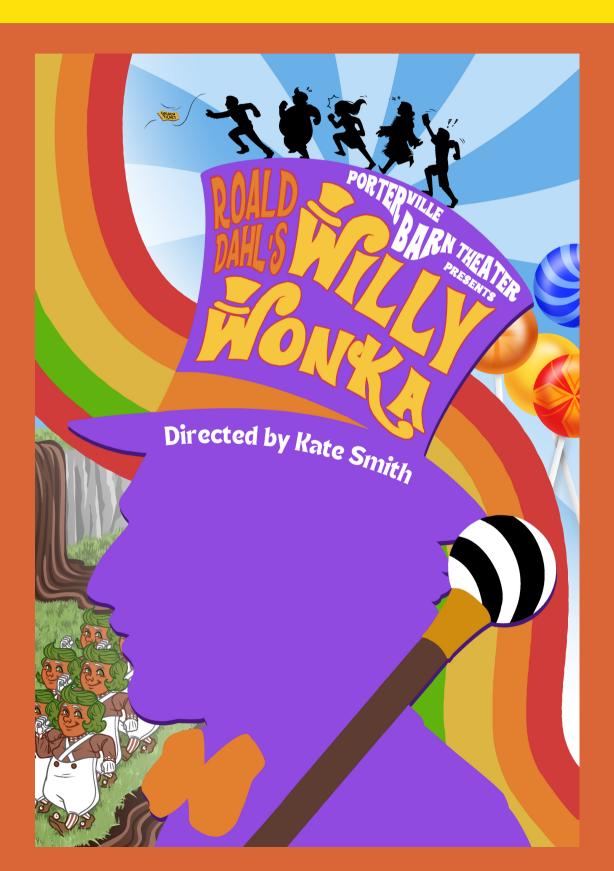
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THE PORTERVILLE BARN THEATER PRESENTS



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Roald Dahl's



Adapted for the Stage by

Leslie Bricusse & Timothy Allen McDonald

Music & Lyrics by

Leslie Bricusse & Anthony Newley

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

Directed Sy

Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder and new songs by Leslie Bricusse (Jekyll & Hyde, Doctor Dolittle) and Anthony Newley, Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka is a scrumdidilyumptious musical. Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka follows enigmatic candy manufacturer, Willy Wonka, as he stages a contest by hiding golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whomever comes up with these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy. Four of the five winning children are insufferable brats: the fifth is a likeable young lady named Charlie Bucket, who takes the tour in the company of his equally amiable grandfather. The children must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules in the factory... or suffer the

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Augustus News Flash
I Eat More
Factory Closing
Think Positive
Violet News Flash
Radio Announcer
I See it All on TV
Cheer Up Charlie
I've Got a Golden Ticket



Intermission

Act II

At the Gates
In This Room Here
Factory Reveal
Drunk on Chocolate
Oompa Loompa 1

"There's No Knowing": Performed on Cello by Kat Wills/Recorded by Ash Morales

Chew It

Oompa Loompa 2

Flying

I Want it Now

Oompa Loompa 3

Mika's Fanfare

Oompa Loompa 4

Flying Reprise

Oompa Loompa/Candy Dreams

Finale

Cast of Characters

Willy Wonka: Michael Seitz (Understudy-Ethan Willett)

Charlie Bucket: Ava Anderson

Grandpa Joe: Dan Rhoads **Mr. Bucket:** Benjamin Willett

Mrs. Bucket: Melissa

Kirkpatrick

Candy Man: Ethan Willett

Augustus Gloop: Daniel Satko

Mrs. Gloop: Jamie Wimmer

Mika Teavee: Ellie Berra (Understudy-Jaydyn Drake)

Ms. Teavee: Barbra Black

Violet Beauregarde: Sara Satko

Mrs. Beauregarde: Kristin Redford

Veruca Salt: Bailey Mancebo

Mr. Salt: Todd Mathenia

Grandma Josephine: Vera Bennet Grandpa George: Darian Martinez Grandma Georgina: Nancy Wills

(Understudy-Kat Wills) **Jane:** Mercy Alcantar

Matilda: Gracelynn Phillips

Phineous Trout: Jaydyn Drake Phineous Trout: Grace Loeffler Ensemble: Angel Covarrubius

Oompa Loompa Ensemble:

Danica Reyes, Lucas Redford, Morgan Kirkpatrick, Callie Risvold, Evelyn Redford, Ava Giannetto, Wyatt Crisp, Scarlett Schuler, Jaxson Drake & Ramsey Poe

Choclatiers:

