

# PLAYBILL

THE WARRIOR THEATER COMPANY PRESENTS  
A HIGH SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF



ROALD DAHL'S

# Matilda

THE MUSICAL

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given back to God as an offering of praise.

***"For of Him, and through Him, and to Him are all things;  
to Him be the glory forever, amen."  
Romans 11:36***

# Musical Numbers

## Act 1

Miracle.....	Children, Party Entertainer, Doctor, Mrs. Wormwood, Mr. Wormwood, Matilda, Company
Naughty.....	Matilda
Acrobat Story 1.....	Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist
School Song.....	Children
Pathetic.....	Miss Honey
The Hammer.....	Miss Trunchbull, Miss Honey, Children
Naughty Reprise.....	Matilda
The Chokey Chant.....	Children
Loud.....	Mrs. Wormwood, Rudolpho, Ensemble
This Little Girl.....	Miss Honey
Acrobat Story 2.....	Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Escapologist, Acrobat's Sister
Bruce.....	Company

## INTERMISSION

All I Know.....	Mr. Wormwood, Michael
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## Act 2

When I Grow Up.....	Children, Miss Honey, Matilda, Company
Acrobat Story 3.....	Matilda, Mrs. Phelps, Acrobat, Escapologist
Acrobat Story 4.....	Matilda, Escapologist
The Smell of Rebellion.....	Miss Trunchbull, Children
Quiet.....	Matilda
My House.....	Miss Honey, Escapologist
Revolting Children.....	Children, Ensemble
Priyatina Paznakomitsa.....	Sergei
Bows.....	Company

## CAST

Sergei  
Amanda  
The Acrobat  
Cook/Henchman 1  
Mrs. Wormwood  
Hortensia/Judge 3  
Judge 4  
Lavender  
Miss Honey  
Bruce  
Mrs. Phelps  
Mr. Wormwood  
Hechman 2  
Rudolpho  
Doctor  
Eric  
Tommy/Henchmen 3  
The Escapologist  
Judge 1  
Entertainer/Judge 2  
Trunchbull  
Matilda  
Nigel  
Michael  
Alice

Aaron Armstrong  
Alex Beck  
Anaya Evans  
Andrew Puente  
Arabella Godines  
Audrey Bain  
Audrey Ramos  
Ava Chapa  
Ava Ramos  
Brady Campbell  
Charis Riley  
Connor Sanchez  
Eliana Portela  
Elijah Contreras  
Emmalee Barnes  
Emmanuel Sanchez  
Esteban Devia-Sanchez  
Ethan Maldonado  
Evie Pflug  
Israel Chapman  
Laura Hollan  
Lillian Garcia  
Mason Novogradac  
Maximo Gonzalez  
Maya Leos

## PARENTS

Mum 1  
Dad 1  
Mum 2  
Dad 2  
Mum 3  
Dad 3  
Mum 4  
Dad 4

Charis Riley  
Elijah Contreras  
Evie Pflug  
Ethan Maldonado  
Lauren Quintana  
Noah Padilla  
Anaya Evans  
Andrew Puente

## SALSA DANCERS

Male Dancer 1  
Female Dancer 1  
Male Dancer 2  
Female Dancer 2  
Male Dancer 3  
Female Dancer 3  
Male Dancer 4  
Female Dancer 4

Emmanuel Sanchez  
Emmalee Barnes  
Esteban Devia-Sanchez  
Jayda Ford-Schartner  
Andrew Puente  
Lauren Quintana  
Noah Padilla  
Alex Beck

## LITTLE KIDS

Audrey Bain, Alex Beck, Emmalee Barnes, Evie Pflug, Ava Chapa, and Brady Campbell, Israel Chapman, Raegan Dadfar, Esteban Devia-Sanchez, Maya Leos, Mikayla Lujan, Nina Merrett, Kierstun Morales, Mason Novogradac, Noah Padilla, Daniel Petro, Andrew Puente, Audrey Ramos, Megan Rohlmeier, Emmanuel Sanchez, River Saucedo, Maryn Villarreal, Jacob Wilson

## BIG KIDS

Andrew Puente, Aranza Carbonell, Arianna Smith, Ava Chapa  
Brady Campbell, Charis Riley, Eliana Portela, Evie Pflug  
Hannelore Esslinger, Jayda Ford-Schartner, Jordan Japhet  
Lauren Quintana, Marissa Minneci, Maximo Gonzalez, Ridleigh Gould,  
Anaya Evans, Ethan Maldonado, Elijah Contreras, and Israel Chapman

## CREW

Head Stage Manager  
Stage Managers

Audrey Bain  
Emmalee Barnes  
Elijah Contreras  
Esteban Devia-Sanchez  
Mikayla Lujan  
Evie Pflug  
Lauren Quintana

