DIRECTOR'S NOTES

Welcome to our production of *Matilda the Musical*!

There's something magical about watching a story where the smallest person in the room turns out to be the bravest. Tonight, you'll meet a little girl with a big imagination, a love of books, and the kind of quiet defiance that topples tyrants twice her size. You'll meet a headmistress who rules by fear, a teacher who leads with love, and a cast of kids who prove that even when the grown-ups get it wrong, courage and kindness win out.

This show has asked a lot of our students, and they have risen to meet it at every turn. Roald Dahl's world is big, strange, and specific, full of larger-than-life characters, sharp humor, and moments that swing from hilarious to genuinely moving in the space of a single scene. Our cast has had to find that balance night after night in rehearsal, and watching them grow into these roles has been one of the real joys of this season.

Tim Minchin's score is no small challenge either. The lyrics are quick, clever, and demanding, packed with wordplay and rhythm that require real precision, while the melodies ask for honesty and heart underneath all that wit. Our singers have put in the work to make these songs land exactly the way they should: funny when they need to be funny, and quietly devastating when they need to be that too.

Beyond the music and choreography, what strikes me most about this production is what it's really about: standing up for yourself, finding your people, and believing that you deserve better than what you've been given, even when no one else believes it yet. Our students have built that same spirit backstage. This cast and crew have supported each other through long rehearsals and late nights, and that sense of belonging shows in everything you're about to see.

Thank you for being here tonight. We hope *Matilda* reminds you, like it reminds us, that "sometimes you have to be a little bit naughty" to make things right.

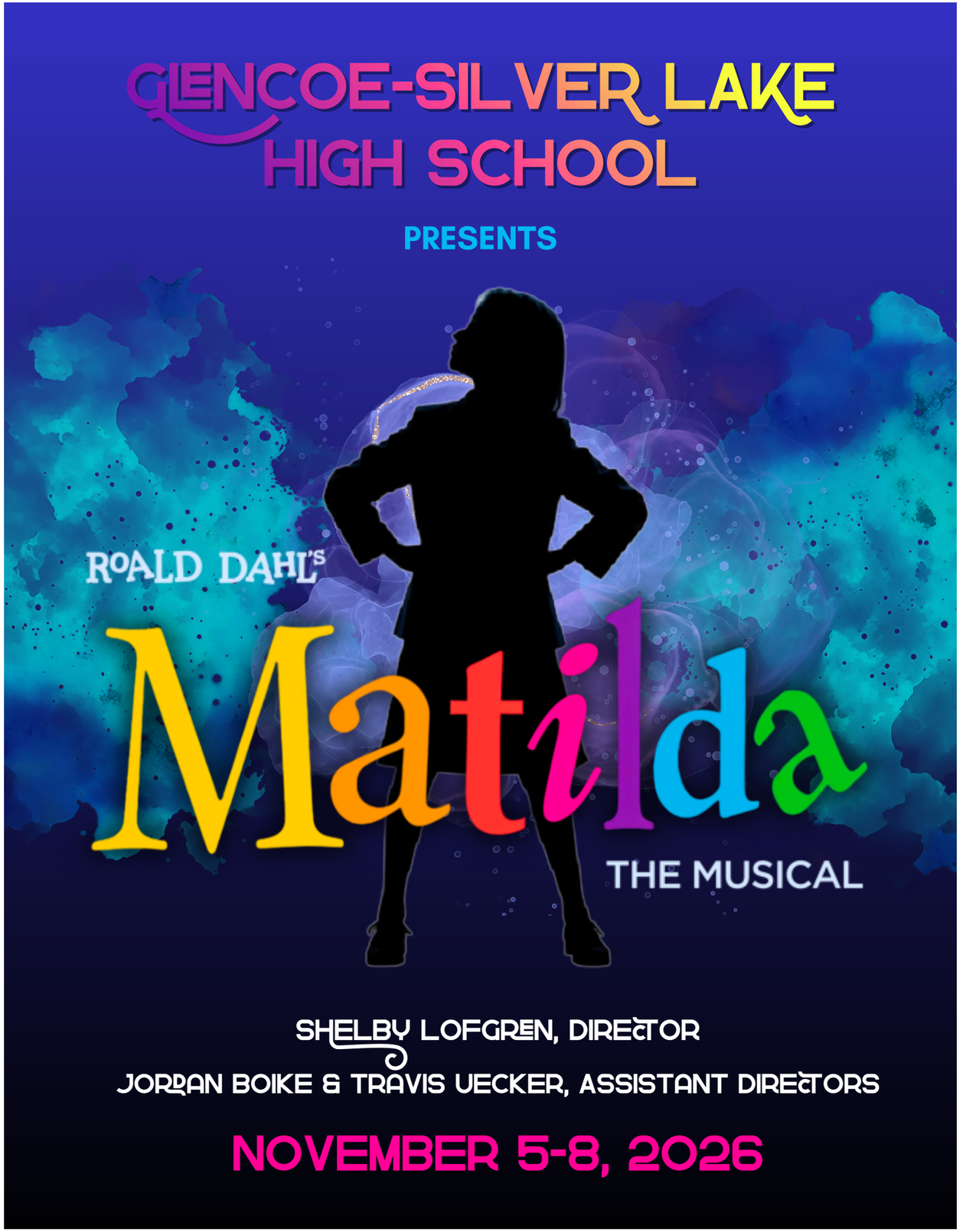
Enjoy the show!

