



Centerstage Children's Theater is excited to announce our Fall 2025 production of Willy Wonka Jr! Please read all of the following information carefully to ensure that you have all the important details of this production.

There will be EIGHT casts of Willy Wonka Jr offered. Each cast will follow the same script, but may have variations with blocking, choreography, and props, as well as different rehearsal locations and times. Please carefully select the cast that will work best for you. All children who are registered will be cast in the show. Casts are kept small to ensure that each child gets maximum stage time. A waiting list will be kept for additional children who want to join once the casts are full.

Meet and greet:

Willy Wonka will not have a meet and greet due to time constraints. Paperwork will be emailed out before audition day, and we encourage you to print it out and bring it with you to audition day, or feel free to come a few minutes early to complete paperwork on site. Questions are always welcome via email at tanya.bagwell@gmail.com

Cast Specific Information:

RED CAST: (Homeschool Cast) Grades K-12 – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on Friday afternoons in Osseo from 10:30 – 12:30 on the following dates:

- August 15 (Auditions)
- August 22
- September 5, 12, 19, 26
- October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- November 7, 14, 21
- December 5
- December 9 12:00 – 4:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- December 12 12:00 Show
- December 16 6:30 Show
- December 20 3:00 Show

ORANGE CAST: (Homeschool Cast) Grades K-12 – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on Friday afternoons in Osseo from 12:30 – 2:30 on the following dates:

- August 15 (Auditions)
- August 22
- September 5, 12, 19, 26
- October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
- November 7, 14, 21
- December 5
- December 10 12:00 – 4:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- December 13 7:00 Show
- December 19 12:00 Show
- December 20 11:00 Show

INDIGO (Grades 4-12) – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on (mostly) Sunday evenings in Osseo from 4:00 – 6:00 on the following dates:

- August 17 (Auditions)
- August 24
- September 7, 14, 21, 28
- October 5, 12, 19, 26
- November 2, 9, 16, 23
- December 7
- December 13 10:00 – 1:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- December 14 11:00 Show
- December 19 7:00 Show
- December 21 3:00 Show

PURPLE CAST: (Grades K-8) – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on (mostly) Sunday evenings in Osseo from 2:00 – 4:00 on the following dates:

- August 17 (Auditions)
- August 24
- September 7, 14, 21, 28
- October 5, 12, 19, 26
- November 2, 9, 16, 23
- December 7
- December 9 5:00 – 8:30 (Tech Rehearsal)
- December 11 6:30 Show
- December 14 6:30 Show
- December 18 6:30 Show

YELLOW CAST: Grades K-8 – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on (mostly) Sunday evenings in Osseo from 4:00 – 6:00 on the following dates:

- August 17 (Auditions)
- August 24
- September 7, 14, 21, 28
- October 5, 12, 19, 26
- November 2, 9, 16, 23
- December 7
- December 10 5:00 – 8:30 (Tech Rehearsal)
- December 13 3:00 Show
- December 14 3:00 Show
- December 17 6:30 Show

SAGE CAST: Grades K-12 – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on (mostly) Sunday evenings in Osseo from 2:00 – 4:00 on the following dates:

- Sunday, August 17 (Auditions) (2:00 - 4:00)
- August 24
- September 7, 14, 21, 28
- October 5, 12, 19, 26
- November 2, 9, 16, 23
- December 7
- Monday, December 15, 6:00–9:00 PM (Tech Rehearsal)
- Sunday, December 21 at 10:00 AM & 12:30 PM (Shows)
- Monday, December 22 at 6:00 PM (Show)

GREEN Cast: Grades 6-12 – Performing at Elision Playhouse (Crystal)

Rehearsals will be held on (mostly) Sunday evenings in Osseo from 6:15 – 8:15 on the following dates:

- August 17 (Auditions)
- August 24
- September 7, 14, 21, 28
- October 5, 12, 19, 26
- November 2, 9, 16, 23
- December 7
- December 8 5:00 – 9:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- December 12 7:00 Show
- December 20 7:00 Show
- December 21 6:00 Show

TEAL CAST (Homeschool Cast) Grades K-12 (Performing at Nowthen Alliance Church)

Rehearsals will be held on MONDAY afternoons from 2:00 – 4:00 in Nowthen on the following dates:

