# **Audition Packet**



# **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory**

Presented by Stuart's Opera House
A Nelsonville-York Drama Club & ABC Players Collaboration

Book by David Greig
Music by Marc Shaiman
Lyrics by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman
Based on the novel by Roald Dahl

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.mtishows.com

# **PRODUCTION TEAM**

Co-Director/NYDC Coordinator: Samantha Pelham Kunz Co-Director/ABC Players President: Jodi MacNeal

Music Director: Molly Prudenti Choreographer: Melanie Tullet Assistant Choreographer: Jenn Fritchley Assistant Director/NY Liaison: Jacci Clark

Producer: Devin Sudman

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# A Note About This Production:

This production is a true community collaboration, as it is a partnership between local community theater ABC Players and the Nelsonville-York Drama Club that is hosted and fiscally sponsored by the Stuart's Opera House Art Education Department. We truly hope that everyone in our theater arts community, and beyond, comes out to participate!

Priority for casting <u>will</u> go to students in the Nelsonville-York School District, however <u>all</u> auditions are open and will be considered equally during casting. This is an ensemble heavy show and we will be looking for many actors to fill the ample of roles available! Again, this is a true <u>community collaboration</u>, and we want everyone to be showcased in the best way possible.

Performers must be 10 years old or over by the time of rehearsals.

# **SHOW SYNOPSIS**

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, based on the beloved novel by Roald Dahl, brings the magical world of Willy Wonka to the stage in a whimsical, music-filled adventure. With a book by David Greig, and music by Marc Shaiman with lyrics by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman, the musical follows young Charlie Bucket as he discovers one of five rare golden tickets granting entry into Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory. Inside, Charlie and the other lucky winners encounter a world of pure imagination—complete with chocolate waterfalls, nutty squirrels, the great glass elevator, and the ever-curious Oompa-Loompas—on a journey that becomes as life-changing as it is fantastical.

# **KEY DATES & TIMES**

#### **AUDITIONS**

Sunday. Dec. 14 from 1-6 p.m. at Stuart's Opera House, 52 Public Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764

Location: 30

If you cannot attend auditions on the 14th you may submit a video audition. To submit a video audition, please email Jodi MacNeal at <a href="mailto:ilmacneal@gmail.com">ilmacneal@gmail.com</a> or Sam Pelham Kunz at <a href="mailto:samanthaepelham@gmail.com">samanthaepelham@gmail.com</a>

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Please make every effort to attend the audition on Sunday.

## **CALLBACKS**

<u>Dec. 15 from 6-9 p.m.</u> at Stuart's Opera House, 52 Public Square, Nelsonville, OH 45764 Location: 30

You will be notified of a callback following general auditions. Callbacks will consist of more singing and reading from the script. If you get called back, we will provide information before noon on Dec. 15 on what other songs and scenes we would like you to look over.

If you are not called back that does NOT mean you won't be cast in the show, it simply means that we saw everything we needed at your audition.

#### REHEARSALS

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 6:30-9 p.m. at Stuart's Opera House. The occasional Sunday rehearsal may be needed closer to performances and we will provide at least a week's notice.

<u>Please note that not everyone will be called to every rehearsal</u>, and a weekly rehearsal schedule will be provided in advance so that you can plan accordingly.

#### TECH REHEARSALS & PERFORMANCES

Tech rehearsals will begin on March 15, and will happen every night until performances begin.

NO CONFLICTS will be honored or observed during Tech Week/ Performances, we need every actor and crew member to be part of the entire process.

Performances will be at Stuart's Opera House on March 20 and 21 at 7:30 p.m., and the 22 at 2 p.m.

Lobby Doors will open 1-hour prior, and theater doors will open 30-minutes before performances.

# REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

#### Week 1

Jan. 12: 6:30-9pm Jan. 13: 6:30-9pm Jan. 14: 6:30-9pm Jan. 15: 6:30-9pm

# Week 2

Jan 20: 6:30-9pm Jan. 21: 6:30-9pm Jan. 22: 6:30-9pm

#### Week 3

Jan. 26: 6:30-9pm Jan. 27: 6:30-9pm Jan. 28: 6:30-9pm Jan. 29: 6:30-9pm

## Week 4

Feb. 2: 6:30-9pm Feb. 3: 6:30-9pm Feb. 4: 6:30-9pm Feb. 5: 6:30-9pm

#### Week 5

Feb. 9: 6:30-9pm Feb. 10: 6:30-9pm Feb. 11: 6:30-9pm Feb. 12: 6:30-9pm

# Week 6

Feb. 16: 6:30-9pm Feb. 17: 6:30-9pm Feb. 18: 6:30-9pm Feb. 19: 6:30-9pm

# Week 7

Feb. 23: 6:30-9pm Feb. 24: 6:30-9pm Feb. 25: 6:30-9pm Feb. 26: 6:30-9pm

## Week 8

March 2: 6:30-9pm March 3: 6:30-9pm March 4: 6:30-9pm March 5: 6:30-9pm

#### Week 9

March 9: 6:30-9pm March 10: 6:30-9pm March 11: 6:30-9pm March 12: 6:30-9pm

# Week 10 \*TECH/PERFORMANCE WEEK\*

#### \*no conflicts allowed\*

March 15: 12-10pm (TECH SUNDAY)
March 16: Dress Rehearsal #1, 6pm call
March 17: Dress Rehearsal #2, 6pm call
March 18: Dress Rehearsal #3, 6pm call
March 19: Dress Rehearsal #4, 6pm call
March 20: OPENING NIGHT

March 21: Show #2
March 22: Shows #3 & STRIKE

<sup>\*</sup> REHEARSALS MAY BE ADDED/SUBTRACTED IF AGREED UPON IN ADVANCE BY CAST, GUARDIAN, AND PRODUCTION TEAM\*

<sup>\*</sup>NY Drama Club Students may have additional after school rehearsals as we progress through the process, they will be shared well in advance\*

# **CHARACTER BREAKDOWN**

#### **WILLY WONKA**

A sly, magnetic, and eccentric chocolatier who commands attention the moment he enters a room. Wonka is equal parts charming showman, clever trickster, and mysterious genius. His moods shift quickly—from whimsical and playful to darkly enigmatic. Requires strong comedic instincts and the ability to balance warmth with unpredictability.

# **CHARLIE BUCKET**

Sweet, smart, hopeful, and endlessly optimistic. Charlie is kind-hearted, thoughtful, and deeply appreciative of his family despite their struggles. He has a quiet strength, a vivid imagination, and a genuine sense of wonder. A character grounded in sincerity and vulnerability.

#### **GRANDPA JOE**

Charlie's lively and imaginative grandfather. Although confined to a bed for years, his childlike joy and adventurous spirit return when Charlie finds the Golden Ticket. Warm, humorous, and loving, Grandpa Joe is Charlie's loyal companion on their journey through the factory.

#### MRS. BUCKET

Charlie's devoted and hardworking mother. Warm, caring, and generous, even when times are tough. She is a worrier by nature but always puts Charlie first. A grounded and heartfelt character.

# **GRANDMA JOSEPHINE**

One of Charlie's bedridden grandparents. She is feisty, opinionated, and often humorous. Loves her family and shares a close bond with the other grandparents.

#### **GRANDMA GEORGINA**

Another of Charlie's grandparents. Practical, sharp, and sometimes a bit fussy. Offers dry humor and commentary from the family bed.

# **GRANDPA GEORGE**

The grumpiest of the grandparents—blunt, irritable, and delightfully grouchy. Often provides comic relief through his pessimism and impatience.

#### THE GOLDEN TICKET WINNERS & THEIR PARENTS

#### MRS. GLOOP

Augustus's proud, overindulgent mother. Bold, loud, and over-the-top in every way. She believes her son can do no wrong and displays a smiling confidence that ignores all chaos around her. Strong comedic timing helpful.

#### **AUGUSTUS GLOOP**

Enthusiastic, impulsive, and always hungry. Augustus is a whirlwind of excitement with boundless energy and a one-track mind for food. Boisterous and physical.

# MR. SALT

Veruca's overwhelmed father. Well-meaning but completely wrapped around his daughter's finger. Goofy, eccentric, and hilariously ineffective at setting boundaries. Endlessly indulgent and desperate to keep Veruca happy.