Shelby Lofgren

AUDIENCE NOTICE: Please only exit or enter the auditorium between scenes. Please turn off all cell phones and other electronic devices. Parents or guardians are kindly asked to escort crying or talkative children to the commons.

There will be one 15-minute intermission at the conclusion of Act I. Food, gum, and beverages are not allowed in the auditorium. Restrooms are located in the east-west hallway east of the auditorium doors.

ANY VIDEO AND/OR AUDIO RECORDING OF THIS PRODUCTION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED.



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-**GSL Administration** for supporting the arts in our school.
-**Musical Parents** for supporting their students throughout the production.
-**Our families** for their patience and support during this incredibly busy time of directing a musical!

HENNEPIN ARTS

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THE AUTHORS

DENNIS KELLY 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. He has written the book for the new musical of Pinocchio which opens at the National Theatre at the end of 2017, and in 2018 his new play Girls and Boys opens at the Royal Court. His plays have been performed worldwide and to date have been translated into nearly forty languages. For television he co-wrote and co-created Pulling and wrote and created Utopia, and for film he wrote the screenplay for Black Sea, directed by Kevin MacDonald. He also wrote the book for the Olivier and Tony winning Matilda the Musical. In 2010 DNA became a set text on the GCSE English Literature syllabus.

TIM MINCHIN Tim is a musician, actor, comedian, writer and director. He's toured extensively in the US, UK and Australia, performing solo, with bands, and with symphony orchestras. He's released five DVDs, the most recent recorded with the Heritage Orchestra at the Royal Albert Hall. Screen acting credits include Robin Hood Origins (2018), Secret River (2015), and Californication (Season 6 - 2013). Stage acting credits include Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (Sydney Theatre Company) and Jesus Christ Superstar (UK/Australia tours). Tim has written extensively for theatre, and is the composer-lyricist of Matilda the Musical (with Dennis Kelly) and Groundhog Day the Musical (with Danny Rubin).

ROALD DAHL Roald Dahl (1916-1990) was the author of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Matilda, The BFG and many more of the world's best-loved children's stories. He remains one of the world's greatest storytellers and is celebrated annually by the world's biggest author-based event, Roald Dahl Day – which is recognised across the globe on 13th September.

His first children's story, James and the Giant Peach, published in 1961 and was a huge hit. Every subsequent book became a best-seller.

Today, his stories are available in 59 languages and, by a conservative estimate, he has sold more than 250 million books. Many of these stories have also been adapted for stage and screen, including the 1971 film classic Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, Wes Anderson's acclaimed Fantastic Mr Fox, and the Royal Shakespeare Company's multi-award winning production of Matilda The Musical.

