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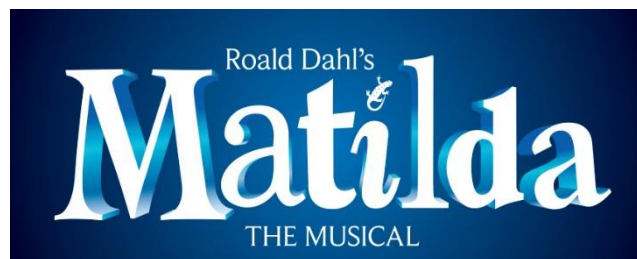
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## Casting Announced for The First National Tour of



### Playing The 5th Avenue Theatre in Seattle August 18-September 6, 2015

(Tuesday, July 28, 2015 – SEATTLE) Casting has been announced for the First National Tour of **MATILDA THE MUSICAL**. Produced by the **Royal Shakespeare Company** and **The Dodgers**, the First National Tour of **MATILDA THE MUSICAL** will come to Seattle to wrap up the summer and kick off the school year.

The three girls sharing the title role are **Gabby Gutierrez**, **Mia Sinclair Jenness**, and **Mabel Tyler**. The principal cast also features (alphabetically): **Jennifer Blood** (Miss Honey), **Quinn Mattfeld** (Mr. Wormwood), **Bryce Ryness** (Miss Trunchbull) and **Cassie Silva** (Mrs. Wormwood).

**MATILDA THE MUSICAL** plays **August 18-September 6, 2015** (press opening August 20) at **The 5th Avenue Theatre** (1308 5th Avenue, Seattle, WA 98101). Tickets (starting at \$35) are available online at [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org), by phone at 206-625-1900, or at the Box Office at 1308 5th Avenue in Downtown Seattle.

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The ensemble of ***MATILDA THE MUSICAL*** includes **Cal Alexander, Kayla Amistad, Cameron Burke, Brittany Conigatti, Michael Fatica, Wesley Faucher, John Michael Fiumara, Camden Gonzales, Shonica Gooden, Evan Gray, Cassidy Hagel, Meliki Hurd, Michael Jablonski, Luke Kolbe Mannikus, Stephanie Martignetti, Megan McGuff, Ora Jones, Justin Packard, Serena Quadrato, Aristotle Rock, Jaquez Andre Sims, Ian Michael Stuart, Danny Tieger, Kaci Walfall, Natalie Wisdom, and Darius Wright.**

Winner of 50 international awards including 4 Tony Awards® and a record-breaking seven Olivier Awards® including Best Musical, ***MATILDA THE MUSICAL*** is the story of an extraordinary girl who dreams of a better life. Armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, Matilda dares to take a stand and change her destiny.

Based on the beloved novel by Roald Dahl, ***MATILDA THE MUSICAL*** is directed by Tony Award® winner **Matthew Warchus** (*God of Carnage*), who helms this production with a book by Tony Award®-winning playwright **Dennis Kelly** and music and lyrics by Australian comedian, musician and composer **Tim Minchin**.

The production has sets and costumes by Tony Award® winner **Rob Howell**, with choreography by Tony Award® winner **Peter Darling**, orchestrations, additional music and musical supervision by **Christopher Nightingale**, lighting by Tony Award® winner **Hugh Vanstone**, and sound by **Simon Baker**.

For more information, including tour dates, cities and tickets, please visit

[www.matildathemusical.com/tour](http://www.matildathemusical.com/tour)

[www.matildathemusical.com/tour](http://www.matildathemusical.com/tour)

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### **PRINCIPAL CAST BIOGRAPHIES**

**GABBY GUTIERREZ** (*Matilda*) National Tour: *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* (Annie Who), Regional: *South Pacific* (Ngana) Papermill Playhouse.

**MIA SINCLAIR JENNESS** (*Matilda*) Broadway & National Tour: *Les Miserables*. Film/TV: *The Sound of Music Live!*, *Celebrity Ghost Stories*, *A Letter to Momo*, *Pokemon*. Off Broadway & NYC Workshops: *Anastasia*, *Number The Stars*, *The Night Before My Wedding*, *Learning How To Drown*, *And A Child Shall Lead*.

**MABEL TYLER** (*Matilda*) Credits: *Tuck Everlasting* (Alliance), *Les Miserables*, *Mary Poppins* (Aurora). TV/Film: "Nashville", *A Sunday Horse*.

**JENNIFER BLOOD** (*Miss Honey*) Broadway: *Violet*, *A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder*. Off-Broadway: *A Little Journey* (Mint), *Unlock'd* (Prospect), *Falling For Eve* (York), *Yeast Nation* (FringeNYC). Regional: *Sound of Music* (Drury Lane-Jeff Nomination), *Man of La Mancha* (Sacramento), *Steel Magnolias* (Casa Mañana), *Light in the Piazza* (Maine State).

