

# Upstage Concepts Presents Productions 2024



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Lesedi Theatre

Fame Jr and Matilda Jr are presented through special arrangement with Dalro  
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# Act 1 - Matilda

## Cast List

Matilda - Tadiwa Gutura  
Miss Trunchbull - Molly Piedallu  
Miss Honey - Caitlin Lingenfelder  
Brianna - Siya Mabece  
Erica - Tasha Robus  
Mrs Wormwood - Jamie Busansky  
Mr Wormwood - Callum Niven  
Back Stage Manager - Wadzi Munyati  
Hortensia - Che Lawson  
Mrs Phelps - Kyla Papadopoulos  
Michael - Desmond Koolen  
Lavender - Ella Parry  
Amanda - Nosiphiwe Nkosi-Mnanzana  
Alice - Sibane Mbanga  
Tommy - Tinashe Munyati  
Nigella - Sino Sowazi  
Lizzie - Mila Swanepoel

### Ensemble

Beatrix Condron  
Cate Swanepoel  
Hannah Thuinessen  
Lamia Bhavia  
Lethabo Sebatola  
Madi Holliday  
Michael-Alan Rabatin  
Mofenyi Mokanyama  
Morongoa Mothapo  
Olivia Pimi  
Skye Hamlet  
Stella Tolken  
Vivienne Pott  
Zano Pega



# Act 2 - Fame

## Cast List

Miss Sherman - Vongai Dhliwayo

Carmen - Yoyo Matyolo

Iris - Indigo Wood

Tyrone - Kutlwano Rangwato

Jose - Thapelo Sithole

Nick - Khanya Vilakazi

Shan - Ava Spera

Serena - Mischa Coode

Mabel - Mia Busansky

Mrs Meyers - Isabella Baldassarri

Mr Bell - Daniel Vasconcelos

Mrs Sheinkopf - Milah Kramer

Lambchops - Erin Naik

Goody – Jonathan van Jaarsveldt

Vocal Student - Mabona Khoza

Vocal Student - Jenna Bossenger

Vocal Student - Jessica Engelbrecht

### Ensemble

Alexis Petzer

Donata Magoda

Joshua Lingenfelder

Morgan Lebenon

Nosipho Leslie

Relebogile Phiri

Tshiamo Morwe

Victoria Pimi

Virginia Mosconi

Zharia Maharaj

Backstage Manager - Wadzi Munyati

# With Thanks

This year we chose to take on a BIG challenge and do two full productions to provide more opportunity for our Intermediate level students to have lead roles, and they have most certainly risen to the occasion!

We have loved every second of producing the shows this year! We have been constantly in awe of the talent and work ethic of these young performers.

One of the privileges of being a director is the freedom to have our own style and preferences when it comes to set and costume design, and those who know us will know that we always prefer to have no set. We want the students to fill the space with their performances, highlighting many of the acting and performance techniques they are learning in their weekly classes.

Those of you who regularly watch live theatre will have noticed that many recent professional productions have also opted for more minimalist set and costume designs and at Upstage Concepts we constantly strive to keep abreast of the latest industry trends.

We love that our students have embraced the challenge and they fill the entire stage with such captivating and engaging performances that no set is needed. We are sure that as you watch this double bill of theatre, you too will have to repeatedly remind yourselves that these are, in fact, children aged 6 to 18 and not adult professionals!

Thank you parents for allowing us the honour of working with your children, for supporting the process, and of course for being here today to watch them shine.  
We trust that it will be a memorable Mothers' Day too!

With thanks  
Upstage Team



An extra special congratulations to Donnaley on directing the whole of Matilda whilst growing a human being!