Stage Manager in Training  
Student Choreographer for  
Revolting Children

Josiah Garza  
Zoe Gardner

Music/SFX Operator

Sophia Martzall

Video Background Operator  
Light Board Operator  
Spotlight Operators

Alexa Birnbaum  
Ethan Barnes  
Darien Jenkins  
Nayanna Joseph

Crew Heads

Audrey Ramos  
Jordan Japhet

Stage & Set Crew

Lucius Balaceanu  
Alexa Birnbaum  
Isabella Chapman  
Anaiah Hall  
Sophia Martzall  
Eva Medford  
Emily Medrano  
Nicolas Veiga  
Scarlet Wilke  
Kenadie Leistra

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## WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST



**LILLIAN GARCIA** (Matilda Wormwood) is a Freshman at CCS. This is her 2nd year Cornerstone, and she has been in two shows over the years. She was last seen in *Seussical* (Jojo) and *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Ensemble). She is enthusiastic about preforming on stage and being involved in this show. Thanks to Ms. Pearce!



**LAURA HOLLAN** (Trunchbull) is a Senior at CCS. This is her 8th year at Cornerstone, and she has been in multiple shows over the years. She was last seen in *Little Women* (Jo March) and has also been seen in *Bye Bye Birdie* (Mae Peterson/Mama), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Slank), *High School Musical* (Ms. Darbus), *Dark Road* (Marga), *The Music Man* (Alma), *The Gift of the Magi* (Dot), *Shrek Jr.* (Fiona), *Into the Woods Jr.* (Jack), *Honk Jr.* (Cat), and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Ensemble). She is so excited to be a part of this show and to get the final opportunity to experience it with all her friends. She has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. It has been an amazing opportunity to get to work with Ms. Pearce and everyone in this troupe for the entirety of middle school and high school. She would like to thank her family for always supporting her and helping her achieve her dreams. Laura gives all glory to God and is so thankful to everyone who has helped her get to where she is. From Cat to Trunchbull, I'm forever grateful. <3



**AVA RAMOS** (Miss Honey) is a Senior at CCS and has been participating in theatre since 6th grade. Ava has recently been seen in *Little Women* (Meg March), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Doris McAfee), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Teacher Mermaid), *High School Musical* (Gabriella Montez), *Dark Road* (Prisoner 1), *The Music Man* (Pick-a-Little Lady), and *Into the Woods Jr.* (Cinderella). She has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. In her free time, she likes to crochet tops and scrunchies for her friends. And go to Taco Palenque with Charis Riley. She's super sad to leave Troupe #7694 but proud that she finally learned how to open an imaginary door after these 4 years of intense practice. Ava would like to thank her friends, family, and of course Ms. Pearce for their support and kindness!



**ARABELLA GODINES** (Mrs. Wormwood) is a senior at CCS. This is her 4th and final year at Cornerstone, and she has been in multiple shows over the years. She was last seen in *High School Musical* (Sharpay), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Sanchez), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Ursula), *Little Women* (Clarissa), *The Music Man* (Alma), *The Gift of the Magi* (Caroler), and *Dark Road* (Fog Machine). She has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. She is so thankful to have been a part of this amazing community throughout high school and would like to thank Ms. Pearce for everything she has done to make our troupe feel like a family.



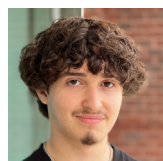
**CHARIS RILEY** (Mrs. Phelps/Big Kid) is a Senior at CCS. This is her 7th year at Cornerstone and Matilda is her 13th CCS show. Other high school credits include *Little Women* (Aunt March), *High School Musical* (Kelsi Nielsen), and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Gloria Rasputin). It has been an honor to act alongside her castmates for the last time in *Matilda*. She has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. After graduation, Charis is pursuing a bachelor's degree in Film and Media Arts, ultimately hoping to direct her own major films someday. Hobbies include writing letters to celebrities, auditioning for Food Network, and doing the splits. Multitudinous thanks to the cast, crew, Ava, Ms. Pearce, family, and Jesus.



**AVA CHAPA** (Lavender) is a Senior at CCS. This is her 14th year at Cornerstone and she has been in multiple shows over the years. She was last seen in *Little Women* (Hag) and has played in *Bye Bye Birdie* (Mrs. Merkle), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Smee), *High School Musical* (Susan), *Dark Road* (Marian), *The Music Man* (Pick-a-Little Lady), *The Gift of the Magi* (Madame Vodvaskaya), *Shrek Jr.* (Mermaid), *Into the Woods Jr.* (Pig 3), *The Greatest Show* (Clown), *Honk Jr.* (Downy), and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever!* (Ensemble). She has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. She wants to thank God for giving her an amazing company to be a part of these last 4 years and her family who were there the whole way in her acting journey. She is thrilled and blessed to spend her last year at CCS doing something she loves and is able to be a part of this cast and to create memorable moments in this show for senior year! Thank you all for this opportunity. This is Ava Chapa signing off!