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Thursday, November 5, 2026
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Sunday, November 8, 2026

Matilda was first commissioned and produced by the Royal Shakespeare Company and premiered at The Courtyard Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon, England on 9 November 2010.
It transferred to the Cambridge Theatre in the West End of London on 25 October 2011 and received its US premiere at the Shubert Theatre, New York City on 4 March 2013.

Orchestrations and Additional Music - Chris Nightingale

Original London and Broadway Production Credits:

Sound Design
Simon Baker

Lighting Design
Hugh Vanstone

Illusion
Paul Kieve

Set and Costume Design
Rob Howell

Choreography
Peter Darling

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ACT ONE

Miracle.....Kids, Parents, Matilda, Ensemble
Intro to Naughty.....
Naughty.....Matilda
Green Hair.....
Hear a Song.....
Good Luck With The Tolstoy.....
Acrobat Story I.....Acrobat, Escapologist
School Song.....Kids
Matilda's Books - Pathetic Intro.....
Pathetic.....Miss Honey
Trunchbull Office.....
The Hammer.....Trunchbull, Kids
Hammer to Wormwoods.....
Naughty Reprise (Superglue).....Matilda
Chokey Chant.....Kids
Amanda Thripp/Pigtails.....
Mechanics.....
Loud.....Mrs. Wormwood, Rudolpho, Ensemble
This Little Girl.....Miss Honey
Acrobat Story II.....
Library Into Classroom.....
Biggest Hug.....
Burp Sequence.....
Bruce.....Kids

INTERMISSION

All I Know.....Mr. Wormwood

MEET THE DIRECTORS



SHELBY LOFGREN as **DIRECTOR**. Mrs. Lofgren is so excited to be back and directing this year's production of *Matilda*! A native of Albia, Iowa, Mrs. Lofgren directs the high school and junior high choirs at GSL, earning her Bachelor of Music degree from Simpson College and her Master of Music degree from the University of Florida. Mrs. Lofgren loves musical theater and has directed or acted in several productions, including *Grease*, *Mamma Mia!, Shrek the Musical*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *High School Musical*, *Footloose,* and others. She also directs the Crow River Singers community choir and serves on the social media team for the RiverSong Music Festival. Outside of her professional commitments, she enjoys reading, spending time with her family and friends, and traveling. She's determined to order her Starbucks latte in as many countries as possible! Mrs. Lofgren resides in Hutchinson with her husband, Chris, and their son, Brooks. She would like to thank the cast, crew, and her fellow directors for their extremely hard work this season!



JORDAN BOIKE as **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR I**. Mrs. Boike is excited to return for her third year as the assistant musical director for this year's production of Matilda! This is Mrs. Boike's 7th year of teaching and her third year at GSL, teaching 9th and 10th grade English. Beyond the classroom and stage, Mrs. Boike loves to read, express her creativity, conquer house projects, sing on her church's worship team, and spend time with her family. Mrs. Boike and her husband Bailey have two kids, Della (4) and Archie (1), both of whom have birthdays next week. Her goal is to keep the revolting children at home to a minimum! Mrs. Boike would like to thank her family for their patience and support during the busy musical season as well as thank the set builder for his patience and willingness to put up with her "bossiness." She would also like to thank her fellow directors for their dedication and tireless effort, the cast and crew for their hard work, and any of her students who stepped in to help make this happen! Now, sit back, relax, and prepare for a magical time!



TRAVIS UECKER as **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR II**. Mr. Uecker is excited to be able to assist with this year's production of *Matilda*! This is Mr. Uecker's second time helping with the fall musical. He has co-directed two spring plays at GSL, including *Around the World in 8 Plays* and *Alice in Wonderland*. Mr. Uecker attended GSL High School and was a member of the cast in eleven productions at GSL, including playing the role of Donkey in *Shrek the Musical*. Outside of working as a paraprofessional at the Jr./Sr. High School and directing, Mr. Uecker enjoys volunteering at his church and playing board, card, and video games. He would like to thank his amazing colleagues for making it a fun and meaningful experience as well as the awesome cast and crew for bringing this production to life. Enjoy the show!

WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST AND CREW



IVIE MATHWIG as **Stage Crew**. GSL'29. Ivie role in this year's musical, *Matilda*, is Stage Crew. She is a sophomore at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, and this marks her third his year helping out behind the scenes. The activities Ivie participates in at her school are Nova Voce Choir, and in the spring she runs track. In her free time, Ivie enjoys shopping and going on walks or runs. Ivie would like to thank her friends for supporting her every year in musical, her sister because she joined with her, and everybody who's involved in the musical for making it happen and being so welcoming. Enjoy the show!



DELANEY PERBIX as **Stage Crew**. '30. Delaney, or Lane, is in her first year of high school but her second year of doing stage crew for musical! She was scared to join her first year, but not only was *Mamma Mia!* funnier and easier than she thought it would be, but the people were all so welcoming. Lane is in the school band, playing flute since 5th grade, and also plans on being cast in the school's upcoming spring and one act play. She loves acting, writing, reading, and painting. She wants to give her thanks to the directors, the seniors who always have answers to her questions, and friends and family who encouraged her to join and stay. Thank you for coming; enjoy the show!



DANNA PEREZ as **Ensemble**. GSL'30. Danna, a freshman at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, is thrilled to be in the musical *Matilda*, especially to have lines in it. This is her third year doing musical, previously appearing in *Footloose* and *Mamma Mia!* She absolutely loves every single moment of it. Danna also participates in band and choir. Outside of school, she likes to craft, go out with friends, and spend time with her family. She would like to thank the directors, the entire cast and crew, and her godmothers for supporting her endlessly. Good luck, everyone!



EMILIA ROSKAMP as **Acrobat**. GSL'31. Emilia is an 8th grader who attends GSL and is playing multiple ensemble roles in this year's production of *Matilda*. She is very excited to have a few lines and solos! Emilia has previously appeared in several productions, including GSL's production of *Newsies*, *Mamma Mia!*, and *The Crucible* with the Fungus Amongus Players. In addition to acting, Emilia loves to sing for her youth group and church, and she is involved in both 8th grade Band and Choir (playing clarinet, bassoon, and a little percussion). Outside of acting, she also loves to hang out with family and do her nails. She would like to thank her family and friends for supporting her and encouraging her to try out for this musical. She would also like to thank her friends that are also in *Matilda* for all the support and laughs they have given her! Enjoy!



CHLOE WALTERS as **Light Board Operator**. GSL'29. Chloe, a sophomore at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, is excited to be back in the booth where she can control the lighting for the musical! Chloe has manned the light board since starting Junior High, participating in productions such as *Beauty and The Beast*, *Footloose*, *Mamma Mia!*, and now, *Matilda*. She is also involved in choir, band, knowledge bowl, and the spring play! When not doing homework or other import work, she loves to draw, write her own stories, or just take a simple nap. Chloe would like to thank everyone in the musical, past and present, for showing her how fun it can be to bring together something that tons of people can come and enjoy! Enjoy the show!



PEYTON ZELLMANN as **Amanda Thripp**. GSL'29. Peyton, a sophomore at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, is playing the role of Amanda. She has done the musical for 2 years now, being a part of *Mamma Mia*! and now *Matilda*. Besides the musical, she's also in the Nova Voce Choir and Chamber Singers, FFA, the art club, and three seasons of softball. When she's not at school, she likes to hang out with her friends and family and enjoys a ride on her Gator with her dog! She wants to thank her family, friends, fellow cast members, and directors for supporting her through every step. Enjoy the show and trust her... NEVER wear your hair in pigtails!



SUMMER ZIMBRICK as **Ensemble**. GSL ' 30. Summer, a freshman at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School, is thrilled to be making her stage debut in the ensemble in this year's production of *Matilda*! This is Summer's third musical with GSL, previously working backstage for *Mamma Mia!* and *Footoose.* She's in Nova Voce choir and band. Outside of school, she participates in dance. Summer is thankful to her family for helping her throughout the production. Enjoy the show, and she wishes everyone good luck!

