production of Matilda! This is her 6th play with the Footlight Players! She was most recently seen on stage as Alice in the Addams Family. Finley is an 8th grader at St Cletus School, headed to Nazareth Academy next year. She loves to sing and dance, but also enjoys playing basketball, volleyball and running track for her school. Finley would like to give a HUGE thanks to Spencer, Michele, and Cole for all of the work they put in to these shows!



Gianna Parolin as Principal Trunchbull

Gianna Parolin is 13 years old and goes to school at Park Junior High. Her first Footlight Players show was Seussical, where she played a Jungle Citizen, then she appeared in Into the Woods as Cinderella's Mother and The Addams Family as Grandma. She plays Trunchbull in Matilda and enjoys acting very much! Thank you to Footlight Players for another fun experience and my family for their support!

Zion Brown as Mr. Wormwood

Zion Brown is a 10-year-old who loves performing at the La Grange Park Community Center. When not on stage he enjoys playing soccer, basketball, and watersports. He has a love for researching celebrities on "Famous Birthdays" and listening to his current favorite singer, Billie Eilish. Zion would like to thank Spencer Douglas Clark, Michele Ritacco and Cole Burdick for their continued encouragement and support for his love for theatre. His past roles have been Mayura in "The Magical Adventure", Cinderella's Prince in "Into the Woods", Lucas in "The Addams Family" and his current role as Mr. Wormwood in "Matilda."



Cora Borner as Mrs. Wormwood

Cora is excited to be back on stage with Footlight Players and embrace the quirky sass of Mrs. Wormwood! She has an immense love for dance, singing and all things theater. She would like to thank her family and directors for their support.

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Ben McGinn as Michael Wormwood

Ben is super excited to be in Matilda! He is a 4th grade student at Vine Academy. When he's not performing, Ben can be found coding Roblox, collecting diecast airplanes, and listening to classic rock music, especially Journey. He would like to thank his family and friends for all their love and support.

Astrid Paulucci as Mrs. Phelps/Big Kid/Parent

Astrid Paulucci is fifteen and a Freshman in High School. Astrid is very much looking forward to performing in Matilda. This will be her 12th play. Astrid has a love for books, singing, archery and animals.



Megan Radak as Acrobat/Big Kid/Parent

Megan is ecstatic to be in Matilda! This is her theater debut and she is loving every minute of it! She is in 8th grade and has had a love for theater/musicals since she was young. She has enjoyed playing the roles of the acrobat, parent and big kid and performing next to her friends. Offstage you can see her playing softball, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, cooking and being involved in many school clubs. Megan would like to thank her parents, family, and friends for all of their love and support.



Dylan Lindstrom as Escapologist/Big Kid/Parent

Dylan is excited to be performing as the Escapologist in his 6th Footlight Players production. His favorite past role was Lurch in Addams Family. He is in 4th grade at Forest Road. When he's not on stage, he can be found watching Marvel movies, playing Switch games, and spending time with family. He would like to thank his Mom, Dad, Spencer, Cole, and Michele.



Luka Malacenia as Bruce

Luka Malacina is looking forward to being on stage with the Footlight Players! He is 10 years old and is a fifth grader at Palos East in Palos Heights. He enjoys playing with Legos and video games, swimming and riding his bike. His past roles include Olaf in Frozen Jr., Jojo in Seussical Jr., the Snowman in Lights of Jingle Bell Hill and Uncle Fester in the Addams Family Young@Part. He would like to thank the Community Park District of La Grange Park, his parents, siblings, grandparents and all of his family and friends for always being so supportive!



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Elise Arcuri as Lavender

Elise Arcuri is thrilled to be playing Lavender in her 6th production with the Footlight Players. She is 11 years old and in 6th grade at Ogden Elementary School. She enjoys reading, writing, and in her free time can be found singing, playing the flute, playing the piano, baking, or dancing. Some of Elise's favorite past roles were Little Red in Into the Woods and the Sailor Ancestor in the Addams Family. Elise would like to thank her family for all of their support, Spencer, Ms. Michele, Cole, and everyone else who put their time and effort into making this show amazing.

Taylor Selig as Eric

Taylor plays Eric in Matilda Jr with the footlight players. She is a attends Park Jr High. She has been with footlight for 6 years now and is so happy to be in Matilda. She has learned so much from Cole on how to make her voice grow stronger. She has danced with Ms. Michele since she was 5 years old and has learned dances that she thought she would never be able to do. And she would like to thank Spencer, for showing her how to extend her way to the acting world. She also would like to thank her big sister, Cassidy, for being her biggest supporter. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Lily Hynes as Tommy

Lily is beyond excited to be back with the Footlight Players! She really enjoyed being a part of Frozen Jr and Seussical the Musical. During her time away from Footlight Players, Lily had the pleasure to be a part of the LATTE theater group, playing the lead in Dancing in Lughnasa, as well as playing several characters for an anthology series. Lily loves everything about theater, from being a part of the show or going to experience live theater. She will be graduating from St. John of the Cross this year, and life is a bit hectic! She enjoys being a part of several clubs, as well as playing tennis and volleyball. Her thought process is "No matter what, I'll always make time for theater!" She is grateful to her family for encouraging and supporting her drive for everything but mostly....theater!