**BRADY CAMPBELL** (Bruce/Video Background Creator) is a Junior at CCS. He has attended CCS for 7 years and he has participated in numerous shows in his time here. He has been seen in *Into the Woods Jr.* (Steward), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Mayor), *Little Women* (Mr. Lawrence), *Peter Pan Jr.* (Mr. Darling), *High School Musical* (Ensemble), *Shrek Jr.* (Ensemble), and now *Matilda*. He is delighted, joyful, ecstatic, pleased, and satisfied with his role in *Matilda* and is looking forward to concluding school.



**CONNOR SANCHEZ** (Mr. Wormwood) is a Senior at CCS. This is his 5th year at Cornerstone, and this is his first show ever. He is looking forward to being a part of his first and last high school musical.



**ELIJAH CONTRERAS** (Rudolpho/Big Kid/Stage Manager) is a Senior. This is his 7th year CCS, and he has been seen in other shows such as *Little Women* (Prof. Bhear), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Maude), *Shrek* (Farquaad), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Ted), *High School Musical* (Adam), *The Music Man* (Conductor), and *The Gift of the Magi* (Choir). He has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where he will be competing this summer. His favorite thing to do on this planet is to spend time with his friends, family, and pets. He is super-duper cool and likes nice cool autumn days. He is leaping with joy to be in this last show and would want to be in the show *Holes* and finally, would want to thank Ms. Pearce for everything. I am so grateful that I was able to be part of this theater troupe, and I'm happy that I chose theater! Thanks guys!



**AUDREY BAIN** (Hortensia/Judge/Head Stage Manager) is a Junior at CCS and has been attending since the second grade. Within those years she has been in many of the school's productions such as *Little Women* (Amy), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Molly), *White Christmas* (Susan Waverly), *Shrek Jr.* (Storyteller), *Peter Pan Jr.* (Mrs. Darling), *The Music Man* (Ensemble), *High School Musical* (Brainiac), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Helen), and *Gift of the Magi* (Caroler). She has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. She is very excited to be performing as Hortensia in *Matilda*. Many thanks to Ms. Pearce!



**ALEXANDRA BECK** (Amanda Thripp/Salsa Dancer) is a Senior at CCS. This is her 7th year at Cornerstone. Within those years, she has been seen in many of the school's productions such as *Little Women* (Rodrigo 2/Hag/Dancer), *Bye Bye Birdie* (One Girl Dancer/Sweet Apple Girl), *High School Musical* (Cheerleader), *Rhyming Christmas Carol* (Narrator 1/Ghost of Christmas Present), and *Shrek Jr.* (Young Fiona). She has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. She is very excited and can't wait to work on more shows in the future. She would also like to give a big thanks to Ms. Pearce for making her senior year amazing and being a wonderful teacher and a theatre director!



**ESTEBAN DEVIA-SANCHEZ** (Tommy/Salsa Dancer/Henchman/Stage Manager) is a Senior at CCS and this is his 8th year at Cornerstone. He has been in multiple shows over the years and is sad to say this is his last time gracing the stage with his presence. He was last seen in *Little Women* (Knight), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Randolph), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Prentiss), *High School Musical* (Krattnoff), *Music Man* (Traveling Salesman), and *Shrek Jr.* (Knight). He has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where he will be competing this summer. He is going to miss the free snacks and the napping when he is missing his cue, and despite the allegations, is not as big as he seems. He will do anything in his power to make his friends and Ms. Pearce cry because he is leaving and never coming back and constantly wants to remind them of that. He devotes this performance to God and wants to thank his older brother and his family for the support in this final performance. Also shout out to Ethan Barnes, my king. He introduced me to cheesecake one day and the rest is history.



**MAYA LEOS** (Alice) is a Senior at CCS. This is her 10th year at Cornerstone, and she has been in multiple shows over the years. She was last seen in *Little Women* (Beth), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Margie), *Peter and The Starcatcher* (Pirate/Mermaid), *High School Musical* (Thespian), *Music Man* (Ensemble), and *Gift of The Magi* (Caroler). She is excited to be in this beautiful musical with all her favorite people. She has also advanced with a perfect score at State to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. She gives huge thanks to her family for always supporting her throughout the years in theatre, and thanks to all her friends who have come to see her shows. She will miss her theatre family so much and she is grateful for all the memories she has made with the cast. To Ms. Pearce, she is so incredibly grateful for her advice, memories and laughs. Ms. Pearce is a wonderful teacher and has made a lasting impact on not only Maya, but to all her students. Give Ms. Pearce a big hug after the performance because she puts on wonderful shows each year. Maya sends her love to all! <3

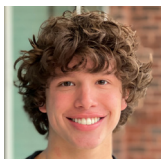




**MASON NOVOGRADAC** (Nigel) is a Freshman at CCS. This is his 4th year at Cornerstone, and he has been involved with many shows over the last couple of years. Mason has been in 7 CCS shows in total. Some being *Mary Poppins* (Chimney Sweep and Clerk) *Peter Pan* (Lost Boy), *Music Man* (Littles Ensemble). He is very blessed to be working beside such talented performers. Thanks go out to Ms. Pearce and Mr. Barnes for supporting us through this production.



