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ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

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Chairman's Message

Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, welcome to a world of pure imagination! Tonight, we are thrilled to transport you to a whimsical and enchanting place as we proudly present the spectacular musical adaptation of Roald Dahl's timeless classic – "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." As the lights dim and the curtain rises, prepare to be captivated by the enchanting story of young Charlie Bucket, a sweet and humble child whose life takes an unexpected turn when Charlie wins a golden ticket to tour the mysterious and fantastical chocolate factory owned by the eccentric and reclusive Willy Wonka. This beloved tale has captured the hearts of readers for generations, and now, it comes to life on stage, filling the air with excitement, wonder, and a sprinkle of chocolate magic.

Our talented cast and crew have worked tirelessly to bring Dahl's whimsical world to the stage, creating a visual and auditory feast that will transport you into the heart of Wonka's confectionery kingdom.

From the sugary sweetness of the Chocolate Room to the fizzy delights of the Inventing Room, each scene is a testament to the creativity and imagination that Dahl infused into his timeless story.

But beyond the sugary delights and magical wonders, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is a tale of hope, resilience, and the power of dreams. At its core, it encourages us all to believe in the extraordinary possibilities that life can offer, even when faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges. The characters you will meet tonight – from the endearing Charlie Bucket to the enigmatic Willy Wonka and the mischievous Oompa-Loompas – will take you on a journey that is both heartwarming and exhilarating.

So, as the curtain rises, let your imagination soar. Allow the melodies of the music to sweep you away, and let the vibrant colours and dazzling performances transport you to a world where anything is possible. "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is not just a musical; it is a celebration of the joy, wonder, and magic that live within us all. Thank you for joining us on this adventure, and may your evening be filled with laughter, joy, and the sweetest of dreams!

Richard Coveney

Richard Coveney, Chairman of Leatherhead Operatic Society

Story

When Charlie wins a golden ticket to the weird and wonderful Wonka Chocolate Factory, it's the chance of a lifetime to feast on the sweets Charlie's always dreamed of. But beyond the gates astonishment awaits, as down the sugary corridors, and amongst the incredible edible delights, the five lucky winners discover not everything is as sweet as it seems.

Act I

Suddenly before us stands Willy Wonka, the world-renowned candy maker and inventor of the Everlasting Gobstopper - a genius who believes he is a forgotten man. Wonka transforms himself into the world-weary owner of a candy shop who makes the acquaintance of young Charlie Bucket, who idolizes Willy Wonka. When the shop owner tells Charlie that Wonka is about to make a comeback, Charlie is thrilled but exasperated that the shop owner does not seem to know just who Willy Wonka is. The shop owner tells Charlie that Willy Wonka is going to open the mysteries of his chocolate factory - but only to the five lucky possessors of a golden ticket to be found in a Wonka Bar. Back home, Charlie learns

that times are so hard for the family that Charlie will not get the birthday Wonka Bar this year - so no chance at the golden ticket. Of the four eccentric grandparents who live in the house - in fact, in the same bed - Grandpa Joe is Charlie's kindred spirit. Charlie decides to write a letter to Willy Wonka, in which to expresses wonder and admiration (as well as some ideas) for the candy maker.

The news breaks that the first winner of a golden ticket is a food-loving German boy, adored by his mother and named Augustus Gloop. The second is Veruca Salt, the spoiled-rotten daughter of a Russian oligarch. The winner of the third ticket is Violet Beauregarde, whose publicity hound of a father is turning her pursuit of a world record for chewing gum into a media event. The fourth ticket goes to Mike Teavee, a brat who is mesmerised by social media, to the delight of his mother. Charlie appears to be out of luck, leaving

Charlie's mother and grandparents wistful for what she is unable to provide, when fate intervenes. Charlie finds some money on the ground and buys a Wonka bar from Mrs. Green's cart and discovers a golden ticket, making Charlie the fifth winner. Charlie and the whole family celebrate the news that Charlie is headed to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory, along with Grandpa Joe. At long last, Willy Wonka welcomes the winners into his factory, teasing them about what lies ahead for them.