Elise Feuerstein as Amanda

Elise is thrilled to be in her fifth performance with The Footlight Players. Her favorite role so far was when she was Little Red in Into The Woods. When she's not acting, you can find Elise on the soccer field or dancing. Elise is in fourth grade at Brook Park. She wants to thank Spencer, Ms. Michele, and Cole for all they do to help her grow and her mom and dad for always being there for her.



Holiday Boldon as Alice

Holiday is delighted to be in her third performance with Footlight Players. You may recognize Holiday from Into the Woods and the Addams Family. In her spare time, Holiday enjoys singing, drawing and hanging out with friends. She would like to thank her mom and dad for all of their love and support, sister Greta for practicing dances with her and brother Otis for memorizing every word of every Matilda song.

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Allegra Feuerstein as Hortensia

Allegra is excited to be Hortensia in her tenth show with The Footlight Players. Her favorite roles include the old lady in Madagascar and Middle Anna in Frozen. She is a freshman at RBHS and sings in her school choir. She also is a member of the a cappella group there and enjoys art and swimming. Allegra would like to thank Spencer, Michele, and Cole for helping her grow and be a better actor and singer and for directing amazing productions. She also wants to thank her mom and the other parent volunteers.

Ava Fernandez as Nigel

Ava is so excited to be in the Matilda play! she has been in 6 and 1/2 plays! including Madagascar, Alice in wonderland, frozen, camp runamuk and more! she couldn't have done it without her siblings, her parents, grandparents, friends, and directors!



Adeline Jandek as Student

This is Adeline Jandak's first acting debut! She has been dancing with Ms. Michele since she was 5 years old at the Community Park District of LaGrange Park. Adeline would like to thank Taylor Selig for sharing her love of theater and pushing her to try out theater.

Lucy Fletcher as Student

Lucy Fletcher is so excited to be back on stage with the Footlight Players! Her most recent performance was in the Addams Family as a ghost. When Lucy is not on stage, she can be found drawing, playing all sorts of sports, or hanging out with her sister and friends. She would like to thank her parents for helping her, her sister Sammy for auditioning for Matilda even though she was afraid, and Spencer, Cole and Ms. Michele for making this show happen!



Layne Chobot as Student

Layne Chobot is excited for her 5th show with the Foot Light Players! I am 10 years old and my favorite role was Milky White in Into the Woods. I love acting and singing and I'm so excited for you all to see the talented cast of Maltida Jr. Thanks to my mom, dad, brother and the amazing directors!

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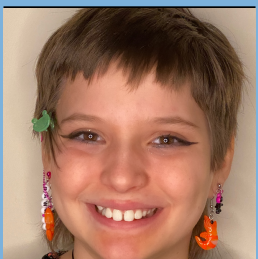
Annie Bonjour as Student

This Annabelle's second performance with Footlight at the park district. She's played a Ghostie in Addams Family and now is shining as a Student in Matilda. When Annabelle isn't on stage dancing and singing, she loves to play with her friends and training her dog new tricks.

Annabelle thanks her teachers for giving her courage to make new friends.

Aidan Murphy as Rudolpho/Student

Aidan Murphy is excited to be performing in his 4th show with Foot Light Players!! He also takes classes at Children's Theatre of Western Springs and enjoys taking Irish and Hip Hop dance classes. He also enjoys studying guitar. You will likely find him zipping around in his rollerblades!



Iris Belsan as Sergei/Big Kid/Parent

Iris is so excited to be back on stage in her third show and favorite role so far. She loves acting, gymnastics, playing the trombone, writing, anime, and nature. Ms. Michele, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Cole, and all her fellow actors have been so supportive and she is thankful for their help and encouragement. She plans to keep growing as a performer, artist, and ten year-old.

Sienna Casamassimo as Cook/Big Kid/Parent

Sienna is a 4th grader at Spring Ave School and is excited to be back onstage with the Footlight Players! Along with her love for singing and acting, Sienna also enjoys being apart of her undefeated soccer team as well as playing basketball. She would like to thank Spencer, Cole, and Michele for all of their guidance and support in making this show a success!



Rian Reynolds as Mechanic/Big Kid/Parent

Rian Reynolds is a 5th grader at Brook Park and is very excited to be a part of the Matilda Jr show. She has enjoyed her time acting with the Footlight Players; especially her role as Milky White during Into The Woods Jr.

In her free time she can be found in the pool competing for swim team or hanging out with her dog, Phil Collins.

She would like to thank Spencer, Cole, Miss Michele and all the parents who make these productions happen.

Quiet Cast Bios



Jane Cannon as Big Kid #1/Parent

Jane is thrilled to be back with the Footlight Players for this year's production of Matilda! This is Jane's 3rd show with the company with first being a Townsperson in Frozen Jr. and second as a Wickersham Brother in the Seussical. When Jane is not working on being a triple threat on stage, she is a 5th grader at Forest Road School and a putting her height to good use with the Little Lyons travel basketball team. Jane would like to thank her family for all the support and listening to all the show songs on repeat: Daddy, Mommy, and little brother Thomas.