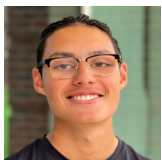
**EMMANUEL SANCHEZ** (Eric/Salsa Dancer) is a Freshman at CCS. This is his seventh year at Cornerstone Christian Schools and he has been part of multiple shows. His past productions include *Godspell Jr.* (John the Baptist), *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Assistant Stage Manager), and *Peter Pan Jr.* (Lost Boy Ensemble). He is excited to be part of this production and loves also working behind the scenes to help bring the show to life. He would like to give thanks to the amazing Ms. Pearce for her guidance and support.



**ETHAN MALDONADO** (The Escapologist/Big Kid/Dad) is a Sophomore at CCS. This is his 12th year at Cornerstone, and he has been in 10 shows. He was last seen in *Little Women* (John Brooke), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Hugo Peabody), *Godspell* (Jesus), *High School Musical* (Tech), *Music Man* (Ensemble), *Peter Pan* (John), *Shrek* (Knight), *Seussical the Musical* (Wickersham), and *Charlie Brown* (Charlie Brown). Ethan is looking forward to doing theater and is very excited to portray The Escapologist in *Matilda*. He has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where he will be competing this summer. Ethan always thanks his family first because they have been his best support in his journey to becoming an actor.



**ANAYA EVANS** (The Acrobat/Big Kid/Mum) is a Senior at CCS. She has been at Cornerstone for nine years and is thrilled to step onto the stage for the first time in her final show. Previously, she was part of the crew for *Bye Bye Birdie*. She would like to thank Ms. Pearce and her parents for their support, as well as her theatre friends for their encouragement and for making this experience so fun and memorable.



**MAXIMO GONZALEZ** (Michael/Scary Kid) is a Junior at CCS. This is his 9th year at Cornerstone and his first ever show. He is ecstatic to be performing *Matilda* in front of all of his friends. Shout out to my mom, dad, and sister. I love y'all so much!



**AARON ARMSTRONG** (Sergei) is a Freshman at CCS. This is his 4th year at Cornerstone and he has been in several shows over the years. He was last seen in *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Chairman), *Godspell Jr.* (Ensemble), and *Peter Pan Jr.* (Starkey). Aaron is overjoyed to take part in his first high school production and make memories and new friends. Aaron gives thanks to God, his previous theatre teacher Ms. Higgins, and White Monster Energy drinks for getting him through rehearsal.



**EMMALEE BARNES** (Doctor/Salsa Dancer/Little Kid/Stage Manager) is a Sophomore at CCS, and this is her 10th year at Cornerstone. She's been involved in several CCS shows, last seen in *Little Women* (Marmee), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Penelope Ann), and *Godspell* (Ensemble). She has had so much fun with this production and with this cast and can't wait for the shows to come. She has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. She wants to thank Ms. Pearce, her mom, and her dad.



**ISRAEL CHAPMAN** (Children's Entertainer/Big Kid) is a Junior at CCS. This is his 5th year at Cornerstone, and he has been in multiple shows over the years. He was last seen in *Little Women* (Laurie), *Peter Pan* (Peter Pan), *Shrek* (Donkey), *High School Musical* (Jack Scott), and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Quartet Member). He has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where he will be competing this summer. He is looking forward to taking part in this show and wants to thank God and all the people in his life for never giving up on him.



**ARANZA CARBONELL** (Big Kid) is a Freshman at CCS. This is her 6th year at Cornerstone, and she has been in multiple shows over the years. She was last seen in *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Winifred Banks), *The Lion King Kids* (Rafiki #5), *The Music Man* (Townsppeople/Ensemble), and *Peter Pan Jr.* and (Brave Girl Ensemble). She feels so thankful and blessed to be part of this show. Many thanks to Ms. Pearce, Mr. Barnes, and her family and friends. And most importantly thanks to God. Her performance will always be for Him and His glory, because He deserves the glory.



**RAEGAN DADFAR** (Little Kid) is a Freshman at CCS and this is her 6th year at Cornerstone. She was last seen in *Mary Poppins, Jr.* (Ms. Smythe) and is excited to be a part of *Matilda*. Many thanks to Ms. Pearce!



**HANNELORE ESSLINGER** (Big Kid) is a Sophomore at CCS. Hanne has been at CCS for 2 years; she has been in multiple shows over the years. A few of her favorites are: *Little Women* (Sound Operator), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Sweet Apple Girl), *Fortress* (Kim), *Dearly Departed* (Raynelle Turpin), *Ghosts of Pineville* (Glory Roberts), *Murder* (comedy) *In Space* (Calvin Hardcastle), and many others. She is very grateful to be in this year's show and can't wait for more to come. Hanne would like to thank her friends, family and of course Ms. Pearce for always supporting her in theatre.



