

OPERA HOUSE PLAYERS

ELKADER OPERA HOUSE



2021-2022 SEASON

About the Opera House Players

For over 50 years the OHP has been bringing entertainment to the stage in Elkader! In the fall, with the support of many people from all over northeast Iowa and southwest Wisconsin, the Opera House Players have presented such blockbusters as *Singin' In The Rain*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, *Disney's Mary Poppins*, *Oliver!*, *Peter Pan*, *Annie*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *My Fair Lady*, and *Music Man*.

In the spring, the productions usually involve a somewhat smaller cast and crew, but are never short on entertainment! Our summer "black box" theater features an on stage production with a more "edgy" theme. The group also schedules a special holiday musical or play every other season, alternating that with A Classic Christmas Fantasy, a showcase of area talent.

The Opera House Players sponsor summer theater events for area children to give them a taste of theater. We also provide educational events for area schools whenever possible.

The improvements to this marvelous structure continue by financial donations from the OHP, other businesses and supporters, but also by the numerous OHP volunteers that spend countless hours making it happen.

The Opera House Players installed a hearing loop for the Main Floor Seating, helped create new dressing rooms, built a removable pit cover, added new stage curtains, updated to a new lighting system with several new fixtures and capabilities added yearly, and are upgrading the back stage area as well as technical aspects of theater, sound, & rigging to make the building even more valuable to the community.

All of this would not be possible without the support of the City of Elkader who maintains this wonderful facility and who worked hand in hand with the volunteers to make it happen. Our grateful thanks also goes to you, our patrons, members, and audience members for supporting theater in this area.

Volunteers are the cornerstone of any community theater group and the Opera House Players are lucky to have some of the best. Whether you have a theater background or not, this is a place for you to get involved. People from all walks of life participate, forming new friendships, learning new skills, and gaining self-confidence. What kinds of opportunities are available? Acting, directing, set construction, orchestra, publicity, props, costumes, make-up, ushering... and much more!

Be sure to look for announcements on our future productions as well as other events occurring in the Opera House. If you would like more information about our group or theater, visit our website at www.operahouseplayers.com.



Roald Dahl's Matilda the Musical

Book by Dennis Kelly
Music & Lyrics by Tim Minchin

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MEET THE CAST

Matilda Wormwood - Taryn Moser - Taryn is very excited to be performing in this awesome show, especially as Matilda is one of her dream roles. Taryn played Michael in *Mary Poppins* (2018), a role that got her a 'Best Supporting Actress' nomination from the Iowa Community Theatre Association. You may have also seen Taryn on our stage as a child in *Christmas on Broadway* (2015), Gladys Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (2017), Little Skeeter in *Fruitcakes* (2019), or performing in one of the annual spring cabarets. Taryn has taken part in seven children's theater productions and was a munchkin in MFL MarMac High School's *Wizard of Oz* (2015). Taryn is a 6th grader at MFL MarMac. She plays the piano, guitar and percussion. She lives in McGregor with her parents and three siblings.

Miss Honey - Meghan Birdnow - This is Meghan's 3rd OHP performance, following *Mary Poppins* (2018), and *It Runs in the Family* (2019). Meghan performed in many musicals and plays in high school. She grew up in Jesup, Iowa, and now resides in McGregor with husband, Justin, and three beautiful daughters. A nurse by trade, Mother first and foremost, she enjoys participating in plays, musicals, and choirs. Her strong passion for the arts was placed to the side for many years, as family came first. She wants to thank her husband, Justin for taking the home reins so "so this Mama can continue to share her love of all things music."

Miss Trunchbull - Jonathon Moser - Jonathon is excited to play this fantastically horrible role in Matilda! This show marks his 30th OHP production. Some of his other recent favorites include Leo Bloom in *The Producers* (2019), Frank Abagnale Jr. in *Catch Me If You Can* (2017), and the loveable ogre Shrek in *Shrek the Musical* (2015). Jonathon enjoyed helping his wife, Cheri, come up with all the plans to make this huge show happen. Jonathon, along with Cary Kann, recently won a 'Best Scenic Design' award from the Iowa Community Theatre Association for his work in *The Producers* (2019). Jonathon is a chiropractor in McGregor where he lives with his wife and children: Mariah (Nigel), Taryn (Matilda), Trace and Gretel. He is the co-owner of Grumpsters Cabins, a beautiful getaway in the hills of McGregor.