#### **VERUCA SALT**

Spoiled, demanding, and certain she should always get what she wants. Veruca is dramatic, determined, and expertly manipulative. Sharp comedic skills and confident stage presence required.

#### MR. BEAUREGARDE

Violet's attention-seeking father. Proud of his daughter's "achievements" and constantly promoting her. Oblivious to her sass and rudeness. Needs strong comedic delivery and energy.

#### **VIOLET BEAUREGARDE**

Confident, bold, competitive, and full of attitude. Violet lives in the spotlight and loves being the center of attention. Fast-talking and fearless, with strong comedic and physical expression.

#### **MIKE TEAVEE**

Hyperactive, high-strung, and obsessed with video games and screens. Mike is loud, fast-moving, and constantly bouncing with energy. Needs sharp comedic timing and commitment to big character choices.

#### MRS. TEAVEE

A frantic, overwhelmed mother trying desperately to keep up with Mike's intensity. Tense, dramatic, and frequently on the brink of exasperation. A very funny character with lots of opportunities for bold choices.

# **ADDITIONAL ROLES**

#### MRS. GREEN

A friendly local vegetable vendor. Cheerful and warm, serving as part of the community surrounding Charlie.

# **JERRY & CHERRY**

TV reporters covering the hunt for the Golden Tickets. Bright, enthusiastic, and slightly over-the-top broadcast personalities. Great roles for actors who enjoy larger-than-life comedic characters.

# **ENSEMBLE**

The heart of the world of the show. Ensemble members portray townspeople, factory workers, Oompa-Loompas, shoppers, and more. Strong character work, energy, and versatility are essential.

# WHAT TO PREPARE FOR AUDITIONS

#### **MUSIC**

Please prepare one of the following songs from the show. You can choose whichever you prefer. You will have to sing-a-long with a backing track or accompanist.

(Click the song title to access the PDF)

Pure Imagination

OR

Oompa Loompa Song

#### **DANCE**

You will be taught a dance combo in the room by our Choreographer, Melanie Tullet. Please wear comfortable shoes and clothes so that you can move, and please bring water.

# **ACTING**

You will be asked to pick the monologue or scene from the show that best fits the role you are auditioning for. Monologues and scenes to choose from below.

# ON DEC. 14 YOU WILL BE EXPECTED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- Complete and submit an <u>audition form</u>, with necessary signatures.
- Introduce yourself to your fellow auditionees and the creative team
- Sing the song from the show you chose to prepare for the creative team
  - Learn a dance and perform in small groups
  - Read scenes from the script when called upon

- HAVE FUN!!

# Please complete and submit an AUDITION FORM: https://forms.gle/mwX6wV4W5RkMUMtx6

Please see audition scenes beginning on the following page. Please pick the character you would most like to read. We will do our best to allow everyone to read for each character they wish if you choose to prepare more than one scene.

In addition to these scenes the directing staff may have you read from the actual script as well.

# **Audition Scenes and Monologues**

**Charlie -** I mean, what does he do all day? Does he write his ideas in a scrap book? Does he sit all day in class and day-dream? Well not class I suppose because he doesn't go to school does he? But does he spend his lunch break just mixing things up in cups to see how they taste... How does he do it? What happens in that factory?

**Willy Wonka -** My name is Willy Wonka. I make chocolate. Quite simply, the greatest invention in the entire history of the world. Whoever could there be who doesn't love the tooth-tickling tounge-tastical taste of a sweet bar of soft milk chocolate... Except dogs of course, its poisonous to dogs. There comes a time, in every chocolatier's life when the chocolate he makes turns dark and bitter, that's when he knows it's time to lay down his spoon... to hand over to someone else, someone new...

#### Grandpa Joe -

Charlie: I'm home. Grandpa Joe? *Grandpa Joe:* Mr Crockett! Duck! Charlie: Grandpa Joe, it's me!

Grandpa Joe: Oh! Charlie! I thought I was back at the Alamo.

Charlie: You were dreaming!