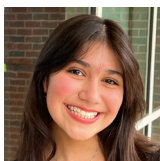
**JAYDA FORD-SCHARTNER** (Salsa Dancer/Big kid) is a Senior at CCS. This is her 14th year at Cornerstone, and she has been in multiple shows over the years. She was last seen in *Little Women* (Mrs. Kirk), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Sweet Apple Girl/Parent), *High School Musical* (Brainiac), *Music Man* (Pick-A-Little Lady), *Peter And The Starcatcher* (Narrator Ted, Ensemble), *The Gift of the Magi* (Caroler), *Shrek Jr.* (Narrator 1), *Aladdin Jr.* (Narrator 1), *Charlie Brown Christmas* (Narrator 1), *Charlotte's Web* (Sheep/Judge), *Night Before Christmas* (Amos), *Frozen Jr.* (Bulda/Ensemble), *She Kills Monsters* (Kaliopé), *Twelfth Night* (Feste), and *Dark Road* (Guard/Prisoner). She is incredibly happy to be a part of this vibrant cast of people. She enjoys listening to musicals and hanging out with friends and loves theatre because of the artistic and fun ways of expressing oneself. She would like to thank all her cast members and directors for such a wonderful experience. She would like to give a big shout out to her sister Jazmyne Ford-Schartner and lovely parents Darin and Jeannette for putting her in theatre. Without them pushing her to get out of her comfort zone, she would have never found her love for the arts. As a Senior she would like to tell all the underclass men that no matter what happens, to never give up on your dreams.



**RIDLEIGH GOULD** (Big Kid) is a Junior at CCS. This is her 4th year at Cornerstone and she has been in a few shows over the years, she was seen in *Peter Pan* (Tinkerbell), *Highschool Musical* (Cheerleader), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Girl of Sweet Apple). She is looking forward to being a part of the show. Many thanks to her family and Ms. Pearce!



**JORDAN JAPHET** (Big Kid) is a Junior at CCS and Crew head. This is her 4th year at Cornerstone, and she's been in multiple shows as crew. She has worked on *High School Musical*, *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Bye Bye Birdie*, and *Little Women*. She's looking forward to this show and working with all the cast and crew.



**MIKAYLA LUJAN** (Ensemble/Stage Manager) is a Freshman at CCS. She has been attending Cornerstone since she was in kindergarten. Throughout the years, she has been in *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Mary Poppins), *The Music Man* (Amaryllis), *Peter Pan Jr.* (Small Brave Girl), *Godspell Jr.* (Soloist), *High School Musical* (Spotlight Operator), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Spotlight Operator), and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Music Operator). She has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. She is so blessed to be a part of this show and is grateful for making new memories! Special thank you to her parents and Ms. Pearce!



**NINA MERRETT** (Little Kid) is a Freshman at CCS. This is her 2nd year at Cornerstone Christian Schools. She has been seen in a few shows these past couple of years and was last involved in *Wizard of Oz* (Tech), *ELF Jr.* (Tech), and her first show, *Frozen Jr.* (Ensemble). She is excited to be a part of such a welcoming community! Many thanks to Ms. Pearce!



**MARISSA MINNECI** (Scary Kid) is a Freshman at CCS. This is her second year at CCS, and she was last year's middle school show *Mary Poppins* (Ensemble). She is very excited to be participating in her first high school show. She would like to thank her parents for all the commitments they've made for her to do this and Mrs. Smith and Ms. Pearce for all they've done for her.



**KIERSTUN MORALES** (Little Kid) is a Sophomore at CCS. This is her 5th year at Cornerstone and this is her 1st show. She is looking forward to being in her first high school play. Thank you to Ms. Pearce for this great opportunity!



**NOAH PADILLA** (Salsa Dancer/Dad/Little Kid) is a Junior at CCS. This is his 7th year at Cornerstone, and this is his third high school show. He was last seen in *Little Women* (Rodrigo) and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Quartet). He has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where he will be competing this summer. He is looking forward to continuing his high school acting career with the Warrior Theatre Company. Many thanks to God, his family, and his friends!



**DANIEL PETRO** (Little Kid) is a Freshman at CCS. This is his 4th year at Cornerstone, and he has been seen in multiple other shows as well. He was recently seen in *Mary Poppins Jr.* (Bert), *Godspell Jr.* (Judas), *The Music Man* (Winthrop), and *Peter Pan Jr.* (Nibs). He is excited to be in this production and would like to thank Ms. Pearce for the incredible opportunity.



