

Bernard Zell Class of 2025 Presents



Adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse, Timothy Allen McDonald

Lyrics and Music by Leslie Bricusse, Anthony Newley

Based on the book, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl.

CAST IN ORDER OF APPEARANCE

*(Th) Appearing Thursday (S) Appearing Sunday

Wonka	Rafi Shalit (Th), Jack Seligman (S)
Charlie	Sophie Menard (Th), Jack Ben-Yoseph (S)
Grandpa Joe	Avriel Vays (Th), AJ Schwartz (S)
Mrs. Bucket	Noa Vaysberg (Th & S)
Mr. Bucket	Owen Rich (Th & S)
Grandpa George	Sebastian Schneider (Th & S)
Grandma Georgina	Noa Raisher (Th & S)
Grandma Josephina	Orli Lanski (Th & S)
Candy Man	Ari Walny (Th & S)
James	Ethan Becker (Th & S)
Matilda	Abby Huberman (Th & S)
Sara	Abbey DeWitt (Th & S)
Lead candy Kids	Ethan Becker, Henry Borden, Abbey DeWitt, Abby Huberman, (Th & S)
Phineous Trout	Grady Grossman (Th & S)
Timothy Pout	Max Hesser (Th & S)
Augustus	Hannah Greenburg (Th), Jonah Jubilerer (S)
Ms. Gloop	Eden Auerbach (Th & S)
Chef.....	Orli Lanski (Th & S)
Trenchcoat Person.....	Jonah Jubilerer (Th) Hannah Greenburg (S)
Salesperson 1	Jake Berger (Th & S)
Salesperson 2.....	Orli Lanski (Th & S)
Auctioneer.....	Owen Rich (Th & S)
Host.....	Noa Raisher (Th & S)
Jan.....	Abbey Dewitt (Th & S)
Veruca	Stella Graines (Th), Ella Shay (S)
Mr. Salt	Asher Estell (Th & S)
Violet	Henna Chamlin (Th), Zoe Lobatto (S)
Ms. Beauregarde.....	Morgan Kohn (Th & S)
Mike Teevee.....	Rocky Price (Th), Chase DeWitt (S)
Ms. Teevee	Avi Klein (Th), Stella Grazman (S)
Therapist	Ari Walny (Th & S)
Patient	Jack Ben-Yoseph (Th) Avriel Vays (S)
Inventor.....	Jake Berger (Th & S)
Officer	Ethan Becker (Th & S)
Spouse	Noa Vaysberg (Th & S)
Oompa Loompa 1	Abbey DeWitt (Th & S)
Oompa Loompa 2.....	Sebastian Schneider (Th & S)

Oompa Loompa 3 Ethan Becker, Eden Auerbach (Th & S)
Extra Oompa Loompa Ari Walny, Jonah Jubilerer, Orli Lanski
Ethan Becker, Max Hesser, Grady Grossman, Eden Auerbach (Th & S)

ORCHESTRA

Conductor Josh Mather
Saxophone Rafi Thacker ‘26
Flute Tom Huff ‘26
Trombone Gus Griffin ‘26
French Horn Shayne Turkel ‘27
Piano Nick Cabat*

**Professional Guest Artists*

PRODUCTION TEAM

****denotes Crew Team Chief**

Stage Managers: Henry Borden**, Grady Grossman
Dramaturge: Rocky Price**, Sebastian Schneider
Student Directors: Eden Auerbach, Stella Graines
Builders: Soli Ellis, Asher Estell, Rafi Shalit, Ari Walny**
Costume Crew: Eden Auerbach, Ethan Becker, Jack Ben Yoseph**, Stella Graines, AJ Schwartz
Makeup Crew: Stella Grazman**, Orli Lanski**, Sophie Menard
Set and Props Crew: Henna Chamlin Chase DeWitt**, Hannah Greenberg, Avi Klein, Zoe Lobatto, Jack Seligman, Avriel Vays, Noa Vaysberg
Publicity Crew: Abbey DeWitt, Max Hesser, Abby Huberman**, Jonah Jubilerer, Owen Rich
Choreographers: Avi Klein, Noa Raisher, Ella Shay**

Producer and Director Lisa Ehrlich-Menard
Scenic Designer and Supervisor Gili Sherman
Music Director and Supervisor Josh Mather
Sound Design/Operator.....Niko Stier
Lighting Designer/Operator.....Diane Fairchild