ACT TWO

Telly Off & Lavender's Newt.....

When I Grow Up.....Kids, Miss Honey, Matilda

Acrobat Story III.....

I'm So Clever.....Mr. Wormwood

Bookworm.....

Acrobat Story IV (I'm Here).....Escapologist, Matilda

What Are You Doing With Those Books.....

The Smell of Rebellion.....Trunchbull, Kids, Matilda, Miss Honey

Newt I.....

Newt II.....

Quiet.....Matilda

Newt III/2nd Glass Tipping.....

Walk to Miss Honey's.....

My House.....Miss Honey, Escapologist

The Trunchbull Revelation.....

Nigel's Cat.....

Chalk Writing.....

Revolting Children.....Kids

A Few Days Later.....

We're Going to Spain.....

Arrival of the Bulgarians.....

Backwards.....

Priyatno Mi E Da Se Zapoznaem.....

They Had Found Each Other.....

Bows.....Company

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Matilda Wormwood.....Winifred Beste Zehnder
Miss Agatha Trunchbull.....Sophia Cross
Miss Jennifer Honey.....Lily Brelje
Mr. Harry Wormwood.....Maxwell Beste Zehnder
Mrs. Zinnia Wormwood.....Regan Anderson
Michael Wormwood.....Beau Brelje
Mrs. Phelps.....Bailey Betsinger
Bruce Bogtrotter.....Brynn Magnuson
Lavender.....Josie Lindeman
Amanda Thripp.....Peyton Zellmann
Tommy.....William Madden
Nigel.....Austin Barthel
Hortensia/Doctor.....Sophie Dolezal
Rudolpho.....William Johnson
The Escapologist.....Cortez Johnson
The Acrobat.....Emilia Roskamp
Sergei.....Karlson Buboltz
Ensemble.....Taylor Foss
Danna Perez
Summer Zimbrick



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CORTEZ JOHNSON as **Escapologist**. GSL'28. Cortez is a junior at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School and is playing the Escapologist in the ensemble of *Matilda*. This is Cortez's second musical; his first was *Mamma Mia!* He's a member of GSL Concert Choir, GSL Chamber Singers, and Concert Band. Outside of school, Cortez likes to play soccer, video games, and hang out with friends, and he's grateful for the friendships he's built through music and theater.



WILLIAM JOHNSON as **Rudolpho**. '28. William is a junior at Glencoe-Silver Lake High School. While William participated in Spring Play last year, this is his first time in the musical, and he is ecstatic to bring the role of Rudolpho to life! He is also in Concert Choir andvolunteers outside of school at the McLeod County Food Shelf. He would like to thank the people that convinced him to join theater productions, and his family. Enjoy the show!



AIDEN LENZEN as **Stage Crew**. GSL'30. Aiden has once again joined the musical as Stage Crew, proving that three consecutive years of biography silence cannot dampen his devotion to the theater! Backstage, Aiden remains a master of his craft, perfecting the delicate skill of pretending he knows exactly where every prop belongs. When he's not keeping the mysteries of backstage alive, Aiden continues his long-standing hobbies: staring intensely at walls for inspiration, collecting unmatched socks "for science," and practicing his world-class ability to nap standing up during tech week. This year, he's branched out even further, dabbling in competitive thumb-wrestling with himself, attempting to train a houseplant to do his chores, and conducting extensive research into whether cereal truly counts as soup. He would like to thank Mrs. Lofgren for once again writing his biography for him, as Aiden was reportedly "deep in negotiations" with the aforementioned houseplant. Enjoy the show!



CLAIRE LINDEMAN as **Stage Crew**. GSL'31. Claire is excited beyond words for this musical in particular! She is an eighth grader and part of the stage crew in *Matilda*. She had the same role in *Mamma Mia!*, last year's musical. Claire is in both choir and band, and she plays the clarinet. Outside of school, she enjoys reading, especially stories that let her imagination run wild. She would like to thank her family for understanding that during musical season, she will come home with paint on her clothes! Enjoy the show!