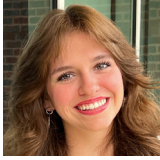
**EVIE PFLUG** (Little Kid/Mum/Stage Manager) is a Sophomore at CCS. This is her 9th year at Cornerstone, and she has been in multiple shows. She was last seen in *Little Women* (Ensemble) *Bye Bye Birdie* (Sweet Apple Girl), *Godspell* (Ensemble), *Peter Pan* (Brave Girl #1), *Shrek the Musical Jr.* (Pippi Longstocking), and *Seussical the Musical Jr.* (Cat in the Hat). She is extremely excited to be in this production of *Matilda*. She has also advanced to Thespian Nationals where she will be competing this summer. She would like to thank Ms. Pearce for the amazing opportunity of working with her in this show.



**ELIANA PORTELA** (Henchman/Big Kid) is a Senior at CCS. This is her 5th year at Cornerstone and her 7th show. She was last seen in *Bye Bye Birdie* (Nancy), and *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Narrator Alf), along with many others. She is excited to be a part of her last show with the cast she loves dearly, and will miss them very much. She knows they are all sad to see her go because she is amazing and hilarious, and seeing her is always everyone's favorite part of rehearsal!! Many thanks to God, her family and friends, and Ms. Pearce for making this last show come to life!



**ANDREW PUENTE** (Big Kid/Cook) is a Junior at CCS. This is his 13th year at Cornerstone, and he has been in a few shows over the years. He was last seen in *Little Women* (Braxton), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Lee), and *Peter Pan Jr.* (Twin #1). He is very excited to be a part of another production and is very happy to perform again.



**LAUREN QUINTANA** (Mum/Big Kid/Salsa Dancer/Stage Manager) is a Junior at CCS. This is her 7th year at Cornerstone, and this is her fourth high school theatre production. She was last seen in *High School Musical* (Cathy), *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Assistant Stage Manager), and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Deborah Sue). She is looking forward to taking part in her next high school musical and cannot wait to perform. Many thanks to her wonderful director, Ms. Pearce, and her family for their support!



**AUDREY RAMOS** (Little Kid) is a Sophomore at CCS. This is her 12th year at CCS, and she has been in multiple shows over the years. She has been in *Godspell Jr.* (Ensemble), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Sweet Apple Girl), and *Little Women* (Ballroom Dancer/Hag). She has also worked crew for *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*. She is very excited to create new memories in this show! She would like to thank God, her sisters, parents, caffeine, Ms. Pearce, and best friends for always being so supportive.



**MEGAN ROHLMEIER** (Big Kid) is a Freshman at CCS. This is her 5th year at Cornerstone, and this is her second CCS show. She was last seen in *Mary Poppins* (Ensemble/Statue). She's done theater since elementary school and looks forward to continuing theater throughout high school! Many thanks to Ms. Pearce for helping me grow through vocal lessons as well as my parents for motivating me!



**RIVER SAUCEDA** (Little Kid) is a second-year student at CCS and this her third show throughout her years in theatre. Her first production was a self-written skit in 8th grade. River was last seen in the musical *Bye Bye Birdie* (Sweet Apple Girl). She is beyond excited for this show and gives huge thanks to her parents, family, friends, and Ms. Pearce for always supporting her.



**ARIANNA SMITH** (Little Kid) is a Freshman at CCS. This is her 3rd year at Cornerstone and she was last seen in *Mary Poppins* (Ensemble). She is looking forward to being in more upcoming shows and working with Ms. Pearce!



**MARYN VILLARREAL** (Little Kid) is a Sophomore at CCS and this is her 2nd year at Cornerstone. She was last seen in *Little Women* (Ensemble), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Sweet Apple Girl), *Mamma Mia* (Ensemble), *Frozen* (Ensemble), and *Shrek* (Snow White). She is excited to take part in *Matilda* and many more over the next years. Many thanks to her parents and Ms. Pearce!





**JACOB WILSON** (Little Kid) is a Freshmen at CCS. He's been at CCS for 10 years (a decade) and has done 2 shows. He's been in *The Lion King* (Bonzai) and was last seen in *Mary Poppins* (Neleus). Jacob is excited to perform in his first high school musical. Thanks to Ms. Pearce and Mrs. Smith!

## CREW



**ETHAN BARNES** (Light Board Operator) is a Senior at CCS. This is his 10th year at CCS and he has been involved in multiple shows over the years. He was last seen lighting up the stage in *Little Women* (Light Board Op.), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Light Board Op.), *High School Musical* (Spotlight Op.), and *Peter Pan Jr.* (Spotlight Op.). He has also run tech for *Inlaws*, *Outlaws*, and *Other People Who Should Be Shot*, *Marvelous Wonderettes*, and *Winter Wonderettes* at S.T.A.G.E. Theater Bulverde. He is looking forward to being involved in yet another production with Ms. Pearce. He would like to thank his mom and dad for supporting him, and Ms. Pearce for giving him this opportunity.



