Director's Notes

Matilda has something for everyone! It tells a compelling story of personal growth, is full of witty lines including memorable ironies and double-entendres, and features a touch of mystery to top it all off. The musical is based on a book by Roald Dahl, a children's author known for his dark tales. Dahl is often likened to a modern-day Brothers Grimm, creating stories that are both entertaining and somewhat macabre.

For example, you could compare *Matilda* to the movie *Home Alone*. In *Home Alone*, a young boy uses his ingenuity to outsmart a pair of bumbling burglars. In *Matilda*, Matilda Wormwood uses her intelligence, telekinetic powers, and cleverness to navigate the oppressive environment created by her cruel parents and the tyrannical Miss Trunchbull. Both stories center on children overcoming challenges posed by unsympathetic adults.

Matilda devises several devious pranks to humiliate her father, and with her classmates, she carries out clever tricks to subvert the oppressive control of Miss Trunchbull. Matilda not only asserts herself but also helps those around her to embrace their inner strength. Most importantly, Matilda learns that her efforts to set things right aren't about revenge, but about creating a better world.

The humor in *Matilda* is abundant and varied. There's broad humor, like Mr. Wormwood's green hair, and clever wordplay, such as the title of the song *Revolting Children*. The double meaning is clear: when children are revolting, they are rebelling against authority, but when you are annoyed with them, they can also be described as "revolting." Finally, Matilda has a gift for storytelling, with her tales sometimes blurring the lines between reality and imagination. Pay close attention to her story about the acrobat and the escapologist.

I conclude by noting the wonderful music and choreography in the show, delivered by our talented multi-age cast. Everyone is delightfully costumed in '70s chic, and the set design is vibrant and creative. All this takes place in our beautiful forest theater, adding to the magic of the production.

~ Craig Schieber

Come back for our Summer (& Fall) shows

July 27, 28, August 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18 • 2 pm

Rodgers + Hammerstein's Cinderella The Broadway Version

This Broadway contemporary take on the classic tale features a hilarious and romantic book that invites us to build a better, kinder world together. Be transported back to your childhood as you rediscover some of R+H's most beloved songs: *In My Own Little Corner*, *Impossible/It's Possible* and *Ten Minutes Ago*, in this hilarious and romantic Broadway experience for anyone who's ever had a wish, a dream… or a really great pair of shoes. This timeless musical treasure will inspire and delight the whole family. Don't miss it! **Then come back for our Fall Classic below.**

2024 Fall Classic at KFT • September

September 14, 15, 21, 22 • 2 pm

The Crucible by Arthur Miller is a classic play that delves into the Salem witch trials of 1692. Set in the Puritan town of Salem, Massachusetts, Miller's play unfolds as a chilling allegory for the Red Scare and McCarthyism of the 1950s. The plot centers on the hysteria that erupts when a group of girls accuses fellow villagers of witchcraft. As the trials progress, the town is consumed by fear, paranoia, and a distorted sense of justice.

Miller's narrative serves as a powerful commentary on the dangers of mass hysteria and the consequences of blind conformity. The play remains relevant today as a cautionary tale about the fragility of justice and the ease with which fear can be manipulated for political or personal gain. Come see our talented cast tell this important story. PG-13

Announcing our 2025 Season!

Annie

Book by Thomas Meehan • Music by Charles Strouse • Lyrics by Martin Charnin

The irrepressible comic strip heroine takes center stage in one of the world's best-loved musicals. The beloved book and score by Tony Award winners Thomas Meehan, Charles Strouse & Martin Charnin features some of the greatest musical theatre hits ever, including "Tomorrow."

2025 Season Auditions (both shows) in December. Watch website for details.

Big Fish A New Broadway Musical

Based on the novel by Daniel Wallace and the award-winning Tim Burton film, ***Big Fish*** is a heartfelt, powerful, and truly magical musical about fathers, sons, and the stories that we use to define our identities. *Big Fish* is a magnificent "big fish" of a tale, itself – spectacular, fantastical, and overflowing with love. Music/Lyrics by Andrew Lippa; Book by John August.

THE MOUNTAINEERS PLAYERS HISTORY • 1923–2024

The rich history of The Mountaineers Players began on a Spring day in 1909 when a 'local walk' by a group of 66 hikers to view the wild blooming rhododendrons around Wildcat Lake went astray. They wandered into Hidden Valley Ranch and met Edward Paschall and family, starting a fast friendship that began one of The Mountaineers most enduring traditions.

Skits around campfires grew into a production of *Robin of Sherwood* on June 17, 1923, performed in the woods going from glade to glade with the audience following along. Realizing the need for a permanent theater, Bill Darling and volunteers built the outdoor amphitheater in 1925-1926. This marked the birth of The Players who went on to produce an annual spring show every year except 4 years during World War II and 2020. A summer show was added in 2007.

The Mountaineers Players are one of the oldest, continuously operating community theater groups in the country, performing in one of the oldest outdoor theaters in North America. Read about our history and our early shows on our web site ("History" tab under "About Us") - the history page will take you to our past shows.