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SCENE/SONG BREAKDOWN

PROLOGUE

"PURE IMAGINATION" - Wonka

SCENE 1 — The Bucket Shack

SCENE 2 — Outside The Bucket Shack

"THE CANDY MAN" - Candy Kids, The Candy Man, Sibling Cast

SCENE 3 — The Bucket Shack

SCENE 4 — Outside the Bucket Shack

SCENE 5 — The Gloops

"I EAT MORE" - Ms. Gloop, Augustus, Phineous Trout

SCENE 6 — Frenzy Montage

SCENE 7 — Veruca

SCENE 8 — Outside The Bucket Shack

"THINK POSITIVE" - Charlie, Mr. Bucket

SCENE 9 — The Bucket Shack

SCENE 10 — Violet Radio Station

SCENE 11 — Home of Mike Teavee

"I SEE IT ALL ON TV" - Mike, Mrs. Teavee

SCENE 12 — The Bucket Shack

"CHEER UP CHARLIE" - Grandpa Joe, Mrs. Bucket, Mr. Bucket

SCENE 13 - Three Weeks Montage

SCENE 14 — Two Weeks Later - Snowy Streets

"THINK POSITIVE REPRISE" - Charlie

"I'VE GOT A GOLDEN TICKET" - Charlie, Grandpa Joe, Mr. Bucket

INTERMISSION

SCENE 15 — Outside Wonka's Factory

"AT THE GATES" - Wonka

"IN THIS ROOM HERE" - Wonka, Veruca, Augustus, Violet, Mike, Charlie

SCENE 16 — The Chocolate Smelting Room

"OOMPA LOOMPA" - Augustus, Oompa Loompa

SCENE 17 — Pink Candy Boat

"THERE'S NO KNOWING" - Wonka, Mr. Salt, Mrs. Beauregard, Grandpa Joe, Ms. Teavee,

SCENE 18 — The Inventing Room

"CHEW IT" - Violet, Wonka, Mike, Veruca, Charlie

"OOMPA LOOMPA" - Oompa Loompa, Violet

SCENE 19 — Fizzy Lifting Room

"FLYING" - Grandpa Joe, Charlie

"BURPING SONG"- Grandpa Joe, Charlie

SCENE 20 — The Nut Room

"I WANT IT NOW" - Veruca

"OOMPA LOOMPA" - Oompa Loompa, Veruca

SCENE 21 — Choco-Vision Room

"OOMPA LOOMPA" - Oompa Loompa, Mike

SCENE 22 — End of the Tour

"FINALE" - Full Cast

BOWS

"I'VE GOT A GOLDEN TICKET" (Hebrew) - Full Cast

DIRECTOR'S NOTES

From Lisa Ehrlich-Menard

Seeking acceptance. Defining home, Questioning the narratives we hear. What better themes to encapsulate the journey that is 8th grade?

NOTES ON THE PRODUCTION

From Abbey DeWitt

Words cannot describe how excited everyone is to perform *Willy Wonka Jr.* for our community. All of the 8th graders have put in so much hard work and time to ensure this show is entertaining and enjoyable for everyone. It has been so much fun putting this show together and I want to share a little bit about what everybody has been working on.

A big part of this show is the characters we play and learning to adapt to them. As a grade, we faced challenges and learned lessons to make the show our own. We learned that not everything worked for us in the script, and were able to rewrite and even add our own scenes. When learning our characters, we referenced the original 1972 *Willy Wonka* movie to understand how our characters think. In the end, everything came together and we accomplished it all together.

During the show preparation, students worked with their crews to make sure everything came together perfectly. Each crew has taken on different tasks while leading up to the show. The costume crew worked on figuring out how to express the characters' personalities on stage through clothing. They spent time looking at costumes from the original show and then making them fit each character's traits. The makeup crew picked different styles to help bring the show together and give each character more personality. The publicity crew made shirts, logos, posters, displays, and the program. Choreographers created dances that brought together parts of the show that are the most familiar from the movie. The set crew worked to make sure each set made sense with each scene. They analyzed the script to get the scenes right and painted their hearts out. The prop crew makes sure everything in the script comes to life. They work hard to make everything as realistic as possible by buying, finding, and creating props that fit the show. Dramaturge created a trailer for the school to watch to ensure everyone understands the show in a fun way to make sure everyone knows the differences between our show and the original movie. The building crew helped think through the complicated technical aspects of the show; they also built shelves, in order to keep all the important pieces and, Ms. E, organized. Students also worked with the stage managers, who made sure everything was running smoothly and coordinated between groups. The student directors spent time working on blocking scenes and helping everyone get into character. In each crew, chiefs have worked to keep their crew in order and make sure everything gets done. Although this process was challenging, we had so much fun working together, and making memories with our classmates.

We hope you enjoy the show!

