

CURTAIN CALL

MESQUITE ARTS THEATRE

Presents

Roald Dahl's

WONKA

Directed by
Haylee Norris

June 5-21

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7:30 PM

SUNDAY MATINEES

2:30 PM

FROM THE DIRECTOR

Haylee Norris - Director



Welcome, dear audience, to a world of pure imagination!

Bringing *Wonka* to life has been a delightful reminder that theatre is, in its own way, a bit like a chocolate factory—full of wonder, creativity, and just the right amount of delightful chaos. It is a place where everyone belongs, where every unique talent adds a special ingredient, and where together, we create something truly magical.

I must give a golden-ticket-worthy thank you to my incredible assistant director, Amy Haberman. Her tireless work, attention to detail, and (let's just say) exceptional level of organization have been an absolute gift. The show is better because of her steady hand and dedication, and I am so grateful to have had her by my side throughout this process.

To Morgan Cox, our phenomenal stage manager and artistic designer—you are the true magician behind the curtain. The audience may see the magic on stage, but you are the one making it all happen behind the scenes. Your creativity, leadership, and heart are woven into every moment of this show.

To Stephanie, thank you for trusting me with this golden opportunity and for your unwavering support throughout the journey. Your encouragement has meant the world.

To our extraordinary cast and crew: you are the heart of this factory. Your energy, creativity, and commitment have transformed rehearsals into something truly special. I could not have dreamed up a better team to bring this story to life.

And finally, to you—our audience—thank you for joining us. Thank you for bringing your imagination, your sense of wonder, and yes... your love of candy. After all, what is *Wonka* without a little sweetness?

Now sit back, relax, and prepare to be transported... The magic is about to begin.

Haylee Norris

The Bravo Bucket

The actors for tonight's performance are volunteers. They have donated their time, talent and resources to create a quality production out of their love to entertain. If you've enjoyed the performance, please feel free to show your appreciation with a contribution to the Bravo Bucket after the show. These donations are split among the cast at the close of all performances. Thank you!

**THANK YOU FOR COMING. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU
AT A FUTURE PRODUCTION AGAIN SOON!**

WONKA

by Roald Dahl

THE CAST

Willy Wonka	David Provencio
Charlie Bucket	Luke Phelps
Mrs. Bucket	Elaina Berry
Mr. Bucket	Tyler Lewis
Candyman	Jimmy-Lee Beard
Grandpa Joe	Dennis Gullion
Grandma Josephine	Bryn Hottman
Grandpa George	Jonathan Nuttall
Grandma Georgina	Claudia Romero
Augustus Gloop	Declan Delquadri
Mrs. Gloop	Jodie Delquadri
Veruca Salt	Cassia Darrington
Mr. Salt	Gabriel Aleman
Mike Teavee	Grey Segovis
Mrs. Teavee	Krysteena Segovis
Violet Beauregarde	Adelynn Thornburgh
Mrs. Beauregarde	Brandy Nuttall
Phineous Trout	Laura Crum

With Special Appearances By:

Sheya Dequadri, Jenesis Dequadri, Faith Brown, Jubilee Herman, Juan Rivera Jr.,
Sara Armstrong, Sadie Armstrong, Gabe Norris, Levi Norris, Winry Segovis, Daniel Nuttall
Lucia Ponce & Addie Lewis

THE CREW

Director	Haylee Norris
Assistant Director	Amy Haberman
Stage Manager	Morgan Cox
Producer	Stephanie Lewis
Set Design	Haylee Norris
Costumer	Wilson Darrington
Lights/Sound	Booker Cherry
Graphic Design	James Mychael

ABOUT THE CAST

DAVID "DJ" PROVENCIO (Willy Wonka) is honored to be making his debut at MAT as Wonka! He's been involved in a few theater performances before, but his main passion is music. He is currently a first-year teacher for the choir program at Greenville Middle School. His previous theater roles include Farquaad, the Beast, Stewpot and a few others, for both RCP and RSM. It's been a couple years, but he's very excited to be back on the stage!

LUKE PHELPS (Charlie Bucket), 13, is thrilled to make his lead debut in this chocolate production of Wonka. This is his third show at Mesquite Arts Theatre, where he was previously seen in *A Sherlock Carol* and *Frankenstein*. Additional credits include Gavroche in *Les Misérables*, Young Clyde in *Bonnie & Clyde*, and Young Shrek/Grumpy Dwarf in *Shrek the Musical*. Luke studies piano and voice with Michael Manley at the Rockwall School of Music and trains with Keeli James and at the Stage Door Dance Studio. He is grateful to the directors at Mesquite Arts Theatre for this opportunity and thanks his family and the creative team for believing in him. He hopes you enjoy the show—and remember that anything is possible!

ELAINA BERRY (Mrs. Bucket) has loved performing since she can remember. She graduated from East Texas Baptist University with a degree in Theatre Education in 2022 and currently teaches theatre to 7th–12th graders. Some of her previous roles include Jovie in *Elf the Musical* at Rockwall Community Playhouse, Princess Fiona in *Shrek the Musical*, and Ouiser Boudreaux in *Steel Magnolias* at ETBU. She enjoys spending time with friends, being involved in church, and working toward her goal of reading 50 books in 2026. She would like to thank her parents for the love and support they have always shown her.

JIMMY-LEE BEARD (Candyman) Jimmy-Lee began his professional career at the age of 11, touring nationally as the Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*. He went on to earn his Master of Fine Arts in Musical Theatre Performance from Louisiana State University before relocating to New York City, where he spent 11 years and had the opportunity to portray Roger in *Rent* on Broadway. He is delighted to return to MAT, where previous credits include *Curtains* (Christopher Belling), *100 Years of Broadway* (Featured Soloist/Ensemble), *Nunsense* (Sister Julia, Child of God), and most recently *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* (Hilary St. George). Jimmy-Lee would like to thank his friends and family for their continued support—and for putting up with his relentless showtune-filled singing and dancing. Sit back, relax, and enjoy this deliciously sweet show!