- August 18 (Auditions)
- August 25
- September 8, 15, 22, 29
- October 6, 13, 20, 27
- November 3, 10, 17, 24
- December 1, 15
- January 5 2:00 – 4:00 brush up rehearsal
- January 13 12:00 – 4:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- January 16 12:00 Show
- January 17 11:00 Show
- January 17 6:30 Show

BLUE Cast - Grades 3-12 - Performing at Nowthen Alliance Church

Rehearsals will be held on MONDAY evenings from 6:00 – 8:00 in Nowthen on the following dates:

- August 18 (Auditions)
- August 25
- September 8, 15, 22, 29
- October 6, 13, 20, 27
- November 3, 10, 17, 24
- December 1, 15
- January 5 6:00 – 8:00 brush up rehearsal
- January 13 5:30 – 9:00 (Tech Rehearsal)
- January 15 6:00 Show
- January 16 7:00 Show
- January 17 3:00 Show

Teambuilding Information:

September 13 will be team building day for all ELISION CASTS at the St Pauls Lutheran Church

Red Cast 9:30 – 11:00

Orange Cast 11:00 – 12:30

Yellow Cast 12:45 – 2:15

Purple Cast 2:15 – 3:45

Indigo Cast 4:00 – 5:30

Green Cast 5:30 – 7:00

Sage Cast – 7:30 – 8:30

September 20 will be team building day for all NOWTHEN Casts at Nowthen Alliance Church

Teal Cast 12:00 – 1:30

Blue Cast 1:30 – 3:00

Rehearsal Locations:

All **Osseo rehearsals** will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church at 710 E Broadway, Osseo, MN 55369

All **Nowthen rehearsals** will be held at Nowthen Alliance Church at 19653 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

TEAL AND BLUE PERFORMANCES and **TECH REHEARSALS** will be held at Nowthen Alliance Church 19653 Nowthen Blvd NW, Ramsey, MN 55303

RED, ORANGE, YELLOW, GREEN, INDIGO and PURPLE Casts will have **TECH REHEARSALS** and **PERFORMANCES** at Elision Playhouse 6105 N 42nd Ave, Crystal, MN 55422

Program Cost:

The program cost is \$275 per student. This can be split into 2 payments (\$125 due at registration, \$150 due at auditions) and can be paid via Venmo (@tanya-Bagwell) Paypal (Tanya_bagwell@comcast.net) or personal check (Centerstage Children's Theater – Mailed to Tanya Bagwell 10598 Colorado Avenue N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55443). This cost covers rental for rehearsal space, performance space, licensing, sets, props, scripts, t-shirts etc. Each actor is responsible for their own costume, and a suggestion sheet will be provided after auditions with ideas of how to make or purchase inexpensively. **Due to keeping the program small, this cost is NON-REFUNDABLE.**

Additional Information:

For each rehearsal, we ask that you send your actor with a bag containing their script, a full water bottle, a pencil and a highlighter.

Being a part of a show is a commitment. Due to smaller casts, no parts are double cast, and there are no understudies. Each actor is responsible for his/her part, and we will need every actor to put on our production. With a limited rehearsal schedule, we do not have time to reteach each scene multiple times. Each actor is allowed **ONE REHEARSAL CONFLICT** and we will need to be aware of what those conflicts are **before** auditions. Videos will be made of choreography taught during rehearsals, and it is expected that an actor who misses a rehearsal will watch the videos and come to the next rehearsal prepared. Tech rehearsals and performances are **mandatory**.

It takes a LOT of work to put on a production. Every actor is encouraged to have a parent that can volunteer in some capacity. We will need people to collect tickets, design programs, run sound/lights/projections, record our show, help build sets, help backstage and so much more! While we do not require parents to volunteer, we would like each parent to help in at least one area.

Centerstage Children's Theater is a faith-based company. We believe that all people are given abilities and talent from God, and we help to showcase some of these gifts on stage. Rehearsals will end in prayer (no child is ever forced to pray if they don't want to) and sometimes scripture may be shared. No religion or theology is taught, and everyone is welcome in our program, regardless of their beliefs.

If you have questions, please reach out at tanya.bagwell@gmail.com