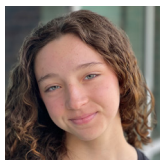
**JORDAN JAPHET** (Co-Crew Head) is a Junior at CCS. This is her 4th year at Cornerstone, and she's been in multiple shows as crew. She has worked on *Little Women*, *High School Musical*, *Peter and The Starcatcher*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*. She's looking forward to this show and working with all the cast and crew. Many thanks to Marcus and Ms. Pearce!



**AUDREY RAMOS** (Co-Crew Head) is a Sophomore at CCS. This is her 12th year at CCS, and she has been in multiple shows over the years. She has been in *Godspell Jr.* (Ensemble), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Sweet Apple Girl), and *Little Women* (Ballroom Dancer/Hag). She has also worked crew for *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *Mary Poppins Jr.*, and *Bye Bye Birdie*. She is very excited to create new memories in this show! She would like to thank God, her sisters, parents, caffeine, Ms. Pearce, and best friends for always being so supportive.



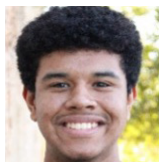
**JOSIAH GARZA** (Stage Manager in Training/Stage Crew) is an 8th grader at CCS. This is his 4th year at Cornerstone, and he has been in multiple shows over the years. He was last seen in *The Lion*, *The Witch*, and *The Wardrobe* (Peter), *Mary Poppins* (John Northbrook), *Godspell* (Ensemble), and *Bye Bye Birdie* (Crew). He is looking forward to high school theatre and what it has in store for him. Many thanks to his parents and Ms. Pearce.



**ALEXA BIRNBAUM** (Video Background/Set Crew) is a Freshman at CCS. This is her 4th year at CCS, and she has been in multiple shows over the years. She was last seen in *Peter Pan* (Ensemble), *The Music Man* (Ensemble), and *Mary Poppins* (Ensemble). She is excited to help behind the scenes in her first show as crew. Many thanks to her family for all the support and to the cast and crew for making this show amazing!



**SOPHIA MARTZALL** (Music & SFX Operator/Set Crew) is a Freshman at CCS. She has been at CCS for 5 years and this is her first show! She is thrilled to be part of the crew and help bring the production to life! She would like to thank her parents for always supporting her and give thanks to Ms. Pearce for giving her the opportunity to be part of the crew!



**DARIEN JENKINS** (Spotlight Operator) is a Senior at CCS. This is his 13th year at Cornerstone and he last worked crew in *Little Women* in the fall. He is looking forward to working with the cast and crew of *Matilda*. Darien wants to thank his family for supporting him throughout everything he does.



**NAYANNA JOSEPH** (Spotlight Operator) is a Sophomore at CCS, and this is her second year and show. Nayanna was last a part of the crew for *Little Women*. She is excited to be a part of her second show and would like to thank her friends for encouraging her.



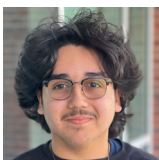
**LUCIUS BALACEANU** (Stage Crew) is a Senior at CCS. This is his 2nd year at Cornerstone, and he is really excited to be a part of crew and experience something new that he hasn't before. He'd like to thank Ms. Pearce for allowing him to be part of the *Matilda* play.



**ISABELLA CHAPMAN** (Stage Crew) is a Sophomore at CCS. This is her 4th year at Cornerstone and has been in many shows over the years. She was last seen in *Little Women* (Troll), *Bye Bye Birdie* (Sweet Apple Girl), *Godspell Jr.* (Soloist/Ensemble), and *Peter Pan Jr.* (Brave Girl). She is very excited for this show. She would like to thank her family, and Ms. Pearce for this opportunity.



**KENADIE LEISTRA** (Stage Crew) is an 8th grader at CCS. This is her 2nd year at Cornerstone, and she has been in one other show. She was last seen in *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* (Crew). She is very excited to be helping with a high school musical for the first time. Thanks to Ms. Pearce for this amazing opportunity!



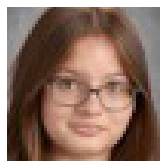
**NICOLAS VEIGA** (Stage Crew) is a Sophomore at CCS. This is his 3rd year at Cornerstone and this is also his first show. He is thankful to be helping with the play. Many thanks to Ms. Pearce!



**SCARLET WILKE** (Stage Crew) is a Freshman at CCS. This is her 3rd year at Cornerstone, and she has been in multiple shows over the years. She was last seen in *Mary Poppins* (Ensemble) and *Narnia* (Crew). She is looking forward to taking part in her first high school musical. Many thanks to Mrs. Smith for the support!



**ANAYIAH HALL** (Concessions) is a Freshman at CCS and is looking forward to working on this show!



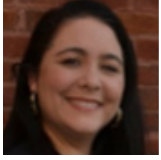
**EVA MEDFORD** (Concessions) is a Sophomore at CCS. This is her first year at CCS and her first show and she is very excited to be helping out. She really likes plays and loves *Matilda*. She also really likes painting and is really grateful for this opportunity.



