

Willy Wonka Kids

1 Act, G Rated

Cast Size: 65 Campers

22 Roles + 4 Small Groups

Dance Requirements: Standard to None

Plot Summary

The delicious adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder, in addition to a host of fun new songs, *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS* is a scrumdiddlyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth.

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS follows enigmatic candy manufacturer Willy Wonka as he stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whomever comes up with these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. Four of the five winning children are insufferable brats, but the fifth is a likeable young lad named Charlie Bucket, who takes the tour in the company of his equally amiable grandfather. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules in the factory – or suffer the consequences.

Willy Wonka - Lead Character

***Auditions will begin with campers entering 4th – 6th Grade.**

Younger grades should speak with the Show Director if they would like to audition for this character.

Willy Wonka is an enigmatic character; at once mysterious and mischievous but also charismatic. There are a number of directions to take with Wonka, ranging from Gene Wilder's version in the original film, *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory*, to Johnny Depp's portrayal in the recent film, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, and everything in between. We will pick a young man or woman who is charismatic, engaging and has a great voice. This actor should be able to be funny and serious and change between the two on a dime.

Charlie Bucket - Lead Character

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The role of Charlie Bucket is the emotional heart and soul of the musical. The actor or actress performing Charlie should have lots of pluck and enthusiasm. Think of a male "Annie." Charlie is in nearly every scene, so this part will require someone who can handle the demands of a sizable role.

Grandpa Joe - Lead Character

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Grandpa Joe is the grandfather we all wish we had when we were Charlie's age. He is caring, patient, sweet and always reminds Charlie to remain cheerful. We will cast an actor or actress who can be kind and funny.

Candy Man - Supporting Character

The Candy Man goes from neighborhood to neighborhood selling candy, much like an ice cream truck. The actor or actress should portray him to be pleasant, charismatic, and friendly. The Candy Man sings the song "The Candy Man" and has some scene work with Charlie.

Mr. Bucket - Supporting Character

A great role for an actor or actress who has a nice voice, and is a natural nurturer. Both Mr. and Mrs. Bucket sing solos; Mr. Bucket performs the number "Think Positive" with Charlie and Mrs. Bucket sings "Cheer Up, Charlie" with Mr. Bucket and Grandpa Joe.

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Phineous Trout - Supporting Character

Phineous is the reporter who announces the winners of the Golden Ticket contest throughout the show. This role requires some singing and can be played by either an actor or actress.

Augustus Gloop - Supporting Character

Augustus is the overachieving eater who represents the evils of eating too much. This actor or actress will be wearing a plumped-up costume to give the illusion of size.

Mrs. Gloop - Supporting Character

Mrs. Gloop is Augustus' mother who has overindulged her son with food. She accompanies Augustus on the tour of the factory, and sings "I Eat More!" which is one of the more difficult songs in the score for young people. The role requires a character actor or actress who isn't afraid to take positive risks both in their acting and singing.

Mike Teavee - Supporting Character

For this adaptation Mike is not just a TV junky. He is also addicted to video games, the Internet and any other mindnumbing technological device. Mike is bratty, loud and obnoxious. He does not know the word "no." Mike and Ms. Teavee sing "I See It All On TV" so this actor or actress should be a reasonable singer.

Ms. Teavee - Supporting Character

Ms. Teavee is a take on all television moms of the distant past. Think June Cleaver (Leave it to Beaver) or Marion Cunningham (Happy Days) or Carol Brady (The Brady Bunch). She's perfectly put together and a bit vacant.

Violet Beauregarde - Supporting Character

Gum chewer extraordinaire, Violet hails from Snellville, Georgia, so it's nice if she has a Southern American accent, but not necessary. Violet should stand in stark contrast to Veruca Salt. Veruca is a wealthy refined brat; Violet is more of a bluecollar, middle class brat. She sings "Chew It" along with Willy Wonka. The song is a tour-de-force for the right voice, so we will cast an actor or actress with a strong voice.

Mrs. Beauregarde - Supporting Character

Mrs. Beauregard is a teacher of geography and has invested a great deal of hard-earned money on therapy for her orally fixated daughter, with less than stellar results. The role is virtually non-singing. Her accent should match Violet's.

Veruca Salt - Supporting Character

Veruca is the wealthy, class-conscious, spoiled brat. She is often portrayed with a high British accent that is by no means required (brats come in all nationalities). Veruca's solo number "I Want It Now" is deceptively tricky and comes late in the show, so we will select an actor or actress with a strong voice. Veruca should contrast sharply with Violet Beauregarde in terms of look and physical type.

Mr. Salt - Supporting Character

Mr. Salt's solution to most problems is to buy his way out. He is upper class, and usually portrayed with a high British accent. (But this accent is not necessary-although Veruca and Mr. Salt should sound like they hail from the same place.) This part sings very little.

Grandma Josephina, Grandma Georgina and Grandpa George - Supporting Characters

Charlie's three grandparents are mainly non-singing character roles. We will cast performers that are innately interesting, who have good comic timing and are solid actors.

James - Supporting Character

James is Charlie's friend from school. He has a few lines and sings the introduction of "The Candy Man" along with Matilda and Charlie.

Matilda - Supporting Character

Matilda is also a schoolmate of Charlie's, but she's a bit of bully. Matilda has a few lines and sings the introduction of "The Candy Man" along with James and Charlie.

Oompa-Loompa Chorus - Small Group

The Oompa-Loompa Chorus will be a group of performers that sing and dance throughout the show. This will be a fun part and the actor or actress should expect to wear orange face paint and a green wig during the show.

The Candy Man Kids - Small Group

This small group will assist Charlie, James, Matilda and The Candy Man in singing "The Candy Man" song.

Squirrels - Small Group

The squirrels are non-speaking, non-singing roles. This is a great part for beginning actors and actresses.

Chorus of Cooks - Small Group

The Cooks appear during "I Eat More!" presenting Augustus with a smorgasbord of food choices. This is another great part for beginning actors and actresses.