**Grandpa Joe:** Dreaming? Me? No! Never. I was resting my eyes. I was wide awake! Like a coiled spring. Always ready to pounce.

Charlie: Well pounce on this- look.

**Grandpa Joe:** What's that?

Charlie: It's a wrapper from a Whipple Scrumptious Fudge Mallow delight *Grandpa Joe:* Wonka's masterpiece! Where on earth did you find it?

Charlie: A candy shop just opened at the end of our street and guess what? It sells

Wonka bars.

Grandpa Joe: Imagine!

**Mrs. Bucket -** Oh, there you are Charlie. I knew you'd be hanging around that darn candy store! Here, give me a hand with this laundry? And later I'm going to need you to go to the dump and fetch a piece of tin or something – there's a hole in the roof and a pigeon's been pooping on Grandma Josephine's head...

# Violet Beauregarde -

**Violet:** I don't care about dessert Wonka. I care about fame, and this stuff's gonna make me huge!

Wonka: Violet, No! Violet: Film me Daddy.

Mr Beauregarde: Tell the people what you taste, Vi.

Violet: Chicken soup- it's delicious!

Mr Beauregarde: Violet, you're going to be the face of GUM!

**Violet:** Roast beef and mashed potato!

Wonka: Please Violet, spit it out!

Violet: Spit it out! Don't you know who I am?

**Mr. Beauregarde -** It's time to... Meet a little lady everybody's talkin' about... Now she is royalty to the highest order and she don't give a hoot about what Veruca says, cause round here, Daddy has the last word... Ok? Ok? Come on!

**Mike Teavee -** Yo whatup losers! My name's Mike Teavee and I'm the mother-boarding best. So check it... I hacked Willy Wonka's computers and found one of his stupid Golden Tickets. Hashtag – WhatAJoke! Hashtag – WillyWonkalsAStupid!

#### Mrs. Teavee -

Mrs Teavee: My God, Mr Wonka-what's happened to him?

Wonka: He shrunk to fit the screen.

Charlie: What's he saying?

*Mrs Teavee:* He's saying- now I'm small my mommy can look after me all day, isn't that right Mike?

Mike: EEK!

Mrs Teavee: Just like I did when you were a little baby.

Mike: EEK!

*Mrs Teavee:* Mommy's got a new little helper now. Look at his tiny hands. Aren't they adorable!

#### Veruca Salt -

Wonka: Dyspepsia?

Veruca: Veruca!

Wonka: Angina?

Veruca: Veruca!

Wonka: Diahorrea?

Veruca: VERUCAAAA!

Wonka: I'm terribly sorry I was checking your father's medical records.

Veruca: I'll take care of YOU WONKA if you don't focus on ME!

#### Mr. Salt -

*Mr Salt:* Look here, Wonka, these Oompa Loompas of yours. I'm interested in hiring some. They seem like they're not afraid to work and half size means half pay. Tell me... where do you get them from?

Wonka: I don't get them from anywhere Mr Salt, the Oompa Loompas are an ancient and long lost tribe.

*Mr Salt:* Yes but where do they come from?

Wonka: Why they come from Loompaland of course.

Mr Salt: Loompaland? There's no such place.

# Augustus Gloop -

Augustus: Mr. Wonka can we eat it?

Wonka: Are you hungry? *Augustus*: Little bit.

Wonka: Then go ahead. Eat anything you like. That's what its for.

Augustus: Mama, it's a whole lagoon full of chocolate

Wonka: Augustus STOP!

Augustus: Just one more handful!

#### Mrs. Gloop -

Mrs Gloop: Mr Wonka. He's just peckish!

Augustus: Just one more handful!

Mrs Gloop: AUGUSTUS!

Wonka: The system has detected an impurity

Mrs Gloop: Augustus is not an impurity. He's my little baby boy!

Augustus: Mamma, I'm stuck

Mrs Gloop: Try releasing some gas! AUGUSTUS!

**Cherry/Jerry/Ensemble** - Ladies and Gentlemen – The clock strikes, the hour has come. In the shadow of Wonka's factory we stand. But where is the man who built? Wither the shadowy confectioner who has hidden in his sugar coated Shangri-La for over forty years? The man they call Willy Wonka!