Director..... Cheri Moser
Musical Direction..... Brandon Douglas
Choreography..... Erin Horst
Producer..... Kay Moser

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The Elkader Opera House has an induction loop system thanks to an upgrade of the sound equipment by the Opera House Players. With the activation of the T-coil by your audiologist and instruction on its use, you can receive the maximum benefit from your hearing aid. The internal tonal correction of your hearing aid will bring the sounds you hear directly to you without the use of an additional receiver or headset. Two portable units are available for your use as well. Please request the use of a unit when you place your ticket order. This loop system is available for main floor seating only, so if you want to maximize your hearing experience, please request main floor seating when purchasing your tickets.

Mr. Wormwood - David Beck -David has been active with the Opera House Players since Spring 2002, when he accompanied at the piano in Stardust. This led to a role in the 100th anniversary production of *The Governor's Son* in November 2003. Since then David has been cast in such memorable roles as Donkey in *Shrek the Musical* (2015), Roger DeBris in *The Producers* (2019), Fagin in *Oliver!* (2012) and Elwood P Dowd in *Harvey* (2016). David fills his spare time with researching local history, genealogy, photography, piano and collecting cuckoo clocks. He is involved with the Garnavillo Historical Society, the Elkader Historical Society and the Motor Mill Foundation.

Mrs. Wormwood - Avalon Dziak - Avalon is thrilled to be back on the Opera House stage as Mrs. Wormwood. You may remember her as Sandy in *Four Weddings and an Elvis* (2021), or from yesteryear when she was much shorter. After growing up doing all the musicals, she went to college for musical theater and now has a fancy degree in the singing and the dancing. She moved around a bunch, including such exotic climes as South Dakota, Vermont, and Chicago, performing and serving coffee and being generally entertaining. She lives in Marquette with two cats and one very nervous fish.

Michael Wormwood - Christopher Lange - This is Christopher's third OHP production, appearing in *Mary Poppins* (2018) as part of the children's ensemble, and playing the lead role of Jamie Jamison in *Fruitcakes* (2019). Christopher has also taken part in the OHP summer theatre camps for three years. In addition to acting in plays, Christopher is actively involved in the musicals and plays at Ed-Co, along with staying busy with football, basketball, track and baseball. He is currently an 8th grader. When his time is not being spent enjoying the activities mentioned, you can find him playing more sports with his friends, playing video games, and creating art. The little bit of time he has left goes to his family, which includes his dad Andrew, mom Jenny, brother Ryan, sister Haley, and dog Kate.

Rudolpho - Cameron Berges - Cameron has been involved in various community theatre groups throughout Northeast Iowa since 2016. This is Cameron's third OHP production. Past performances include the title role in *A Year in the Death of Eddie Jester* (2019) and Bert in *Mary Poppins* (2018), a portrayal that landed him the 'Best Actor in a Musical' award from the Iowa Community Theatre Association. Hailing from Waukon, Cameron cherishes time spent with his wife Sara, daughters Emma & Jocelyn, and son Gavin.

Mrs. Phelps - Mary Beth Specht - Mary Beth is beyond thrilled to be playing the part of Mrs. Phelps in the enchanting musical Matilda. Sharing the stage with such talented youth is humbling. Watching their pure joy and excitement as they sing, dance and act is a priceless gift. Costuming this cast and watching the characters and story come alive on stage is a rewarding part of the theatrical experience. Mary Beth has treasured every moment on the Opera House stage since her first venture in the ensemble of the musical *Oliver* (2012). A New York native and Midwest transplant, she loves golf, hiking, biking but mostly her role of Nana to her three precious grandchildren.

