



# DRURY LANE THEATRE

## ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA CHILDREN'S OPEN CALL

**Seeking:** Diverse children ages 6-11 for all roles. Children of all ethnicities are highly encouraged to audition. All roles will require choreography. **The maximum height for children is 60". Please see height requirements below for specific characters (Matilda and Eric).** All children must learn to speak with an English dialect. A dialect coach will be provided; however, an ear for learning dialects is a plus.

Each role will be double cast. There will be a principal cast that will perform 5-6 performances per week (including press opening) and an alternate cast that will perform 2-3 performances per week. Both casts will understudy one another.

**Location:** Drury Lane Theatre, 100 Drury Lane, Oakbrook Terrace, IL 60181

**Date:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018

**Time:** 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

### Appointments:

- Auditions are by appointment only. The Signup Genius link (below) will go live on Thursday, October 4, 2018 at 10 a.m.
- If all appointment slots are filled, a walk-in list will be made on the day of auditions. **WALK-IN SIGN IN WILL START AT 3:30 P.M. YOU MUST SIGN IN TO THE WALK-IN LIST BY 4:30 P.M. TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR AN OPEN OR CANCELED APPOINTMENT SLOT.**
- **DO NOT CONTACT THE THEATRE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT OR ASK TO BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST!**
- Signup Genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B054DA4A62DAAFC1-roald>

### Preparation:

- One 16-bar cut of a song in the style of or from the show. Bring sheet music in your key with your cut. An accompanist will be provided.
- Everyone must bring a current headshot and resume.

### Character Breakdowns:

- **MATILDA** (Female Identified, up to 51" but as short as possible preferred) – Enigmatic, serious, intense. Instinctive acting ability. Vocal health and clarity. Ability to perform a cartwheel.

- **AMANDA** (Female Identified) – Flight framed. Strong dance and vocal ability.
- **LAVENDER** (Female Identified) – Good dance. Strong singing and acting. Loud and kooky. Likes to have fun. Big personality. Matilda’s “best friend.”
- **ALICE** (Female Identified) – Strong and bold. Strong dance and vocal ability.
- **HORTENSIA** (Female Identified) – Feisty. Strong dance and vocal ability.
- **ERIC** (Male Identified, up to 51” but as short as possible preferred) – Cute. Small. Ability to learn.
- **BRUCE** (Male Identified) – Strong vocal and acting ability. Comic. As part of the action on stage, this role is required to eat chocolate cake, cream, and frosting. Must not be allergic to cake/icing ingredients.
- **NIGEL** (Male Identified) – Vocal stamina for spoken dialogue. Strong dance and vocal ability.
- **TOMMY** (Male Identified) – Strong dance and vocal ability.

**Equal Employment Opportunity:** Drury Lane Productions is committed to being an equal opportunity employer of Actors of all ethnicities (including, but not limited to, African-American, Asian/Asian-Pacific American, Hispanic-American, Native American, multi-cultural), female identified Actors, seniors, and Actors with disabilities.

**Other Dates:**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Possible Rehearsal 3/25/19
- 1<sup>st</sup> Performance 4/26/19
- Contemplated Closing 6/23/19