GRAHAM LINDEMAN as **Stage Crew**. GSL'32. Graham, a seventh grader at Glencoe-Silver Lake Junior High School, is excited to be in *Matilda* this year! This is his first year in musical, and he has liked every minute of it. In school, he is also a member of band. Outside of school, he likes to read, play outside, play with his siblings, and cuddle his cats, kittens, and dog. He would like to thank his parents and siblings for getting him to this moment in life, and the directors for all the support they gave. Take your places... action!



JOSIE LINDEMAN as **Lavender**. GSL'29. Josie, playing Lavender, is in tenth grade, and this is her first time being in a theatty production. Josie participates in Chamber Singers, Nova Voce, FFA, Art Club, and is the sophomore class secretary. Josie's favorite hobbies are doing art and spending time outside. Josie would like to thank Mr. Metcalf and Mrs. Anderson, who were her cross country coaches for 3 years before she joined the musical, for helping her grow into the person she is today. She also wants to thank her sister, who never stops inspiring her to sing.



WILLIAM MADDEN as **Tommy**. GSL '30. William, a freshman at GSL, has never been in musical before, though he has found the experience to be more rewarding than he expected. He has also been a part of the GSL Knowledge Bowl team, and choir. Outside of school and theater, he enjoys video games and swimming, particularly for the chance to have fun and meet other people, as long as they have a sense of humor. He'd like to thank his cat for catting, his grandpa and grandma for being able to drive him to auditions, and (he supposes) his mom for something, as he doesn't know what. Like a movie theater, please turn on Do Not Disturb with phones silent or other similar phone features.



BRYNN MAGNUSON as **Bruce Bogtrotter**. GSL '31. Brynn Magnuson, an 8th grader here at GSL, is thrilled to be playing Bruce in this year's production of *Matilda the Musical*! This is Brynn's first musical at GSL, and she is so excited to be performing for you! In addition to acting, she also participates in GSL Band and Choir. When she's not busy in school, Brynn likes to be in nature, read books, and stay active. She would like to thank her directors, the whole cast and crew, her family and friends, and all the people who encouraged her to be in musical. Enjoy the show!

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AUSTIN BARTHEL as **Nigel**. GSL'31. Austin is an 8th grader playing Nigel. He was in *Mamma Mia!*, and he is also in basketball. Beyond the stage and the court, he enjoys staying active and spending time with teammates and friends. Outside of school, he likes to fish and play football. Austin would like to thank Madsen for the support along the way, and he hopes everyone enjoys a good show.



MAXWELL BESTE ZEHNDER as **Mr. Wormwood**. '30. Maxwell is ecstatic to be playing the role of Harry Wormwood in his freshman year here at GSL. Max has been in dance since he was three years old, and played Les in *Newsies*, Bickle in *Footloose*, and Eddie in *Mamma Mia!* Max is also starring in River Valley Dance Academy's *The Nutcracker* as the titular role! What Max loves most about being in musical is spending time with amazing people that make producing shows fun. Max would like to thank his sisters, Lucia, Beatrice, and Winnie, for supporting him in all his endeavors. He would also like to thank Will J., Beau, Danna, and every other member of cast and crew who make theater a beautiful community. They hope to bring you a wonderful performance!



WINIFRED BESTE ZEHNDER as **Matilda Wormwood**. GSL'29. Winnie, a sophomore at GSL, is overjoyed to be playing Matilda. She has been in *Beauty and the Beast*, *Footloose* (Principal Harriet), and *Mamma Mia!* (Lisa), along with many years of community theatre. Other activities she participates in include One Act, Spring Play, Speech, Math League, Knowledge Bowl, Dance, and Chamber Singers. Some of her hobbies include reading, fashion, and makeup. She would like to thank her brother and her older sisters for being supportive and helping her grow into her role as Matilda.