Doctor / Escapologist - Brandon Douglas - Brandon is excited to be back on the Elkader Opera House stage and theaters in general. You likely have seen Brandon in the recent productions of *The Producers* (2019) as Max Bialystock, *Mary Poppins* (2018), *Almost Maine* (2018), and *Comedy of Tenors* (2018). When Brandon is not rehearsing, you may find him teaching music at Central Schools, directing music at Peace UCC, writing his own music, or ice skating along the Turkey River. He would also like to remind you, "Don't try these stunts at home kids!" and to look to your horizons!

Acrobat / Parent / Big Kid / Dance Ensemble - Emily Wynthein - Emily has always loved singing, but has never had an opportunity to participate in a musical. After moving to Arlington from Waterloo this last year, the OHP production of *Matilda* felt like the perfect stage debut and chance to meet some local people. Being a part of the ensemble has been an incredible stretch and challenge, but she has most enjoyed getting to know some incredible people and growing along with them. Singing and dancing in the evenings has been a fun diversion from her daily work at Arlington Meat Locker. In her spare time she also enjoys cooking, baking, and spending time on the family farm.

Party Entertainer / Sergei - Andrew Lange - This is Andrew's first OHP production, but has been coming to the Opera House as an avid theatre goer for many years, watching his son, Christopher perform. Andrew grew up in a musical family as both his parents were high school and middle school band directors. He was active in band, choir, and musical theatre while in school, but all that took a back seat to having a family and career. Andrew is happy to be back on stage, and couldn't think of a better cast and crew to work with. Andrew lives in Edgewood with his wife, Jenny, children, Christopher, Ryan, and Haley, and their dog, Kate.

Bruce - Gavin West - Gavin is a 6th grader at Starmont Middle School, and the son of Danielle and Darren West. Gavin has always loved singing, but this was his first time auditioning for any type of stage production. He's had a lot of fun practicing for the play, and has learned a ton! At school, Gavin also plays percussion instruments in the school band. When Gavin's not at school or play practice, he stays busy playing sports and hanging out with his friends and two younger brothers. He also enjoys hunting, fishing, and traveling with his family. *Matilda* may be his first stage production, but he says it won't be his last.

Lavender - Macy McGeough - Macy is 11 years old and a sixth grader at MFL MarMac. Macy's first taste of the stage was in 2015 as a munchkin in MFL MarMac's *The Wizard of Oz*. This will be Macy's second big OHP production opportunity and she is over the top excited to play the role of Matilda's best friend. Macy was a part of *Fruitcakes* (2019) and participated in the OHP Children's Theater Productions of *Gulliver's Travels* (2018), *We Are Monsters* (2019) and *BOTS* (2021). Macy has many activities outside of the theater. She enjoys playing basketball, softball, volleyball, crafting, playing the piano and saxophone. She lives in Marquette with her parents, 3 sibling and 2 dogs. She aspires to be a doctor in her future.

Nigel - Mariah Moser - This is Mariah's 7th OHP production. She played a gnome in *Shrek the Musical* (2015), a child in *Christmas on Broadway* (2015), a kid/chef/squirrel in *Willy Wonka* (2016), Claude Herdman in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (2017), Fannie in *Mary Poppins* (2018) and Sally in *Fruitcakes* (2019). Mariah has also been on stage in eight children's theater productions, was a munchkin in MFL MarMac High School's *Wizard of Oz* (2015) and played the role of Molly in MFL MarMac High School's *Annie* (2018). Mariah is in 8th grade at MFL MarMac. She is involved in band, choir, Stu Crew, Kindness Crew, cross country and track. In her spare time, Mariah enjoys reading, playing piano, reading, water skiing, reading, playing guitar, reading, babysitting, reading, playing french horn and reading some more. Mariah lives in McGregor with her dad, mom, and three younger siblings.