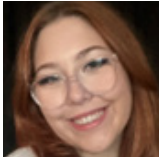
**ZOE GARDNER** (Student Choreographer for “Revolting Children”) is a Sophomore at CCS. This is her 4th year at Cornerstone, and she has been in a couple of shows including *The Nutcracker* (Soldier Doll) and *The Lion King* (Nala). On and off the stage she is a professional dancer and likes to run track in her off-season time. Many thanks to my mom.



## DIRECTORS



**PETRA SPENCER PEARCE** (Director/Choreographer) is a graduate of TCU with a degree in TV/Film Production and Theater. She is excited to bring this classic musical to life with some very talented students. Petra has been director and/or choreographer for several youth theater troupes in San Antonio and New Braunfels as well as Main Stage shows at The Playhouse, Woodlawn Theater, New Braunfels Theater Company, Brauntex Theater, and Lynn Theater among others. Some of her work includes *Gift of the Magi*, *Oklahoma!*, *White Christmas*, *The One-Act Play That Goes Wrong*, *Little Women*, before *Gift of the Magi* *Peter and the Starcatcher*, *A Christmas Carol*, *High School Musical*, *Beauty & the Beast*, *Jekyll and Hyde*, *Thoroughly Modern Millie*, *King and I*, *Mulan*, *Once on this Island*, *Aladdin*, *Singing in the Rain*, *Honk*, and *Willy Wonka*. As a performer, Petra has been seen in *Guys and Dolls* (Sarah Brown), *Fiddler on the Roof* (Tzeitel), *Beauty and the Beast* (Belle), *Bye, Bye, Birdie* (Rose), and *Jekyll and Hyde* (Emma), among others. She also produced the multiple award-winning film titled *Return to the Hiding Place* ([ReturnToTheHidingPlace.com](http://ReturnToTheHidingPlace.com)) about the true-life story of Corrie ten Boom's youth resistance group during WWII. Petra has been involved with theater since the age of five, and loves helping bring beautiful art to life! Much love and many thanks to Jesus, through whom all things are possible, and her family who has been a loving and constant support.



**MEGAN PEARCE** (Costume Designer) is thrilled to be working with the CCS Warrior Thespians again! She is currently finishing her degree at Texas State University majoring in Theater Performance and Production and has been seen as a performer in 23 shows, most recently playing Missy in *The Marvelous Wonderettes* at S.T.A.G.E. Theater this past summer. She is thrilled to be able to use her training to bring Ms. Pearce's vision to life through costumes and hopes everyone has a wonderful time!



**TANISHA SMITH** (Music Coach) is our middle school theatre teacher at CCS and is honored to assist with music for *Matilda*! She holds a Bachelor of Science in Music Education, with a minor in Theatre, from the University of Mobile. She has performed in multiple opera and musical theatre productions, including *Amahl and the Night Visitors* (Mother), *Phantom of the Opera* (Carlotta), and *7 Brides for 7 Brothers* (Mayor's wife). She also sings locally with the Lamplighters Big Band and has enjoyed teaching music and theatre to all ages over the last 10 years. All glory to God!

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## NOTES FROM THE DIRECTOR

Matilda is a brilliant child with neglectful parents who constantly remind her she was unwanted. School isn't much better, as the cruel headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, rules with fear. Yet, amidst this hardship, Miss Honey offers kindness and support, proving that a nurturing advocate can transform a child's future. Ultimately, she rescues Matilda and adopts her as her own.

As Christians, this story is familiar. Through life's trials, we have an Advocate who comforts, rescues, and adopts us - and His name is Jesus. How fitting that the message of Matilda the Musical aligns with our Christian foundation!

Beyond Matilda's personal story, Roald Dahl's tale highlights the biblical value of life. The doctor in the musical declares, "The most common thing in life is life; and yet every single life, every new life, is a miracle." Matilda's story of a daring circus act reflects this truth: life's miracle surpasses fame or fortune.

***"Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward." (Psalm 127:3)***

***"For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb." (Psalm 139:13)***

The musical also explores the power of parental influence, whether for good or harm:

***"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it." (Proverbs 22:6)***

Matilda is not only intelligent but wise, standing up against injustice. Unlike passive bystanders, she challenges oppression, inspiring others to do the same. Trunchbull sees children as unruly and must be broken into obedience, but Matilda and her classmates refuse to accept mistreatment and revolt. This defiance aligns with Scripture's call to fight for justice:

***"Speak up for those who have no voice, for the justice of all who are destitute. Speak up, judge righteously, and defend the cause of the oppressed and needy." (Proverbs 31:8-9)***

As you enjoy the humor and music of Matilda the Musical, may you also recognize its deeper biblical truths. May it inspire you to be a "Miss Honey" in someone's life—showing kindness, advocating for those in need, and living by God's command:

***"Act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8)***

Petra S. Pearce  
Director/Choreographer