BEAU BRELJE as **Michael Wormwood**. GSL'29. Beau returns to the stage this year, bringing his usual charm, energy, and talent. Offstage, Beau is best known for his ongoing art installation in the choir room, featuring an ever-rotating gallery of suspiciously messy snacks and the occasional abandoned orange, left to quietly evolve into a new life form over long weekends. When he's not scouting his next headliner for the emerging Bochella Music Festival, Beau enjoys championship-level napping, speaking almost entirely in movie quotes, and mastering the fine skill of looking busy while actually doing nothing at all. He would like to thank Mrs. Lofgren for writing his biography for him this year, since, much like his character Michael, Beau figured someone else would probably handle it eventually. Enjoy the show!



KARLSON BUBOLTZ as **Sergei**. GSL'30. Karlson is thrilled to play Sergei, along with multiple ensemble roles, in *Matilda!* A freshman at GSL, Karlson has no prior theatre experience but plans to do spring play this year and one act next year. He's also involved in Symphonic Band, Science Club, and FFA. Outside school, he enjoys playing piano, hanging out with friends, and listening to music. He thanks his friends, family, music directors, FLY leaders, and teachers for their inspiration. Have fun and enjoy the show!



SADIE FOLLESTAD as **Stage Crew**. GSL'31. Sadie, an 8th grader, is making her GSL theater debut as a member of the crew. Her favorite part of theater has been meeting new people, helping out with crew tasks, and creating friendships and memories. Outside of theater, she plays guitar and collects things. She also likes exploring, particularly finding new places and hobbies to try with her friends. Sadie would like to thank her friends for making this experience wonderful, and the directors for making the show happen. She would also like to thank Regan for equipping her with caffeine and encouraging her to do theater, even when she was scared. Enjoy the show!



TAYLOR FOSS as **Ensemble**. GSL ' 31. Taylor, an eighth grader, is making her debut in *Matilda*'s ensemble. This is her first year doing anything with theater, and she thinks it's super fun! In addition to the musical, she is currently involved in many school activities, including choir, band, tennis, dance, and golf. She enjoys going shopping with her friends and crocheting. She would like to thank her friends, Brynn and Emilia, who are also in the musical, for encouraging her to join. She also wants to thank Mrs. Lofgren for being such an amazing choir teacher and musical director. Hope you enjoy the musical!



PAIGE HANSEN as **Stage Crew**. GSL '29. Paige, a sophomore at GSL High School, is in her 4th year in backstage crew. She also participates in band, and has played percussion for 6 years. Outside of crew, she enjoys arts and crafts, hanging out with friends or family, and trying new things. She wants to thank Mrs. Boike for the hard work and thought put into the behind the scenes of the show, and also Mrs. Lofgren for making everything happen in order for this show to be amazing. With that, she hopes you enjoy the show!

BEHIND THE SCENES

Stage Manager.....Evelynn Mathwig
Sound Board Operator.....Evelynn Mathwig
Audio Playback Operator.....Shelby Lofgren
Light Board Operator.....Chloe Walters
Spotlight Operator.....Travis Uecker
Backstage Coordinator.....Jordan Boike
Stage Crew.....Sadie Follestad
Paige Hansen
Aiden Lenzen
Claire Lindeman
Graham Lindeman
Ivie Mathwig
Delaney Perbix
Set Design.....Jordan Boike
Set Construction.....Kevin Lamont
Playground Equipment Alteration.....Brook Magnuson
Prop Design.....Jordan Boike
Music Director.....Shelby Lofgren
Choreography.....Shelby Lofgren
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Costume Alteration.....Shelby Lofgren
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Sophia Cross
Dance Captains.....Winifred Beste Zehnder
Peyton Zellmann

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



REGAN ANDERSON as **Mrs. Zinnia Wormwood**. Regan is ecstatic to be playing Mrs. Wormwood in her 5th musical at GSL. She has previously appeared in *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Footloose*, and *Mamma Mia!* Regan has also been in the one acts *Masterpiece*, *The Laramie Project*, and *The Yellow Boat*, as well as appearing in *Alice in Wonderland* (Cheshire Cat). Outside of theater, Regan is part of Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and the GSL speech team. Outside of school, she loves to lift, write stories, read too many books, and also works at Subway. Regan would like to extend a thank you to her mom for being her biggest cheerleader, as well as Will J for being the most iconic dance partner, and to all 3 directors for giving her this opportunity! As Mrs. Wormwood says, "You gotta be loud!" (Only at the right moments.) Enjoy the show!