Amanda - Greylyn Hubanks - Greylyn is 10 years old and enjoys singing, dancing, and being part of various athletics in her home town of Prairie du Chien, WI. You can find her spending time with her pets, friends and family in her downtime. This is Greylyn's second musical performance this year. The first took place this summer when she portrayed Violet Beauregarde at the Prairie du Chien Intermediate School's middle school musical, *Willy Wonka*. *Matilda* being her first debut at the Elkader Opera House. She enjoys being a part of the Opera House Players and is having a great time with the cast of *Matilda*!

Erica - Maria Stavroplus - Maria, a freshman, enjoys playing the piano, being part of the Waterhawks Swim Team, band, choir, FFA, speech, SODA, performing in musicals and plays. Maria has performed in two middle school plays and one high school musical. Maria's debut at the Opera House was with *Christmas on the Air* (2013) followed by several other performances. She enjoys being a part of the Opera House Players and has had a grand time with the cast of *Matilda*.

Alice - Jerica Wille - This is Jerica's first Opera House performance. Jerica is an 8th grader at MFL MarMac where she is involved in volleyball, softball, basketball, track, band, chorus, show choir band, & Stu crew. She danced with Brenda's School of Dance for 10 years. Jerica loves being part of the OHP, especially the dancing. In her free time Jerica likes to hang out with her friends and go swimming. Jerica lives in Monona with her mom, dad, and 2 brothers. Her future plans are to become a speech pathologist.

Hortensia - Addison Buchheit - Addison is a freshman at MFL MarMac High School where she is involved in Show Choir, FFA, SODA, as well as school plays and musicals. Outside of school, she enjoys bowling and Marvel movies. Addison lives Monona with her parents, Scott & Mindy and sister, Amara.

Tammy - Julia Grau - Julia is 13 years old and a 7th grader at MFL MarMac. Julia's first experience on stage was back in 2015, when she was 7 years old, as a munchkin in MFL MarMac's musical *The Wizard of Oz*. Julia also participated and enjoyed being in the OHP Children's Theater Production of *Black Beard's Pirate* (2014). After seeing her big sister, Rose, perform in *The Producers* (2019), she

knew she also wanted to perform on the OHP's stage! This is Julia's first big OHP production and she could not be more excited! Some of Julia's other interests and activities include: baking, making crafts, art, playing piano, playing percussion, chorus, cross country, dancing, and babysitting. Julia lives outside of Monona with her parents, Josh and Annette and 5 siblings, Rose, Joe, Clare, Emma and Leo.

Parent / Big Kid / Dance Ensemble - Jaxton Schroeder - Jaxton is a senior at MFL MarMac High School. This is his first OHP production but he is no stranger to the arts! He has participated in two high school musicals, *Annie* and *You're A Good Man Charlie Brown* as well as two middle school plays, *Leaving Iowa* and *McBeth Off-Kilter*. He is also a member of the Legacy Show Choir and a 5-time All-State Speech nominee. If you recognize his voice, it may be from his job at KCTN/KADR. Jaxton is really excited to be a part of *Matilda*, a larger and more complex show with people he has not performed with before. Jaxton says, "The dancing and blocking is complex and fun, but the music is even better!"

Parent / Big Kid / Dance Ensemble - Sam Frailey - Sam's first experience with the OHP in *Fruitcakes* (2019) was so much fun he was eager to try out for a musical! Being part of the big kid ensemble has "stretched his chops" and although it isn't his first experience in musical theater, he is grateful for the experience. As a young boy, Sam participated in the musicals *Beauty and the Beast* and *Cinderella* as a village person for Prairie du Chien High School. He sings with his family for church specials and has participated in Prairie Christian Academy's school choir. He regularly played roles for PCA's annual *Patch the Pirate* play. His love of performing is mostly due to encouragement from his mother and grandmother who actually bribed him to play the role of Kurt in *The Sound of Music* at Prairie du Chien High School. He accepted even though he had the time of his life, made great friends, and said he would have done it for free if he knew how much he was going to like it. He is looking forward to being on stage singing and dancing again and maybe being a little bit naughty this year for you!