Act II

Inside the factory, Wonka introduces the winners to the wonders they are about to encounter - and some things they need to remember. Charlie and Grandpa Joe are in awe of Wonka and what the magical experience has to offer, while the other children are

greedy and impatient. One by one, the they become victims of their own appetites. Augustus Gloop's insatiable hunger for the chocolate waterfall makes him the first victim, his fate determined by the mysterious Oompa Loompas. Violet is then the next to vanish followed by Veruca, and finally Mike Teavee. Ultimately, there is only Charlie, in whom Willy Wonka sees an heir to his magical mission. He welcomes Charlie into a magical glass elevator that takes them up, up, up, so Charlie can see everything - a happy home and limitless future, thanks to the Candy Man.

Musical Numbers

The Candy Man
Willy Wonka, Willy Wonka
Charlie, You and I
A Letter from Charlie Bucket
More of Him to Love
When Veruca Says
The Queen of Pop
That Little Man of Mine
If Your Father Were Here
I've Got a Golden Ticket/Grandpa Joe
Red Carpet
It Must Be Believed to Be Seen
Strike That, Reverse It
Pure Imagination / Grandpa Joe
Auf Wiedersehen Augustus
You Got Whacha Want
Veruca's Nutcracker: Sweet!
Vidiots
The View from Here
Finale

Cast

Willy Wonka - Akhil Gowrinath

Charlie Bucket - Elkarose Curry

Grandpa Joe - Michael Lock

Mrs Bucket - Ellie-Claire King

Grandma Josephine - Karen Paterson

Grandma Georgina - Jo Pandolfi

Grandpa George - Nicholas Cross

Augustus Gloop - David Harries-Rees

Mrs. Gloop - Mandy Harris

Mr. Salt - Oskar Brown

Veruca Salt - Aimee Hartnett -Riddle

Mr. Beauregarde - Tom Paine

Violet Beauregarde - Millie Jane Franks

Mike Teavee - Jacob Ogle

Mrs. Teavee - Claire Aston

Mrs. Green - Philippa Stone

Jerry - Joe Black

Cherry - Molly Haynes

Featured Dancers

Charlotte Fisher

Ellie-Claire King

Harriet Rose Gowrinath

Louise Burns

Megan Pettifer

Nicola Joyce

Ensemble

Amelia Hulbert, Amy Allington

Caron Warner, Cheryl Blyth

Clare Ogle, Emma Smith

Liz Lindsay, Louise Balsdon

Natasha Beer, Rob Kidd

Toby James

Meet The Cast



Akhil
Willy Wonka



Elkarose
Charlie Bucket



David
Augustus Gloop



Aimee
Veruca Salt



Millie
Violet Beauregarde



Jacob
Mike Teavee



Mandy
Mrs Gloop



Oskar
Mr Salt



Tom
Mr Beauregarde



Claire
Mrs Teavee

Meet The Cast



Mike
Grandpa Joe



Karen
Grandma Josephine



Nick
Grandpa George



Jo
Grandma Georgina



Ellie-Claire
Mrs Bucket/Dancer



Joe
Jerry



Molly
Cherry



Charlotte
Dancer



Harriet
Dancer



Louise
Dancer



Megan
Dancer



Nicola
Dancer

Meet The Cast



Philippa
Mrs Green/Ensemble



Amelia
Ensemble



Amy
Ensemble



Caron
Ensemble



Cheryl
Ensemble



Clare
Ensemble



Emma
Ensemble



Liz
Ensemble



Louise
Ensemble



Natasha
Ensemble



Rob
Ensemble



Toby
Ensemble

Director
John Harries-Rees

Musical Director
Sam Fisher

Choreographer
Sarah Marr

Technical

Stage Manager - Sarah Woods

Lighting - THB Lighting
Design & Operation - Richard Pike
Follow Spot Operators - Tony Pike and Paul Featherstone

Sound - StuSsound.com
Sound Design / No.1 - Stuart Vaughan
Sound No.2 - Sandra Mortimer
Rigging - Stewart Gedall-Epps

Set - Scenic Projects

Costumes - Charades Theatrical Costumes
www.charades-theatrical.com

Technical

Wardrobe - Nicola Joyce, Louise Burns,
Claire Aston, Julie Coveney,
Michele Jordan

Properties - Jane Bean,
Veronica Martin, Anne Pringle

Front of House - Richard Coveney
and friends of LOS

Chaperone - Julie Coveney

Crew - SWAT



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