BAILEY BETSINGER as **Mrs. Phelps**. Bailey is so excited to play Mrs. Phelps in this year's production of *Matilda*! This is Bailey's 4th musical with GSL, previously appearing in *Beauty and the Beast* (ensemble), *Footloose* (ensemble), and *Mamma Mia!* (ensemble). She has loved every minute of it! In addition to acting, she is a member of National Honor Society, Spring Play, FFA, Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, and Speech. Outside of school, Bailey enjoys spending time with friends, reading, and cuddling with her dogs. She would like to thank her directors for dedicating so much time and effort into each production. She would also like to thank her fellow cast and crew members for helping put together such a wonderful show. Break a leg, everyone!



LILY BRELJE as **Miss Jennifer Honey**. Lily is excited to play Miss Honey in this year's production of *Matilda*! Her past GSL theatre credits include *The Little Mermaid*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Footloose* (Urleen), and *Mamma Mia!* (Sophie Sheridan). When she's not on stage, she's involved in FFA, where she serves as Vice President, along with NHS, Math League, Track and Field, Knowledge Bowl, Chamber Singers, and Crow River Singers. Outside of school, she enjoys baking and going to sports games with her friends. Her favorite memory from musical this year was pranking Peyton's locker and hiding her pencil pouch! Lily would like to thank her parents for their support; she'd also like to thank Shannon and Evelynn for all their hard work.. Lily hopes you relax in your chair, enjoy the show, and cheer extra loud for this production of *Matilda*!

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



SOPHIA CROSS as **Miss Agatha Trunchbull**. Sophia is very happy that her last role is one where her dreams finally come true: yelling at children, especially in this year's production of *Matilda*! She has been in the past 5 musicals, including *Mamma Mia!* (Rosie) and *Footloose* (Coach Dunbar). Sophia is also in Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, Concert Band, Art Club, and Science Club. Outside of school, when she has a good book to read, she's always enjoying one; if she doesn't, you'll find her playing video games. Sophia is so thankful to everyone who has helped her on her journey to today: all the past seniors who have graduated, the amazing directors she is so glad she got to work under, her caring relatives who came to support her, her siblings who got her into theater in the first place, and her loving parents who come to as many shows as they can manage. And thank you, to whoever is reading this, for showing up today. You helped make this possible today, as well as all of the musicals to come!

SOPHIE DOLEZAL as **Doctor/Hortensia**. Sophie is excited to portray the doctor in *Matilda*! This is her senior year and her first time participating in musical. She is also involved in GSL High School Concert Choir, Chamber Singers, National Honor Society, 4-H, Art Club, and FFA. Outside of school, she loves spending time with her two horses, Pippi and Huey, along with spending time with family and friends. She would like to thank the directors, the whole cast and crew, and her family for all the support she's received throughout this year so far. She would especially like to thank Lily Brelje and Evelynn Mathwig for pushing her to try something new, and her mom, Cindy Dolezal, for always having her back on anything she wants to try for the first time. Enjoy the show!!!



EVELYNN MATHWIG as **Stage Manager/Sound Board Operator**. Evelynn is wrapping up her 3rd and final year in musical. She has previously been Soundboard Operator for the musicals *Mamma Mia!* and *Footloose*. This year, for *Matilda*, she has leadthe crew as Stage Manager in addition to running the sound board. She has learned a lot and has had the chance to meet tons of amazing people. Evelynn is involved in her school in numerous ways, including Concert Choir, Concert Band, National Honor Society, Chamber Singers, and Knowledge Bowl. Outside of school, Evelynn enjoys playing her ukulele, playing video games, and listening to music. Evelynn wants to thank her family and friends for their endless love and support. They have been a big help in her life, and they mean the world to her. Enjoy the show.