



Thank you for your interest in auditioning for CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY.

If you've auditioned for us before, welcome back!
If this is your first time auditioning we're thrilled to have you!

Whether you're a veteran performer or you've never been on stage before but really want to try, we'd like to encourage you to audition.

We're aware that auditioning can be an overwhelming experience, even if you've done it a hundred times before. We've put this information packed together to help you learn a little bit more about the show, the characters you will be auditioning for and to give you some idea of what to expect.

Auditions for the West End Theatre Projects production of CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACOTRY will be held on May 25 & 26, 2024.

May 25

Location: SK GROUP INC (238 Queen Street E.)

- **Adult Vocal Audition**

May 26

Location: SOO DANCE UNLIMITED (258 Queen Street E.)

- **Childrens Vocal and Dance Audition**
- **Adult Dance Audition**

You must sign up for Vocal and a Dance time in your audition form.

Actors are asked to arrive 30 mins before the audition time they signed up for. All roles are available. All ethnicities and newcomers are especially welcomed. Crew and other volunteers are also needed for these events.

REHEARSALS

Vocal rehearsals will begin at the end of August.

Full rehearsal schedule will begin after Labour Day in September.

Tech days in theatre are November 13 – 20, 2024

Show Dates are November 21 – 23, 2024 at 7:30pm, November 24, 2024 at 1:30pm

PRODUCTION TEAM

Director	Lucas Beaver
Musical Director	Rony Dal Cin
Vocal Director	Nancy Kinney
Stage Manager	Kristine Thomas
Producer	Valerie Pluss

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach up at info@westendtheatreproject.ca

THANK YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE AUDITIONS

Full Synopsis

Act One

Suddenly before us stands Willy Wonka, the world-renowned candy maker and inventor of the Everlasting Gobstopper ("The Candy Man") - 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, the boy is thrilled but exasperated that the shop owner does not seem to know just who Willy Wonka is ("Willy Wonka! Willy Wonka!"). Charlie comes from a poor, fatherless family that scrounges for food, and he lives for his birthday each year when he receives as a gift a single Willy Wonka Chocolate Bar. The shop owner tells him 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 his family that he will not get his 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 bad - Grandpa Joe is Charlie's kindred spirit ("Charlie, You & I"), urging him on. Charlie decides to write a letter to Willy Wonka ("A Letter from Charlie Bucket"), in which he expresses his wonder and admiration (as well as some ideas) for the candy maker.

The news break that the first winner of a golden ticket is a food-loving German boy ("More of Him to Love"), adored by his mother and named Augustus Gloop. The second ("When Veruca Says") is Veruca Salt, the spoiled-rotten daughter of a Russian oligarch. The winner of the third ticket ("The Queen of Pop") 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 ("That Little Man of Mine") goes to Mike Teavee, a brat who is mesmerized by social media, to the delight of his mother. Charlie appears to be out of luck, leaving his mother and grandparents wistful for what she is unable to provide ("If Your Father Were Here"), when fate intervenes. He finds some money on the ground and buys a Wonka bar from Mrs. Green's cart and discovers a golden ticket, making him the fifth winner. Charlie and his whole family celebrate the news ("I've Got a Golden Ticket" / "Grandpa Joe") that he is headed to Willy Wonka's Chocolate Factory, where Grandpa Joe will join him. At long last, Willy Wonka welcomes the winners into his factory, teasing them about what lies ahead for them ("It Must Be Believed to Be Seen").

Act Two

Inside the factory, Wonka introduces the winners to the wonders they are about to encounter - and some things they need to remember ("Strike That, Reverse It"). Charlie and Grandpa Joe are in awe of Wonka and what the magical experience has to offer ("Pure Imagination" / "Grandpa Joe (Reprise)"), while the other children are greedy and impatient. One by one, the ticket holders become victims of their own appetites. Augustus Gloop's insatiable hunger for the chocolate waterfall makes him the first victim ("The Oompa Loompa Song" / "Auf Wiedersehen Augustus Gloop"), his fate determined by the mysterious Oompa Loompas who do Wonka's bidding. Wonka explains to his guests how he freed the Oompa Loompas and they became his allies ("When Willy Met Oompa"). His warnings fall on deaf ears. Violet is then the next golden ticket holder to vanish followed by Veruca ("Veruca's Nutcracker Sweet"), and finally Mike Teavee ("Vidiots"). 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 the boy can see everything that will be his ("The View from Here") - a happy home and limitless future, thanks to the Candy Man.

Character Breakdown – Regarding Ages: Ages are how the character will be perceived and not necessarily the age of the actor

Willy Wonka – Age 30+. Vocal range Baritone / Tenor

The sly, charming star of the show. Lithe, eccentric. His larger than life persona can go from charming and comical, to magically mysterious and dark.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: A2

Charlie Bucket – Age 8 - 12

Sweet, smart, hopeful and loving. A boy with wonderful innocence and vulnerability.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: G#3

Grandpa Joe – Age 55+

Impish. He is Charlie's imaginative, fun, kind and loving grandfather. After many years being confined to a bed, his childish energy returns when Charlie finds the Golden Ticket.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: G#2

Mrs. Bucket – Age 30+

Charlie's warm and kind-hearted mother. Worrier. Generous and loving.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Grandma Josephine – Age 55+

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: C4

Grandma Georgina - Age 55+

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: Ab3

Grandpa George – Age 55+

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: E4

Vocal range bottom: F2

Mrs. Gloop – Age 30+. (German Accent)

Augustus's German, moronic, Wagnerian mother. Mirthlessly smiles as though it were affixed to the front of her face.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: D5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Augustus Gloop – Age 9 – 12. (German Accent)

Rampantly over-active.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: G5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

Mr. Salt – Age 30+

Veruca's goofy, eccentric, distracted, hilarious father. Finds it impossible to say no, giving in to every ridiculous demand his daughter makes.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: Ab4

Vocal range bottom: Ab2

Veruca Salt – Age 10 - 15

Vicious and determined.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: Db5

Vocal range bottom: Ab4

Mr. Beauregarde – Age 30+

Violet's ineffectual father. Ignores his back-talking, insult-hurling daughter.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: F#3

Violet Beauregarde – Age 10 - 15

Confident, forward, and full of attitude.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: F#5

Vocal range bottom: C#4

Mike Teavee – Age 9 - 14

A fireplug with a ridiculous amount of energy.

Gender: Male

Vocal range top: Bb4

Vocal range bottom: G3

Mrs. Teavee – Age 30+

She needs amphetamines to get through the day and deal with her outrageous son. Tense, extreme, and hilarious.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: G3

Mrs. Green

Gender: Female

Jerry

Gender: Male

Cherry

Ensemble

Oompa Loompas – Age 8 – 12

Any gender.

Song list

ACT ONE

- Overture
- 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
- It Must Be Believed to Be Seen

ACT TWO

- Strike That, Reverse It
- Pure Imagination / Grandpa Joe (Reprise)
- The Oompa Loompa Song / Auf Wiedersehen
- You Got Whatcha Want
- Veruca's Nutcracker Sweet
- Vidiots
- That Little Man of Mine Reprise
- The View from Here