



ROALD DAHL'S

Matilda

THE MUSICAL

Book
DENNIS KELLY

Director
JOEY BANKS

Music Director
DR. CHRIS HOLLINGSWORTH

Music and lyrics
TIM MINCHIN

Co-Choreographers
**LILY BALOGH and
CAITLIN MARTIN**

Oct. 12-15, 2023 • Boone Family Theatre
Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m.
Matinee Sunday at 2 p.m.

 **ACU THEATRE**
transforming artists

Statement of Mission

The Abilene Christian University Department of Theatre is committed to providing quality training and opportunity for the disciplined theatre artist in a nurturing environment that models Christian values.

Cast

Matilda.....	Bee Peyton
Miss Trunchbull.....	Will Thompson
Mr. Wormwood.....	Morgan Whitley
Mrs. Wormwood.....	Rose Lee-Alliston
Michael Wormwood.....	Ben Polk
Miss Honey.....	Patti Maisano
Mrs. Phelps.....	Courtney String
Bruce.....	Taylor Herndon
Lavender.....	Chloe Munson
Nigel.....	CJ Rosado
Amanda.....	Hannah Galambos
Eric.....	Caleb Shields
Alice.....	Gabriella Collins
Hortensia.....	Jilly Nickens
Tommy.....	James Bradshaw
The Escapologist.....	Ashton Taylor
The Acrobat.....	Ella Perry
Rudolpho.....	Riley Wilson
Children's Entertainer/Sergei.....	Malachi Havens
Doctor.....	Ryan Chu
Ensemble.....	Ryan Chu, Haven Foster, Malachi Havens, Lily Holmes, Matthew Lietz, Caitlin Martin, Evan Owens, Ella Perry, Kinley Schollenbarger, Ashton Taylor, Atticus Wiginton, Riley Wilson

Understudies

For Matilda: Kinley Schollenbarger; ***For Miss Trunchbull:*** Evan Owens; ***For Mr. Wormwood:*** Caleb Shields;
For Mrs. Wormwood: Haven Foster; ***For Miss Honey:*** Chloe Munson; ***For Bruce:*** Riley Wilson

Musical Pit Players

Flute.....Emily Fulton
Clarinet.....Matthew Darby, Karissa Ward, Jenna Miles (bass)
Saxophone.....Matthew Darby, Cierra Zamora
Trumpet.....Royal Carnes, Aidan Martin
Trombone.....Brian Lester
Cello.....Leyton Leslie
Guitar.....Thomas Roberts
Bass.....Patrick Slafko
Keyboard.....Marc Sanders, Susan Teel
Percussion.....Olivia Groeneveld, Josh Ward
Conductor.....Dr. Steven Ward

Production Team

Producer.....Dawne Swearingen Meeks
Director.....Joey Banks
Music Director.....Dr. Chris Hollingsworth
Co Choreographers.....Lily Balogh, Caitlin Martin
Director of Design & Lighting Designer.....Eric Pitney
Costume Designer.....Catherine Baumgardner
Lighting Designer.....Josh Hervey
Sound Designer.....Téa Merchant

Production Team Cont.

Sound Engineer.....	Christian Martinez
Technical Director.....	Andrew Wheeler
Assistant Director.....	Collin Mitten
Assistant Choreographer.....	Ella Perry
Dance Captain.....	Jilly Nickens
Prop Master.....	Layla Rorem
Assistant Technical Director.....	Zeke Merchant
Associate Lighting Designer.....	Kinsey Herbel
Assistant Lighting Designer.....	Alyssa Arguijo
Scenic Paint Charge.....	Grayson Alred
Master Electrician.....	Collin Mitten
Assistant Sound Engineer/Qlab Operator.....	Lila Griffith
Hair & Makeup Designer.....	Catherine Baumgardner
Assistant Hair & Makeup Designer.....	Nora Vellis
Stage Manager.....	Kayla Brookshire
Assistant Stage Managers.....	Laci Jackson, Kloey Spahni
Shop Foreman.....	Zola Feasel, Josh Hervey, Kinsey Herbel, Ty Naicker, Collin Mitten, Skyler Kinney
Sets Practicum.....	Brooke Bott, James Bradshaw, Macayla Brown, Ryan Chu, Robert Conaster, Zola Feasel, Haven Foster, Malachi Havens, Kinsey Herbel, Taylor Herndon, Josh Hervey, Lily Holmes, Skyler Kinney, Megan Lewis, Caitlin Martin, Collin Mitten, Ty Naicker, Ben Polk, Layla Rorem, Zach Sawyer, Ashton Taylor, Josh Ward, Morgan Whitley, Atticus Wiginton
Key Costume Shop Assistant.....	Rachel McNiece
Costume Shop Assistants.....	Patti Maisano, Ainsley Houghton, Gabi Lopez, Will Thompson, Courtney String, Bee Peyton

Production Team Cont.