QUOTES ABOUT THE PROCESS FROM OUR CAST

Noa Vaysberg: “Designing the sets and props of our show has been super exciting. We’ve been allowed to express our creativity and put our own spin on everything. Working as a grade has brought us all a lot closer, and watching the show come together is one of my favorite parts of being in the Operetta.”

Jack Ben-Yoseph: “Working in the costume department has been an amazing experience. We have been able to work together to make all our thoughts come to life. Since the start, we have taken inspiration from other Wonka movies to create the world of Wonka. The costume crew has been so fun and an experience I will never forget.”

Ella Shay: “Choreographing during the operetta has been so fun. Making the dances has been a great experience and allows me to put my creativity into the musical. I have been taking inspiration from the movie and putting my spin on it. It is cool to see all the different dances come together. I love working with everybody and teaching them the dances.”

CAST OF 2024 BIOGRAPHIES

This year, 8th graders were asked the question:
If you could ask Wonka for an unlimited supply of candy, what candy would you ask for?
Below are their answers.

Eden Auerbach	Ms. Gloop, Oompa Loompa <i>Student Director and Costume Crews</i>	Chocolate Cadbury Eggs or Twix
Ethan Becker	James, Oompa Loompa, Officer <i>Costume Crew</i>	Sour Punch
Jack Ben-Yoseph	Charlie, Salesperson <i>Costume Crew</i>	Twix
Jake Berger	Salesperson, Inventor <i>Set/Props Crew</i>	Bulls Eyes
Henry Borden	Lead Candy Kid <i>Stage Manager</i>	Hershey Bars
Henna Chamlin	Violet <i>Set/Props Crew</i>	Dark Chocolate KitKat
Abbey DeWitt	Sarah, Oompa Loompa, Jan <i>Publicity Crew</i>	Gummy Bears
Chase DeWitt	Mike, Therapy Patient <i>Set/Props Crew</i>	Reese’s
Soli Ellis		Twix

	<i>Building Crew, Rehearsal Assistant</i>	
Asher Estell	Mr. Salt <i>Building Crew</i>	M&M's
Stella Graines	Veruca <i>Student Director and Costume Crews</i>	Pistachio Bon Bon
Stella Grazman	Ms. Teavee <i>Costume Crew</i>	Swedish Fish
Hannah Greenberg	Augustus, Trenchcoat Person, Oompa Loompa <i>Set/Props Crew</i>	Licorice Wheel
Grady Grossman	Phineous Trout, Oompa Loompa <i>Stage Manager</i>	Crunch Bar
Max Hesser	Timothy Pout, Oompa Loompa <i>Publicity Crew</i>	Chocolate
Abby Huberman	Matilda <i>Publicity Crew</i>	Dark Chocolate and Caramel
Jonah Jubelirer	Augustus, Trenchcoat Person, Oompa Loompa <i>Publicity Crew</i>	Twix
Avi Klein	Ms. Teavee <i>Choreography and Set/Props Crews</i>	Twix
Morgan Kohn	Ms. Beauregarde <i>Set/Prop Crew</i>	Sour Belts
Orli Lanski	Grandma Josephina, Oompa Loompa, Salesperson <i>Makeup Crew</i>	Nerds Gummy Clusters
Zoe Lobatto	Violet <i>Set/Prop Crew</i>	Gummy Bears
Sophie Menard	Charlie, Salesperson <i>Makeup Crew</i>	Sour Patch Kids
Rocky Price	Mike, Therapy Patient <i>Dramaturge Crew</i>	Hugs Hershey Kisses
Noa Raisher	Grandma Georgina <i>Choreography Crew</i>	Sour Patch Kids
Owen Rich	Mr. Bucket, Auctioneer <i>Publicity Crew</i>	Nerds Gummy Clusters
Sebastian Schneider	Grandpa George, Oompa Loompa <i>Dramaturge Crew</i>	Feastables
AJ Schwartz	Grandpa Joe <i>Costume Crew</i>	Chocolate Bar

Jack Seligman	Wonka <i>Set/Props Crew</i>	Sour Patch Kids
Rafi Shalit	Wonka <i>Builders Crew</i>	KitKat
Ella Shay	Veruca <i>Choreography Crew</i>	Sour Punch Ropes or Gummy Bears
Avriel Vays	Grandpa Joe, Patient <i>Set/Props Crew</i>	Reese's Cups
Noa Vaysberg	Mrs. Bucket, Spouse, Oompa Loompa <i>Set/Prop Crew</i>	Trollis
Ari Walny	Candy Man, Oompa Loompa, Therapist <i>Building Crew</i>	Peanut M&M's

Take a look at the history of the Morton Reisman Operetta!



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*No flash photography is permitted during the show
as it distracts actors.*