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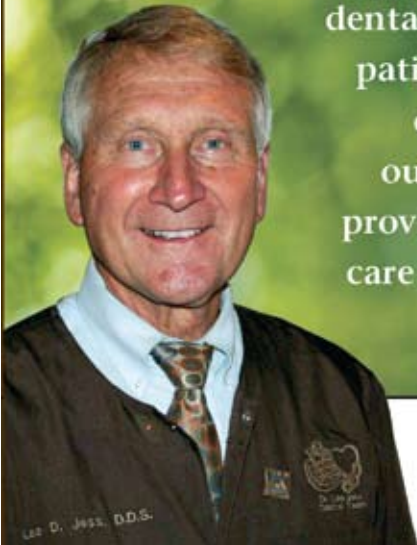
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If you are interested in joining this fun group of people and would like to volunteer your time, please call Emily at the box office at 218-327-5780 or email boxoffice@reifcenter.org. We will also have applications available in the lobby. Volunteer hours will be recorded and can be redeemed for free tickets to Reif shows!

We also greatly appreciate the financial support extended to us by this generous community. The Reif is a non-profit organization, and the price of show tickets alone does not cover all of the expenses for the great programs offered year-round. Will you consider a gift at this time? We greatly appreciate any amount you can donate. Donations can be made at the Box Office, via check (Reif Center, 720 NW Conifer Drive, Grand Rapids, MN 55744), or online at: reifcenter.org/donate

Thank you for considering and enjoy the show!

Truth and acknowledgment are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all differences of cultural heritage. So as we begin our program today, we acknowledge that we are standing on the traditional, ancestral, and contemporary lands of Indigenous people. This land was cared for, and called home, by the Ojibwe people, before them the Dakota, and other Native peoples from time immemorial. Ceded by the Ojibwe to the US government in the 1855 treaty of Washington, this land still holds great historical, spiritual, and personal significance for its original stewards. Before we continue, we will pause for a moment to pay respect to their elders, past, present and future.



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LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD AND THE STORYBOOK MYSTERIES

THE Candyland CAPER



Written and Directed by **Katie E. Smith**

Co-Director **Amy Stovall**

Assistant Directors **Glen Key & Mike Magner**

Tech Director
John Miller

Set Construction
Greg Johnson

Sound Technician
Mila Adams

Sound Installation
Melanie McCoy

Crew
**Dakira Dagenais
& Alaina Radunz**

Costumes
Amy Stovall

Photography
Jenni Mariano

Radio Show Musical Coach
Emily Slaubaugh

Set Painting and Décor... **Emma Coronado-Rands, Dakira Dagenais, Benny Jurvelin, Adriana Kabotoff, Lucy Kabotoff, Glen Key, Makea Niewind, Alaina Radunz, Katie Smith, Michael Vieira-Ducey**



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Mary Sunshine.	Anna Belle Daigle
Lolli.	Emma Ward
Coco	Gabby Emerson
Honey	Claire Anderson
Ginger	Millie Koscielniak
Tootsie.	Haivia Thoennes
Carmella	Addie Benes
Baby (Ruth)	Olive L'Amie

PRINCIPALS

Red	Genevieve Mariano
Gretel	Lillian Stark
B.B. Wolf	Jack Vieira-Ducey
Miss Muffet	Makea Niewind
Boy Blue	Benny Jurvelin
Mayor Marshmallow	Bradley Hewitt
Bruce Butterscotch.	Peyton Litchke
Sparky	Teddy Vieira-Ducey
Luna	Alaina Lloyd
Lotus.	Canella Popham
Lupine.	Goldie Lowney
Miss Manners	Madden Windschitl
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Brooke	Samantha Pederson
Andi	Ella Monson

THE CHICLETTES

Peggy	Ayden Schauer
Annette	Emma Coronado-Rands
Elaine	Adriana Kabotoff
Shorty	Mavis Bujold
Patty	Poppy Kreitzer
Susie	Ada McInerny
Betty	Brooklyn Ruyak
Dotty	EmmyLou Mell

ENSEMBLE

Jordyn Aker	Linnea Ljosenvoor	Tommy Ryan
Robbie Elj	Magnolia Ljosenvoor	Jayleigh Stumo
Graham Elsen	Alaina Lloyd	Jack Vieira-Ducey
Zelda Gephart	Lila Lowden	Teddy Vieira-Ducey
Bradley Hewitt	Addilynn Mjolsness	Lily Ward
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ROALD DAHL'S
Matilda
THE MUSICAL JR.

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Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023
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Rehearsals begin
Monday, Sept. 11, 2023

Performances:
Nov. 17-19, 2023

Instructor: Katie E. Smith
Location: The Reif Center,
Grand Rapids

Fee: \$150 (Before Sept. 7th)
\$165 (After Sept. 7th)

Questions? Email Katie at
ksmith@reifcenter.org or
call (218)327-5780.

ROALD DAHL'S MATILDA THE MUSICAL JR. is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI.

Rebellion is nigh in Matilda JR., a gleefully witty ode to the anarchy of childhood and the power of imagination! This story of a girl who dreams of a better life and the children she inspires will have audiences rooting for the "revolting children" who are out to teach the grown-ups a lesson.

Matilda has astonishing wit, intelligence... and special powers! She's unloved by her cruel parents but impresses her schoolteacher, the highly loveable Miss Honey. Matilda's school life isn't completely smooth sailing, however – the school's mean headmistress, Miss Trunchbull, hates children and just loves thinking up new punishments for those who don't abide by her rules. But Matilda has courage and cleverness in equal amounts, and could be the school pupils' saving grace! (For students in 3rd through 12th grade.)

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A Note from the Director

As I sit here trying to find the right words there is one that sticks out...GRATITUDE! I feel such immense gratitude for the amazing friends and colleagues who have helped me through these three weeks. Amy Stovall is the kindest friend anyone could ask for. She has been the voice of reason in the theater every day. Mike Magner is unfailingly supportive of my whims and imagination. Glen Key is the most faithful person and one of the hardest workers I have had the pleasure to work with. Without these three people on my team, I shudder to think what this show would look like. From the bottom of my heart, thank you! You are the exact people I need but could never deserve.

I must also thank the 60 kids who spent three weeks of their summer creating this show and their families who have supported them. It has been magical seeing you transform into these characters and watching you bring this story to life.

Finally, thank you all for coming out to support youth in the arts. We can spend all the time in the world creating shows but without an audience, it is not theater. You are the missing piece of our puzzle and I am so glad we are finally complete. Please enjoy the show!

Katie E. Smith



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A promotional graphic for MPR News. The background is dark. On the left, a woman with dark, curly hair (Angela Davis) is looking towards the camera. On the right, a woman with short blonde hair and glasses (Cathy Wurzer) is wearing a headset and smiling. Two teal-colored text boxes are overlaid on the image. The top text box contains the website and frequency, and the bottom text box contains the program name and time slot.

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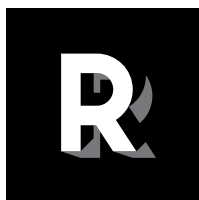
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