Costume Crew.....	Kayla Brookshire, Hannah Galambos, Ainsley Houghton, Patti Maisano, Bee Peyton, Melissa Henderson, Gabi Lopez, Will Thompson, Kinley Schollenbarger, Megan Sloane, Courtney String, Hannah Clarkson
Flyrail Captain.....	Collin McKean
Spotlight Operators.....	Sarah Gabel, Kenna White
Backstage Sound Technician/Backstage Crew.....	Truth Pierce
Backstage Crew.....	Maya Isabella Padilla, Ani Villanueva, Kendall West, Jackson Wilder
Dressers.....	Gabi Lopez, Layla Rorem, Aubrey Pearce, Kaitlyn Olson, Chaya Powell
Dramaturg.....	Morgan Whitley
Assistant Dramaturg.....	Samantha Brant
Dramaturg Faculty Mentor.....	Adam Hester
Box Office/Patron Services Director.....	Devin Braswell
Program Designer.....	Chloe Munson
Program Cover Design	Holly Harrell
Production Photographer.....	Paul White
Program / Publicity / Web Design.....	Adam Hester, Chloe Munson
PR / Fundraising / Box Office.....	Chloe Munson, Ella Root, Caleb Shields, Madi Sipe, Kloey Spahni, Courtney String
House Management Team.....	Denim Atkins, Brooke Bott, Macayla Brown, Nouwen Craft, Zoe Dobratz, Alex Dulske, Zola Feasel, Megan Henderson, Ainsley Houghton, Skyler Kinney, Brooke Musia, Ella Root, Madi Sipe, Megan Sloane, Téa Wallace, Kylie West, Atticus Wiginton

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Director's Note

Dear Audience,

Welcome to *Matilda*, our inaugural Homecoming production in the beautiful, new Boone Family Theatre! As the director of this production, I am thrilled to invite you into the whimsical universe created by Roald Dahl and brought to life, thanks to the generosity of our incredible donors, on the Jeannette Lipford stage by our very talented BFA theatre students.

Matilda is a celebration of courage, intelligence, and the power of imagination. In the heart of this story, you'll find Matilda, a remarkable young girl who discovers her extraordinary abilities in the face of adversity. Her journey reminds us all that no matter how small you are, you can make a big difference in the world.

In our production, faith takes center stage. Not just religious faith, but the faith we place in ourselves and in the inherent goodness of the world. Matilda, our young protagonist, embodies this unwavering faith as she faces the challenges of her extraordinary life.

Faith, in its various forms, threads through the tapestry of this story. Matilda's unyielding faith in her abilities, her courage to stand up against injustice, and her boundless belief in the power of kindness remind us of the strength that faith can bestow upon us. It is this very faith that fuels her resilience, enabling her to overcome the hurdles that life throws her way.

As you witness Matilda's journey, I invite you to reflect on your own faith – in yourself, in the people around you, and in the infinite possibilities that life presents. Theatre, like faith, allows us to explore the depths of human emotion and connect with something greater than ourselves. It is a testament to the power of belief, in stories and in each other.

Through captivating music, enchanting choreography, and heartfelt performances, we aim to transport you to a place where the impossible becomes possible, and where the strength of a young girl's spirit triumphs over challenges.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to Dr. Phil Schubert, Kevin Campbell, the administration and so many others who have made this production possible. I also want to thank our incredibly dedicated cast, crew, and creative team for their hard work and passion in bringing this production to life. Finally, a special thank you to you, our audience, for joining us on this enchanting journey. Your presence here tonight makes all of this possible and means the world to our students.

So, sit back, relax, and let the enchantment of *Matilda* fill your hearts. Thank you for being a part of our story, and I hope you enjoy the show!

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By Morgan Whitley



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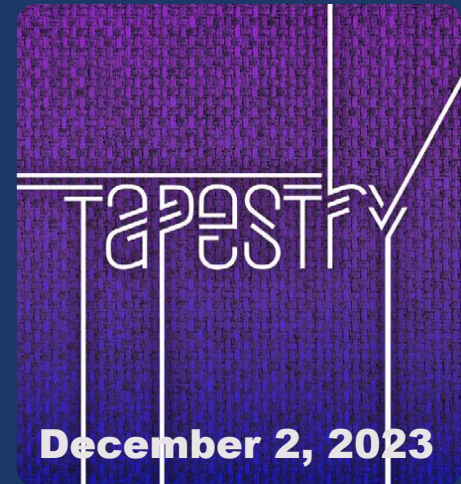


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