Parent / Big Kid / Dance Ensemble - Alice Gifford - Alice is a senior who plans on graduating early this year through home schooling. She currently lives in Elkader with her parents and has two older sisters. Alice has had a long and great experience with the Elkader Opera House. She has participated in *Shrek* (2015), *Willy Wonka* (2016), *Mary Poppins* (2018), and *The Producers* (2019), along with many cabarets and Christmas shows. Alice's favorite way to relax is by spending time singing, acting, making art, traveling, and spending time with loved ones.

Parent / Big Kid / Dance Ensemble - Audrey Ruff - Audrey is 15 years old and a sophomore at John R. Mott Jr/Sr High School in Postville. She lives with her parents, Carl Ruff and Casey Johnson and her two little sisters, Cheyenne and Hattie. This is Audrey's third Opera House Players production after her performances as Baby Bear in *Shrek* (2015) and as Amanda/Squirrel/Cook in *Willy Wonka* (2016). She is active in volleyball, softball, speech, theater, flag squad, and choir. She is a Thespian Leader for troupe 417 and an active musical theater performer. Audrey enjoys singing, dancing, cosplaying, and winning monopoly games with her family.

Parent / Big Kid / Dance Ensemble - Bridget Camp - After a ten year hiatus, Bridget could not be more grateful to be back on the Opera House stage, a place she considers to be a rare gem in this small community. She especially enjoyed learning from the incredibly talented people involved in this show and loved being constantly challenged outside of her comfort zone. Bridget resides in Elkader with her husband, Drew, and their four young children: Erin, Liza, Blair, and Ben. Together they own and operate Camp Powersports-NAPA Auto Parts in Elkader. She would like to thank her parents, Jim and Linda Oelrich, for investing in music and dance training when she was younger and also thank her husband for doing a swell job of solo-parenting during rehearsals and performances! Bridget's past OHP involvement includes ensemble roles in *Fiddler on the Roof* (2008), *Music Man* (2009), and *Forgotten Carols* (2011).

Parent / Big Kid / Dance Ensemble - Marlie Hettinger - Marlie is a 15 year old who lives in Dundee and has 2 younger brothers. She is a sophomore at Starmont High School where she is involved in band, choir, track and field, plays and musicals at school. She has so far been in *Quarenteens* and is currently practicing for an upcoming musical at the school called *Working*. This is her first OHP performance and hopes to be in more shows. When she's not at practices she spends her time surrounding herself with music, friends, family, and art.

Parent / Big Kid / Dance Ensemble - Megan Brase - Megan is the daughter of Dan and Beth Brase. Matilda is her OHP debut, but it's not her first time on stage. She was in her middle school play *The Trial of Goldilocks*, and two high school productions: *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* and *Quarenteens*. She's also currently in her school's fall musical *Working*. Megan is a junior at Starmont High School and participates in choir, speech, robotics, band, plays, 4-H, and dance. In her free time, she enjoys playing guitar and ukulele and hanging out with her friends.

Director - Cheri Moser - Cheri has been involved in over 35 OHP shows in the past 29 years. She was recently named 'Best Director' by the Iowa Community Theatre Association for her direction of OHP's *The Producers* (2019). Other OHP shows she has directed include *Willy Wonka* (2016), *Catch Me If You Can* (2017), *Mary Poppins* (2018) and *Fruitcakes* (2019). Some of her favorite roles on stage include Millie in *Thoroughly Modern Millie* (2014) and Princess Fiona in *Shrek the Musical* (2015). Cheri holds several day-jobs including marketing for the MFL MarMac School District, an Administrative Assistant at Trinity Cluster and she co-owns and runs Grumpsters Cabins with her husband, Jonathon. Cheri lives in McGregor with Jonathon and their four children.

Producer - Kay Moser – Kay has been involved with the OHP since 1973. She has appeared on stage a few times, but is most often found producing, stage managing, and helping the cast and crews in any way she can is where she is most comfortable. She enjoys life with her husband, Jay. Spending time with her son Benjamin, wife Jenna, their sons, Kallum and Ronan along with son Jonathon, wife Cheri, their children, Mariah, Taryn, Trace and Gretel makes her life complete.