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**QUINN MATTFELD** (*Mr. Wormwood*) Broadway: *Pal Joey* (RoundAbout) Regional: *Peter and the Starcatcher* (Black Stache), *Boeing Boeing* (Robert), *Twelfth Night* (Sir Andrew), *Noises Off* (Gary), *As You Like It* (Orlando) - Utah Shakespeare Festival.

**BRYCE RYNESS** (*Miss Trunchbull*) Broadway: *HAIR* (Drama Desk nom), *First Date*, *Leap Of Faith*, *Legally Blonde*; Off-Broadway: *Long Story Short*, *Fly By Night*, *Around The World in 80 Days*, *See Rock City...*, *HAIR*. Regional: *Sleeping Beauty Wakes*, *Floyd Collins*, *Cabaret*. Nat'l Tour: *RENT*. iTunes: RYNESS. Film/TV: *Tangled* (Thug), *Peter Pan Live!* (Starkey), *Law & Order: SVU*.

**CASSIE SILVA** (*Mrs. Wormwood*) Broadway: *Matilda The Musical* (u/s *Mrs. Wormwood*), *Rock of Ages*. Film: *Hairspray* (Brenda).

**ORA JONES** (*Mrs. Phelps*) Credits: *Three Sisters* (Olga), *The Brother/Sister Plays* (Moja/Oba), for Steppenwolf Theatre; *My Kind of Town* (Rita) for Timeline Theatre; *Henry VIII* (Queen Katherine), *The Madness of George III* (Queen Charlotte) for Chicago Shakespeare Theater; *Rasheeda Speaking* (Jaclyn) for Rivendell Theatre.

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### **About The 5th Avenue Theatre**

The non-profit 5th Avenue Theatre is acclaimed as one of the nation's leading musical theater companies and is especially renowned for its production and development of new works. Since 2002, the Seattle-based company has produced 17 new musicals. To date, nine (including the sensational hit *Disney's Aladdin*) have moved on to Broadway premieres, earning a combined 15 Tony Awards, including two for Best Musical (*Hairspray* and *Memphis*). The 5th Avenue Theatre is also known for its world class, critically acclaimed productions of musicals chosen from both the contemporary canon and the Golden Age of Broadway.

Unique in its Chinese-inspired design, this exquisite theater opened in 1926 as a venue for vaudeville and film. Today, under the leadership of Executive Producer and Artistic Director David Armstrong, Managing Director Bernadine C. Griffin and Producing Artistic Director Bill Berry, this non-profit theater company attracts an annual attendance of more than 300,000, including over 25,000 subscribers – one of the largest theater subscriptions in North America.

In addition to its main stage productions, The 5th Avenue Theatre is also committed to encouraging the next generation of theatergoers through its extensive educational outreach programs. For more information about The 5th Avenue Theatre, its season and its programs, please visit [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org).

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## **FOR CALENDAR EDITORS**

**WHAT:** *TIME Magazine's* #1 Show of the Year, ***Matilda The Musical***, is kicking off the 2015/16 season at The 5th Avenue Theatre. Produced by the **Royal Shakespeare Company** and the **Dodgers**, the first national tour of ***Matilda The Musical*** is the sensational hit Seattle audiences won't want to miss.

Winner of 50 international awards including four Tony Awards® and a record-breaking seven Olivier Awards including Best Musical, ***Matilda The Musical*** is based on the beloved novel by best-selling author **Roald Dahl** (*Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Fantastic Mr. Fox*). It is the story of an extraordinary girl who dreams of a better life. Armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, Matilda dares to take a stand and change her destiny.

**WHEN:** *Previews: August 18-19, 2015*  
Opening Night: Thursday, August 20, 2015  
Closing Performance: Sunday, September 6, 2015

**SHOW** Tuesdays & Wednesdays – 7:30 PM  
**TIMES:** Thursdays\* & Fridays – 8:00 PM  
Saturdays – 2:00 PM & 8:00 PM  
Sundays – 1:30 PM & 7:00 PM

**WHERE:** **The 5th Avenue Theatre** (1308 5th Avenue, Seattle)

**TICKETS:** For tickets (starting at \$35) and information, please visit [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org) or call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900. Tickets may also be purchased at (888) 5TH-4TIX.

Groups of 10 or more may buy NOW by contacting Group Sales Manager Niklaus Lopez at (888) 625-1418.

Tickets are also available as a part of the 2015/16 season subscription. For more information, please visit [www.5thavenue.org](http://www.5thavenue.org) or call the Box Office at (206) 625-1900.

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