Westley Redford, Nancy Campbell, Journey Drake & Jesika Bowker

Production Team

Director: Kate Smith

Assistant Director: Melanie Tyler

Musical Director: Kat Wills
Choreography: Stephani Berra
Producer: Maria Mancebo
Stage Manager: Erika Arcos
Sound Design: Erik Tyler

Sound: Erik Tyler & Madeline Black

Lighting Design: Ash Morales

Lights: Ash Morales & Damon Nelson

Stage Crew: Ethan Goodlett, Victor Alcantar, Ethan Willett, Benjamin Willett, Eve MoChori Arcos, & Joy

Contreras

Set Design: Nate Smith

Set Decor: Nate Smith, Jesika Bowker, & Jessica

Risvold & Kate Smith

Set Construction: Nate Smith, Tony Berra, Steven

Rogers, & Dave Anderson

Costumes: Kate Smith, Barbra Black, Shannon Satko,

Ambree Bough, Melanie Tyler & Kristin Redford

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am so honored to bring such a loveable story to The Barn stage. I believe that a successful Director is created by assembling an exceptional team, and I consider myself extremely lucky to have had exactly that. Big thank you to my Assistant Director Melanie Tyler, Musical Director Kat Wills, Choreographer Stephani Berra, Producer Maria Mancebo and Stage Manager Erika Arcos; who leads the amazing backstage crew of Joy Contreras, Victor Serna, Ben Willett, Ethan Willett, Eve MoChori Arcos and Ethan Goodlett. I'd also like to say thank you to my husband, Nate, for designing such an amazing set that he built with help from Tony Berra, Steven Rogers and Dave Anderson. My amazing man took charge of all the set decorating alongside Jesika Bowker and Jessica Risvold, and he kindly put up with my assistance. Barbra Black's incredible eye and creative ideas were instrumental in bringing the costumes to life. I'm very grateful for her assistance. Shannon Satko and Kristin Redford, the talented seamstresses, truly impressed me with their skills. The costumes weren't complete without the help of Melanie Tyler and Ambree Bough. I can't forget about the willing moms, whom I call Oompa Wranglers, who hang out backstage to help: Stacie Crisp, Brittany Giannetto, Brenda Reyes, Erin Moore, and Tasha Anderson. My amazing Tech Crew led by Erik Tyler and Ash Morales along with Madeline Black and Damon Nelsen. Thank you to The Barn Theater Board for trusting me to Direct. I've enjoyed every moment of being creative with all the cast and crew, and was so excited to bring so many new faces to the stage and behind the scenes. I'm honored to be called their Director. Thank you to everyone for enthusiastically supporting our creative efforts and embracing the show. As a mother of two amazing boys, I'll end with a nod to Wonka's mom by reminding everyone that the real magic happens with the people you share it with, not just the performance itself!



Michael Seitz as Willy Wonka

MICHAEL SEITZ is a recent graduate from UCSB with a BFA in acting. He has performed as Don Pedro(Much Ado About Nothing) with the Prague Shakespeare Company, and Judas (The Last Days of Judas Iscariot), Hlestakov(The Government Inspector), and Falstaff(Death of Kings) with UC Santa Barbara. He has also performed as Macduff(Macbeth) and Andrew Jackson(Bloody Bloody Andrew Jackson) at College of the Seguoias, and Jaime(The Last Five Years), Mortimer(Arsenic and Old Lace), and Bernstein(Dogfight) at the Icehouse Theater. He is excited to be back home and performing at a new place with a cast that has been nothing but welcoming and kind. He would like to thank his family, friends, and girlfriend Megan for their love and support as he pursues acting.



Ava Anderson

as Charlie Bucket

15 year old Ava Anderson is playing the role of Charlie Bucket. She has played only one other role, Diana Barry in Anne of Green Gables (2023). Now she is incredibly excited for the opportunity to participate in her second play. The experience she has had with her fellow cast mates has been the funnest experience. Some of her interests outside of acting are reading, crocheting, exercising, and drawing. She also loves Jesus more than anything. She wants to thank her family, and her bestie for the support they have given her.





Dan Rhoads

as Grandpa Joe

This is the first time Dan Rhoads has been on the Barn Theater stage. The last time he was in a play was in the early 1980s at Porterville College. During the years in between, he mostly spent his time hanging out in libraries. Fortunately for him, they paid him to do so. Retired now, you'll usually find him with a song on his lips or a book in his hand, with the occasional puppet on the other hand. One reason Dan has enjoyed playing Grandpa Joe is because it has given him the chance to pretend to be old.