Anne Sloane as Big Kid #2/Parent

Anne is thrilled to be in this year's cast of Matilda. She was also in Into the Woods as Cinderella's father and in the Addams Family as Cousin It. When she's not on stage, she is with her friends or baking.



Viv Viehman as Big Kid #3/Parent

Viv is excited to be part of this Matilda. Her latest role was Augusta Gloop in Willy Wonka through Nazareth academy this past summer. She has also been in Addams Family and The Magical Forest, both through the Footlight Players.

Katie Springer as Big Kid/Parent

Katie Springer is a sixth grader at Ideal Elementary School in Countryside. Matilda is her sixth play with the Footlight Players and her favorite role was as Thing One in Seussical. In addition to theater she also does dance and plays the trumpet and piano. In her free time she likes shopping, hanging out with friends, and playing with her puppy, Oreo.



Sofia Kader as Big Kid/Parent

Sofia is so excited to be back with the Footlight Players for Matilda! She loved playing an Ancestor in The Addams Family and a member of the Oaken Family in Frozen. Offstage you'll find her playing soccer, basketball, hanging with her friends and making art. She would like to thank Spencer, Cole, and Michele for all their hard work!

Thea Ross as Big Kid/Parent

Thea Ross is a Footlight Players newbie, but a veteran actress, having been in two previous stage productions: Frozen and Hairspray. You can also catch her acting on YouTube, and dancing on TikTok. She is never not performing and can't wait to keep acting and singing with her fellow cast members.



Quiet Cast Bios



Jane Viehman as Little Kid/Russian

Jane is thrilled about being in Matilda. She previously played Fairy Mary in The Magical Forest, through the Footlight Players.

Sammy Fletcher as Little Kid/Russian

Sammy Fletcher is thrilled to be on stage for the very first time with the Footlight Players! When Sammy is not on stage, you can find her writing and illustrating books (usually about tacos), playing soccer or basketball, and eating! She would like to thank her sister Lucy for helping her with her lines and encouraging her to audition when she was afraid, and her family and friends who are in the audience supporting her.



Greta Boldon as Little Kid/Russian

Greta is excited to be in her first Footlight Players performance! In her time off, Greta enjoys practicing Karate, drawing, and reading her favorite books. Greta would like to thank her mom and dad for encouraging her to audition, sister Holiday for helping her prepare for her first performance and brother Otis for always wanting to practice Matilda songs with her.

Riley Sutton as Little Kid/Russian

Riley is excited to join footlight for the first time. Although she's new to musicals, she's not new to the stage. She has been dancing with The Dance Center of LaGrange for the past 4 years. In her spare time she enjoys ice skating, singing, and arts and crafts. Riley would like to thank her family for all of their encouragement and support.



Katy Boylan as Little Kid/Russian

Katy is beyond to be thrilled to be back on stage with the Footlight Players for Matilda! This is one of her favorite stories. She was last seen on stage this past Spring as a ghost in the Footlight Players' production of Addams Family and as a Jackal in Brook Park's Jungle Book. When not on stage Katy is going head over heels as part of Sokol Spirit's Wheel Gymnastic program. You can also find her visiting a local ice cream place as she attempts to visit 20 different ice cream shops to record for You Tube videos. When not spinning or eating ice cream she is at home learning to play the jaw harp. She would like to thank her family and friends that came out to the show, and her mom & dad. A big thank you to Spencer, Cole & Michele for all they have done for the entire cast!

Production Team Bios



Naughty Stage Manager Kai Hendricks

Kai is thrilled to be back with Footlight Players! He was last seen on stage as the Grim Reaper in Addams Family with the Footlight Players.

Quiet Stage Manager Enzo Paulucci

Enzo Paulucci is eleven and a 6th grader. This is his second time working as backstage manager. He has been in theater since he was 5 years old. Enzo loves hanging out with his friends, playing volleyball and singing.



Junior Director Cassidy Selig

Cassidy is so excited to be a Junior Dance Captain. Cassidy is a freshman at LTHS. She has loved singing and dancing ever since she was little. Cassidy has been part of Footlight for almost 10 years now doing theater and she absolutely loves it! She thanks Ms Michele for mentoring her throughout this musical. She could not have come this far without her!!! She would like to thank Spencer and Cole for teaching her all the ways of music and theater! She is extremely proud of these young performers and can't wait to see where the future takes them. Enjoy the show!



Junior Director Hayden Clark

Hayden Clark has been acting with the Footlight Players since she was six years old. She has loved taking on her new role as junior director and working behind the scenes. Besides theater, Hayden enjoys dance and singing in her high school choir. She would like to thank her family for supporting her and Spencer, Cole, Michele and Cassidy for helping her and being great support! She is so proud of everyone in the cast and hopes you enjoy the show.



Dialect Assistant Ella Giampietro

Ella is thrilled to be back with the Footlight Players! She was last scene on stage with them as the Witch in Into the Woods.



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The Musical



Performs April 14-April 16

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