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DENNIS GULLION (Grandpa Joe) is thrilled to be back on the MAT stage and work with these amazing cast and production team. Dennis was last seen as Captain Lesgate in *Dial M for Murder* at Rockwall Community Playhouse. Dennis is a veteran actor and director having performed with various local theatres including Mesquite Arts Theatre, Garland Summer Musicals, Garland Civic Theatre, Rockwall Summer Musicals, Rockwall Community Playhouse, and Kaufman County Civic Theatre. Some of his favorite roles include Selsdon Mowbray in *Noises Off*, Mr. Maraczek in *She Loves Me*, Talton Demerest in the 2022 Mesquite Arts Theatre regional production of *Like Kissing Moonlight* where he won the 2022 Best Supporting Actor award, Frank Sinatra in *The Rat Pack Lounge*, Rooster in *Annie* (nominated for a Column award), Orin Scrivello in *Little Shop of Horrors*, Jacee Squires in *The Music Man*, Steven Kodaly in *She Loves Me*, Junior in *Dearly Departed*, Billy Lawlor in *Anything Goes*, Billy Crocker in *42nd Street*, Will Parker in *Oklahoma*, Bill Sikes in *Oliver*, and Noah in *The Rainmaker*. Dennis serves as Chairman for the Mesquite Arts Council. Dennis is a real estate broker and owner of Gullion Properties and BENCHMARK POOL Repair & Service. He is also a mortgage loan officer with Not Your Average Lender. He would like to thank his soulmate Kay of 35 years for all of her unconditional love and support. And most of all, GLORY TO GOD FOR ALL HIS MANY BLESSINGS.

CASSIA DARRINGTON (Veruca Salt) is thrilled to be a part of *Willy Wonka*. Cassia has been acting onstage since she was in 1st grade in *Let Your Hair Down* at Rockwall Community Playhouse. Some of her most recent shows have been Eleanor in *Bonnie & Clyde*, ChaCha in *Grease*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and Imogene in *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. When Cassia is not on stage, she is performing as a Party Princess creating magic, hanging out with her dog, shopping, working estate sales, and doing fun funky things!

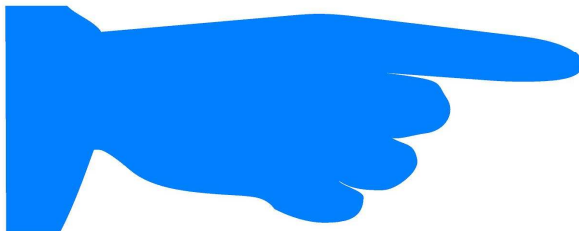
GREY SEGOVIS (Mike Teavee) is thrilled to make his Mesquite Arts Theatre debut! A familiar face in local theater, his favorite credits include the Courier in *1776* (RCP), Gavroche in *Les Misérables* (RHHS), and Kassim in *Aladdin Jr.* (RCP). When he isn't center stage, Grey stays active playing roller hockey with the Rowlett Hockey League, baseball, and flag football. He also enjoys Tae Kwon Do and gaming. Grey is grateful to the MAT cast and crew for this opportunity and is excited for a great run!

ABOUT THE CAST

ADELYNN THORNBURGH (Violet Beauregard) is a middle school student in Wylie and is excited to be part of *Willy Wonka*! Her previous stage credits include *The Wizard of Oz* (Munchkin), *Anastasia: The Musical* (Young Anastasia/Alexei), and *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* (Ralph Herdman). She feels lucky to be part of such a talented and supportive cast and feels so thankful for Mesquite Arts Theatre. Outside of the stage, Adelynn enjoys playing volleyball and drawing. She is especially grateful for the support of her family and friends—Lillian, Monica, Izzy, and Hanna—and for the guidance of directors Miss Haylee and Miss Amy. She hopes you enjoy the show!

DECLAN DELQUADRI (Augustus Gloop) Declan is 12 years old. This is his first time being in a production, and he is hungry for more! Declan's hobbies include drawing, playing baseball, video games, and food, yeah lots of food! He is excited to be performing with his mother and two of his four sisters. He is also enjoying making new friends in this great cast. Ya! Lots and lots of friends!

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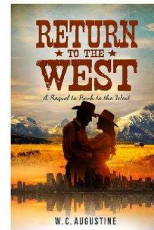
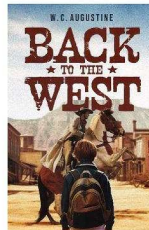
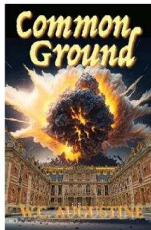
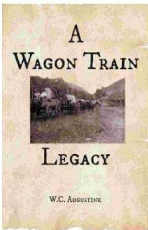
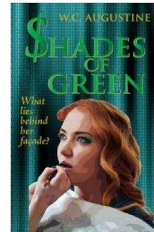
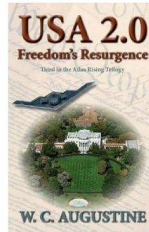
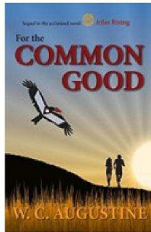
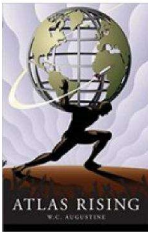
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