Kitsap Forest Theater Camp
Grow ✦ Inspire ✦ Perform
Escape the Ordinary ✦ Create the Extraordinary

2024 Theater Day Camp • Aug. 5 - 9

Campers entering 5th–8th grades will rehearse a musical theatre review from a variety of Broadway shows. Learn the joys of the outdoor theater while developing teamwork, creative problem solving and confident performance skills. This will be an intensive and inspiring week of learning music/dance. The camp ends Friday with a performance for family/friends, followed by an optional family dinner and family camp-out. August 5-9. Please see KFT website for details.

Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp

play ★ explore ★ create

Did you know that we offer two one-week day camps for kids entering grades K-4th grade every July at this beautiful forest property with a Friday overnight for families? It's a great way to unplug your kids. There are still a few openings for both weeks. See our website for all the details.

Salmon Safari

Join Kitsap Forest Adventure Camp's Salmon Docent Julie Shusterman for a fun and informational adventure in the forest and at Chico Creek. During November, seagoing salmon migrate from their feeding grounds to streams of their birth. Chico Creek is the largest chum salmon run in Kitsap County. Perfect adventure for the whole family. See website for details.

The Mountaineers Players present Salmon Safari at the Kitsap Forest Theater hike • explore • learn

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Kitsap Forest Theater Mountaineers Players

Roald Dahl's *Matilda, The Musical*
Book by **Dennis Kelly** • Music & Lyrics by **Tim Minchin**
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Matilda Songs

Act One

Miracle ..... Children, Entertainer, Doctor, Mrs. Wormwood, Mr. Wormwood, Matilda, Company

Naughty ..... Matilda

Story 1, Acrobat & Escapologist: A Love Story ..... Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist

School Song ..... All Students

Pathetic ..... Miss Honey

The Hammer ..... Miss Trunchbull, Miss Honey, Students

Naughty (reprise) ..... Matilda

The Chokey Chant ..... Older Students

Loud ..... Mrs. Wormwood, Rudolpho, Dancers

This Little Girl ..... Miss Honey

Story 2, Acrobat & Escapologist: Most Dangerous Feat Ever ..... Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist, Acrobat's Sister

Bruce ..... Students

Act Two

Telly ..... Mr. Wormwood, Michael

When I Grow Up ..... Children, Miss Honey, Matilda, Company

Story 3, Acrobat & Escapologist: A Tragic Love Story ..... Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist

Story 4, Acrobat & Escapologist: The Sister's Treachery ..... Matilda, Escapologist

The Smell of Rebellion ..... Miss Trunchbull, Students

Quiet ..... Matilda

My House ..... Miss Honey, Escapologist

Revolting Children ..... Students

This Little Girl (reprise) ..... Sergei

When I Grow Up (reprise) ..... All

Big Tree Trail

One of the delights of the Mountaineers' Kitsap Forest Theater is being surrounded by the Rhododendron Preserve – a 460 acre nature conservancy with over 70 acres of old-growth forest. Ancient western red cedars abound with many other trees, ferns and wildlife. One of the biggest trees on the Kitsap Peninsula is located on the preserve. The trail to 'Big Tree' is about 1/2 mile long and starts near the historic Kitsap Cabin, ending at one of the 10 largest Douglas Fir trees in the world (2nd largest in Kitsap County). The tree itself is over 30' in diameter. The hike takes you on a bridge over Wildcat Creek with views of Hidden Valley, blooming trillium, wild rhododendrons and many other native trees and plants.

If you hike the trail after the show, please be sure your car is not blocking anyone in. Please note that the first part of the trail is steep – wear walking shoes and enjoy your trek into another time and place!

Cast of Characters

Matilda Wormwood (5/26, 6/2, 6/9, 6/15)/Nancy ..... Madeleine Rose
Matilda Wormwood (5/27, 6/1, 6/8, 6/16)/Barbara ..... Maisy Walters
Mr. Wormwood ..... Tod Harrick
Mrs. Wormwood ..... Meagan Castillo
Michael Wormwood/Edward ..... CC Brewder
Miss Honey ..... Beaven Walters
Agatha Trunchbull ..... Cat Chiappa
Mrs. Phelps ..... Cynthia Dario-Good
Doctor/Escapologist ..... Michael Sterling
Rudolpho/Cook ..... Guy Caridi

Matilda's Classmates

Lavender ..... Willow Schmidt
Bruce ..... Cooper Priest
Eric ..... Harper Rogers
Nigel ..... Melanie Waldman
Tommy ..... Mila Gonzalez
Amanda ..... Isla Chiappa
Hortensia ..... Ila Mae Carr
Alice ..... Reeve Walters
Violet ..... Caroline Donovan
Rosemary ..... Lilyan Donovan
Emma ..... Sophia Sterling

Older Students

Nurse/Lucille ..... Eileen Balet
Nurse/Felicity ..... Olivia Markle
Nurse/Jenna ..... Ashlyn Templin
Nurse/Cali ..... Lilah Wakefield
Frances ..... Erin Fall
Addison/Henchman 1 ..... ✤ Carol Stanley
Children's Entertainer/Carl/Henchman 2 ..... Felix Coble
Delilah/Sergei/Henchman 3 ..... Rachael Scott
DeeDee ..... Luciana Barrera
Beatrix ..... Valerie Foster
Jill ..... Casandra Gramstad
Renee ..... Tessa Keough

Adult Ensemble

Acrobat ..... Alison DeGregorio
Sergei/Henchman 3 ..... Mark Walters

✤ Matilda's Classmates Dance Captain

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