The Cast

Matilda Wormwood..... Taryn Moser
 Miss Honey..... Meghan Birdnow
 Miss Trunchbull..... Jonathon Moser
 Mr. Wormwood..... David Beck
 Mrs. Wormwood..... Avalon Dziak
 Michael Wormwood..... Christopher Lange
 Rudolpho..... Cameron Berges
 Mrs. Phelps..... Mary Beth Specht
 Doctor / Escapologist..... Brandon Douglas
 Acrobat..... Emily Wynthein
 Party Entertainer / Sergei..... Andrew Lange
 Bruce..... Gavin West
 Lavender..... Macy McGeough
 Amanda..... Greylyn Hubanks
 Nigel..... Mariah Moser
 Erica..... Maria Stavroplus
 Alice..... Jerica Wille
 Hortensia..... Addison Buchheit
 Tammy..... Julia Grau

PARENT / BIG KID / DANCE ENSEMBLE

Jaxton Schroeder, Sam Frailey, Alice Gifford,
 Audrey Ruff, Bridget Camp, Emily Wynthein,
 Marlie Hettinger & Megan Brase

*“Even if you're little you can do a lot.
 You mustn't let a little thing like little' stop you.”*

SCENES & SONGS

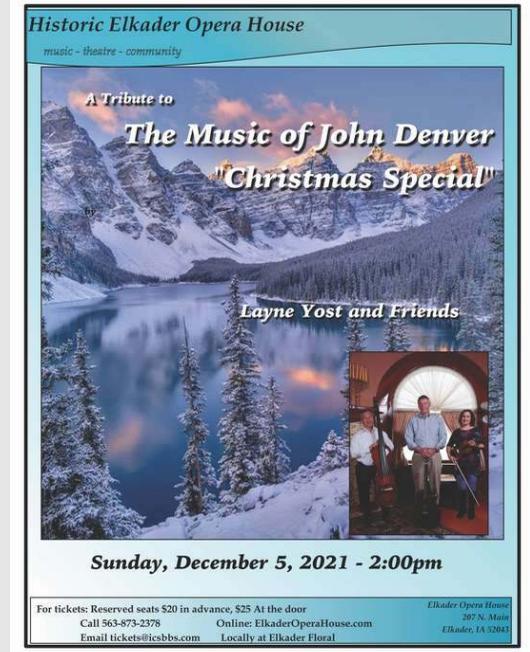
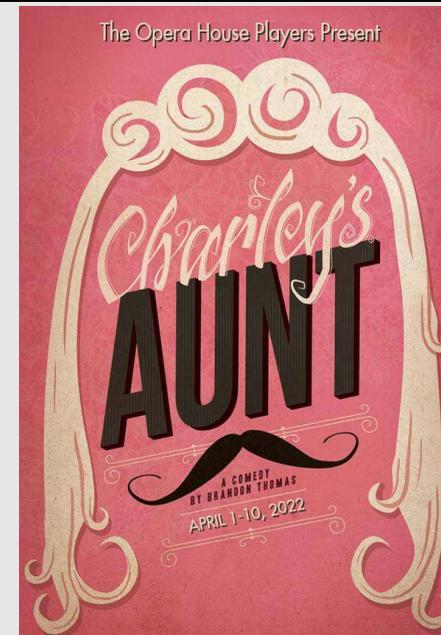
Scene 1: Birthday Party/Hospital	
“Miracle”	Ensemble
Scene 2: Wormwood Living Room	
Scene 3: Matilda's Bedroom	
“Naughty”	Matilda
Scene 4: Library	
Scene 5: Crunchem Hall	
“School Song”	Ensemble
“Pathetic”	Miss Honey
Scene 6: Trunchbull's Office	
“Hammer”	Miss Trunchbull / Ensemble
Scene 7: Wormwood Living Room	
Scene 8: Playground	
“Chokey Chant”	Big Kid Ensemble
Scene 9: Mechanic	
Scene 10: Wormwood Living Room	
“Loud”	Mrs. Wormwood / Rudolpho / Ensemble
Scene 11: Outside	
“This Little Girl”	Miss Honey
Scene 12: Library	
Scene 13: Crunchem Hall	
“Bruce”	Ensemble
15-minute Intermission	
Scene 14: Playground	
“When I Grow Up”	Students / Miss Honey / Matilda
Scene 15: Library	
Scene 16: Wormwood Living Room	
Scene 17: Matilda's Bedroom	
“I'm Here”	Matilda / Escapologist
Scene 18: Crunchem Hall	
“Smell of Rebellion”	Miss Trunchbull / Students / Miss Honey
“Quiet”	Matilda
Scene 19: Miss Honey's House	
“My House”	Miss Honey / Escapologist
Scene 20: Crunchem Hall	
“Revolting Children”	Bruce / Ensemble
Scene 21: Library	