Melissa Kirkpatrick as Mrs. Bucket

Melissa Kirkpatrick is a Music Therapist and a mom of 3 beautiful children, Morgan, Christian, and Hayden. You may remember her as Lady Thiang from "The King and I" or Emily Hobbs from "Elf The Musical." She loves the Barn Theatre and all of the amazing friends she has made there.



Benjamin Willett as Mr. Bucket

Benjamin has been hiding in the shadows at the Barn since 2015 and recently made his stage debut in Anne of Green Gables. Outside of the Barn, Benjamin works as a professor at Porterville College, enjoys writing, and going on adventures with his family. He has had the privilege of working backstage on many plays, and is thrilled to be a part of this show under Kate's direction.







Ethan Willett

as The Candyman

& Wonka Understudy

This is Ethan: • • How d'you do? And how d'you do? He is pleased to meet you. Ethan started acting at the Barn Theater in 2015, but he's been one goofy meatball long before then. Since the average person reading this is probably older than him, you've probably seen him here before. Perhaps you've seen him wearing his should-be-signature black overcoat, or perhaps you've seen him falling down. His favorite show is either Newsies or Les Misérables. His favorite show that he's done here is probably anything that Denise Everhart directed. He likes singing and acting, but less so dancing. I don't like almonds. I'm avid about LEGO and I make my own movies. I don't -- Woops, I changed to first person. I was told I couldn't do this, but... here we are. Kat Wills has now taken me hostage and locked me in my room until I admit that the 1971 Willy Wonka movie is the best one. She says if I don't then I'll be stuck in first person forever, and that she'll lower my singing voice down an octave so I can't project as well. I can't... I have to fight back. I'm going to say it.... I don't like the 1971 version of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory! I think it's a terrible adaptation and a mediocre movie! The 2005 version is the FAR SUPERIOR VERSION.. AHHH cferx njm muffle muffle scurry



Darian Martinez

as Grandpa George

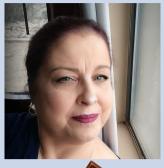
Darian is very excited to be a part of Willy Wonka! He was most recently a part of Elf The Musical here at the Barn. He will also be stage managing Misery here in the summer and hopes you come and watch!!



Nancy Wills

as Grandma Georgina

Nancy Wills is playing Grandma Georgina. Nancy has participated in several Barn Productions: she played Mother Superior in Drinking Habits 1 and 2, an ancestor in Adam's Family, and she was the musical director for Young Frankenstein. In her free time, Nancy enjoys playing the guitar, reading, playing the guitar, hiking, and playing the guitar.







Vera Bennet as Grandpa Josephine

Vera is very excited to be making her California debut at the Barn Theater. As soon as she saw the stage she knew she was home. She moved to Porterville to become the area's newest pediatrician in December and was thrilled to find that there was an active community theater program to feed her other passion. Vera enjoyed many roles in New Jersey and Arizona community theaters over the years. Some of her favorite roles include First Voice in Under Milk Wood (think Our Town), Anna Andreyevna in The Government Inspector and Shirley Markowitz in The Producers. She would like to thank the cast and crew of the Barn Theater for welcoming her into their fold and giving her the opportunity to act again – maybe next time she will even get some blocking...

Daniel Satko

as Augustus Gloop

Daniel Satko is sixteen years old and has been working with the Barn Theater since 2016. In this musical, he is playing the role of the loveable, chocolate-loving, greedy, fat kid, Augustus Gloop. His favorite acting credits are the French Chef Louis in The Little Mermaid, Jr. and Michael Hobbs in Elf: The Musical, which is his favorite play that he has done here. He's also homeschooled and is currently a junior in high school, but when he's not doing schoolwork, he's usually either reading books of various genres, baking desserts, playing piano, or just watching fun movies. He has had a fantastic time working on this musical with such talented people, and he hopes you'll enjoy it!

Jamie Wimmer

as Mrs. Gloop

Jamie has chosen the Barn Theatre to make her theatrical debut. A recent empty nester, Jamie spends most of her time infuriating her five adult children by spending their inheritance on her fur baby, Django. Together they enjoy mom and dog spa days, learning new activities like paddle boarding, and their favorite pastime, searching for Sasquatch in the Sierra Nevadas. When not adventuring, Jamie loves watching horror movies, listening (and singing just a little off key) to music, and discovering new ways to appreciate the world around her.







Ellie Berra

as Mika Teavee

Hello! My name is Ellie Berra and I play the role of Mika Teavee in Willy Wonka. I am 14 years old and attend Porterville High School. This is my 5th musical. I have been main characters in two productions; Flounder in The Little Mermaid, and Elsa in Frozen. Besides Wonka, I am in ensemble for Once on This Island at Porterville High School. I hope you enjoy the show, and the rest of your day!