Upcoming events at the Elkader Opera House

Country Memories

Saturday October 23, 2021

2 shows - 2pm & 7pm



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THE CREWS

SET CONSTRUCTION, DESIGN & PROPS

Jonathon Moser

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Mariah Moser
Gretel Moser
Jon Banse
Drew Camp
Liza Camp
Cameron Berges
Jocelyn Berges
Janet Ott
Greylyn Hubanks

Del Reimer

Kay Moser
David Beck
Taryn Moser
Scott Bucheit
Marge Banse
Bridget Camp
Darren West
Sarah Berges
Gavin Berges
Jerica Wille
Cassie Hubanks
Julia Grau

Cary Kann

Jay Moser
Wendy Shea
Trace Moser
Addison Bucheit
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Thanks to Kaylee Bachman for sharing her gymnastic expertise! And thanks to all who helped make this show possible after the program went to press.



Taryn Moser



Meghan Birdnow



Jonathon Moser



David Beck



Avalon Dziak



Christopher Lange



Cameron Berges



Mary Beth Specht



Brandon Douglas



Emily Wynthein



Andrew Lange



Gavin West



Macy McGeough



Mariah Moser



Greylyn Hubanks



Maria Stavroplus



Jerica Wille



Addison Buchheit



Julia Grau

“Somewhere inside all of us
is the power to change the
world.”

- Roald Dahl





Jaxton
Schroeder



Sam
Frailey



Alice
Gifford



Bridget
Camp



Audrey
Ruff



Megan
Brase



Marlie
Hettinger



A note from the Director

Matilda is the story of an extraordinary little girl who, with the help of her favorite teacher, great books, and a little bit of magic, finally outwits her foes and finds what every kid longs for; a truly loving home.

As we quickly find out, Matilda is living in overwhelming and potentially crushing chaos. Although there seems to be nothing but darkness around her, we must not fail to notice the powerful sentinel in her life: Miss Honey. Miss Honey introduces Matilda to books, to imagination, to humanity, and to genuine love. She gives her a sense of self. She helps Matilda recognize what is uniquely special about her. And, in turn, Matilda ends up as a light in the darkness for Miss Honey as well.

Every time I watch this show, I remember the feelings I had as a kid when the world felt huge and scary. And let's be honest, we feel that as adults as well. When that happens, I can think of at least a dozen people in my pathway who guided me, cheered for me and helped me through the darkness. Many of those people were just doing what they do every day and probably don't even know that they had an eternal impact on my life.

I truly believe this show is an homage to all those people who protect, defend, inspire and empower others to discover their own unique magic they never knew they had.

A special thanks to some of those who empower me: Jonathon Moser for dreaming up this show with me for the past two years. Kay Moser, Del Reimer, Mary Beth Specht, Dave Beck, and everyone who spent hours in the Opera House these last few months, pouring their hearts into this production. To the cast, who showed up to each rehearsal with energy, enthusiasm and smiles... thank you for your dedication! And to our audience, "Watch with glittering eyes the whole world around you because the greatest secrets are always hidden in the most unlikely places. Those who don't believe in magic, will never find it." Roald Dahl's Matilda

2021-2022 Supporting Members Actor's Circle (\$25-\$49)

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