Barbra Black

as Mrs. Teavee

Barbra's second life at The Barn has included performances in Mamma Mia, Young Frankenstein, Anne of Green Gables, and most recently appeared as Mrs. Claus in Elf. This is the first time she will not be sharing the stage with anyone in her family although her daughter, Mads is working on the tech team.



Sara Satko

as Violet Beauregaurd

Sara Satko is a freshman in high school. She is homeschooled and is taking classes at Porterville College. This is her sixth production at the Barn Theater, and her favorite role has been Anne in Anne of Green Gables. In her free time, she enjoys tap dancing and singing Disney songs with her theater friends. Sara is thrilled to finally get to blow up on stage, and she would like to thank her orthodontist for not attending the show and discovering that she was chewing gum while still in braces.









Kristin Redford as Mrs. Beauregaurde

Kristin is happy to be joining this joyful cast at the Barn! She has been enjoying baking bread and seeing her poppies, daffodils, and nasturtiums bloom this spring. Her recent appearances at the Barn have included Change at Last (Lila), Putnam County Spelling Bee (Logainne), and Addams Family (Morticia). She'd like to thank her wonderful husband for his love and support!



Bailey Mancebo

as Veruca Salt

Bailey Mancebo is 13 year old and plays the role of Veruca Salt! She is incredibly grateful for being casted as this part!! This is her 10th play overall but her 7th play at the barn theater! Her past credits at the Barn include ELF, The little mermaid Jr, Annie Jr, Frozen Jr, The king and I, and Anne of green gables! Bailey has been a dancer since the age of 3, and will be celebrating her 11th year of dance! She would like to thank everyone in her family for always supporting her but most of all her parents! Her mom is like her Taxi, she drives Bailey up and down porterville 5 nights a week to make sure her daughter can be involved in everything she desires! Yes it's a lot for her (And her bank account) But she always puts her kids first! Lastly she would like to thank her dad because even though she is sure she annoys him by always singing and dancing 24/7 he always supports her even when she's sure he would rather not sit through a 2 hour show/recital!



Todd Mathenia

as Mr. Salt

Todd Mathenia (Mr. Salt): Todd is happy to be apart of Willy Wonka this year, and recently you may have seen him as both Fake Santa and Chadwick in Elf. Some of his favorite roles include Pugsley from The Addams Family, Finch in Newsies, Igor (pronounced Eye-gor) in Young Frankenstein, George Bailey in It's a Wonderful Life, Peter in Peter Pan, and Jean Valjean in Les Misérables (the play). Todd has been acting since 2013, and participating at the Barn Theater since 2016 when he debuted as Gaston in Beauty and the Beast Jr. When Todd is not on the stage, he is continuing his creativity through artwork. Aside from acting, drawing is another passion of his (you can find him at @sweeneytoddst on Instagram). He is always happy and grateful to be on the stage and working with his Barn family.





Mercy Alcantar

as Jane

Mercy loves acting and singing. This is the 7th show that she has had a role in. 5 of the shows that she has been in where at the Barn Theater and the other 2 shows were at 2 other local theaters. She wants to pursue a career in acting and dreams to be on Broadway.



Gracelynn Phillips

as Matilda

Gracelynn is an 8th grader at Summit Charter Intermediate Academy. Her love of acting began with the Barn Theater Jr. Company production of Mary Poppins in 2018. She has appeared in various Barn Theater productions including Suessical, Mama Mia! And Frozen, Jr. Gracelynn has taken part in Junior Theater Festivals in Sacramento, and Texas, where she was adjudicated by industry professionals. Gracelynn is also part of the Visual and Performing Arts club for Burton Schools. She had appeared as Adult Simba in the VAPA production of The Lion King and in Aladdin. Gracelynn had the opportunity to travel with this club to New York City and experience theater on a new level, which solidified the passion she has for the craft. In her spare time, Gracelynn enjoys playing volleyball and spending time with her family. The love of theater and drama drives Gracelynn's goals for the future, as she plans to attend the University of California at Santa Barbara to obtain a degree in teaching and theater.



Jaydyn Drake as Phineous Trout

Jaydyn has been acting since they were 9 years old. He has played roles that range from cutlery to royalty. They don't have much of a life outside of theatre, they read I suppose. He can't wait to perform for you today and he hopes you enjoy the show.



Grace Loeffler as Phineous Trout

Grace received her Bachelor's Degree in Performing Arts from CSU Channel Islands in 2017. She works as an Kindergarten Instructional Aide at Strathmore Elementary School. She is also a Board Member at Lindsay Community Theater. Some of her favorite roles include: Rosalind in As You Like It, Roxane in Cyrano de Bergerac, Granny in Into the Woods, and Hannah in Puffs. Recently, she was the Vocal Director for Spamalot, and is currently the Music Director for Beauty and the Beast Jr. When not in rehearsal, she enjoys reading, playing Just Dance, and watching CSI: Miami.



Angel Covarrubias as Ensemble

Angel is 16 years old and is a sophomore currently going to Monache High School. Where he is in three of his schools choirs all directed by Josh S. Angel enjoys being with friends and family. Angel's past credits are: 'Anne of Green Gables' -Kate S. 'Little Mermaid Jr' -Mary S. and 'Lion King Jr' -Daniella L. He is very excited to be apart of 'Willy Wonka.' This is the first time Angel has played in an ensemble. He finds it fun to see all his friends bringing this amazing story to life. Angel is very excited to be apart of this experience!!!



Meet the Oompa Loompas



Danica Reyes, Lucas Redford, Morgan Kirkpatrick, Callie Risvold, Evelyn Redford, Ava Giannetto, Wyatt Crisp, Scarlet Schuler, Jaxson Drake & Ramsey Poe

Ramsey Poe is currently a 5th grader at SCA Lombardi. She enjoys listening to music, playing Roblox, and swimming. This will be her second play at the Barn Theater. She was in the play Elf last year. She is loving performing and has made many new friends at the Barn!

Callie Risvold is a 13 year old girl who has always dreamed of being in plays, and now she is finally pursuing it. This is her first play. Whenever she isn't rehearsing for a play she would be at Youth Group, hiking and hanging out with her family, making random art pieces, listening to music or writing stories. Wyatt Crisp is nine years old, a third grader and part of the Leadership Team at school. My two younger brothers are Wayde and Wesley. My dad is a Fire Captain and my mom is a Teacher. My hobbies are playing football, basketball and watching my dad race his dragster. I enjoy dancing, singing and entertaining my family and friends. My first theater performance was in 101 Dalmations. In this recent play, Willy Wonka, I have been inspired by a talented director and met a lot of new friends. Danica Reyes is a student in the Pleasant View Elementary School District, radiates a vibrant energy that illuminates her surroundings, relishing the opportunity to forge new connections. It was during her recent debut as "Olof" in her school's theater production of "Frozen" that Danica discovered her passion for the performing arts. Since then, she has embarked on a transformative journey of self-discovery, nurturing her love for the stage where her enthusiasm truly flourishes. This newfound dedication has propelled her to new heights. As she continues to explore the depths of her talent and embrace the magic of the stage, Danica's journey is a

testament to the transformative power of the performing arts.

Meet the Oompa Loompas



Danica Reyes, Lucas Redford, Morgan Kirkpatrick, Callie Risvold, Evelyn Redford, Ava Giannetto, Wyatt Crisp, Scarlett Schuler, Jaxson Drake & Ramsey Poe

Ava Giannetto is a 6th grader at SCIA. I am part of the Drama/Vapa club at my school. This is my first barn theater production and I absolutely love it. I also enjoy dancing, going on Disney vacations with my family and swimming for the Porterville Neptunites.

Scarlett Schuler is 8 years old and this is my first play I have been apart of. My favorite thing to do is gymnastics at CCGI, singing, dancing, anything Disney and swimming.

Morgan Kirkpatrick is a 3 rd grade student at Burton Elementary School where she participates in cheerleading. This is her 3 rd musical at the Barn Theatre! You might remember Morgan from "The King and I" and "Elf The Musical." Morgan is playing an Oompa Loompa and has her very first vocal solo which she is excited about!

Lucas Redford is thrilled to be an Oompa Loompa in his second musical at the Barn Theater! His first role at the Barn was as an Elf in Elf the Musical this past Christmas. Lucas is a 3rd grader and loves folding origami, playing outside, and cooking his own omlettes every morning.

Evelyn Redford is happy to be reunited with her Barn family for this show! She was first seen on stage in Anne of Green Gables (Minnie May) and was an elf in Elf the Musical this past Christmas. Evelyn is a 1st grader who loves baking, visiting the library, and catching crane flies.

Jaxson Drake is a 10 year old boy who is new to acting. He goes to Lombardi where his original poem was chosen for poetry and prose. He is a phenomenal artist and he is excited for you to see him branching out into a different art form.











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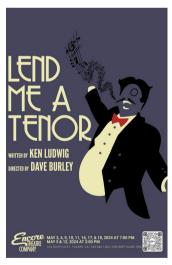
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