2014-2015 Theatre Season: A Year of Transformations

Blinn College Division of Visual and Performing Arts
Choral and Vocal Studies Program-Brenham
Theatre Arts Program-Brenham

&
Brenham Children’s Chorus-Brenham, Texas

Roald Dahl’s

Willy Wonka

Lyrics and Music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley
Adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy Allen McDonald

Resource Guide

This resource guide serves as an educational starting point to understanding and enjoying Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka. With this in mind, please note that the interpretations of the theatrical work may differ from the original source content.
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Public Performances

November 20, 21, 22 7 PM
November 23 2 PM

Elementary Preview Performances

November 20 & 21 10 AM & 1 PM

Dr. W.W. O’Donnell Performing Arts Center Auditorium
Brenham, Texas

Tickets can be purchased in advance online at www.blinn.edu/BoxOffice,
by calling 979-830-4024
or by emailing BoxOffice@blinn.edu
The Story

This is the story of a world famous chocolatier, Willy Wonka, who decides to have a contest. He hides five Golden Tickets in five of his delicious candy bars, and whoever finds these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory. In addition, these children will also win a lifetime supply of chocolate! Four of the five winning children are beastly, but the fifth winner is a likeable young man by the name of Charlie Bucket. As these children take the tour, they learn that must learn to follow Mr. Wonka's rules of the factory...or suffer the consequences!

Wonka Trivia

- There have been two movies, two musicals, one stage play, a Swedish television show, several video games, and an opera based on Roald Dahl's *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.
- When Roald Dahl was a boy, there was a chocolate factory near his school. This is where he got the idea for *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.
- In the 2005 film, Willy Wonka's cane was filled with actual Wonka candy.
- The original name of Roald Dahl's book was *Charlie's Chocolate Boy*, and it didn't have the characters of Grandpa Joe or the Oompa-Loompas.
- In Roald Dahl's original story there were seven children selected to go to Willy Wonka's factory. The characters that were cut from the original were a conceited boy named Marvin Prune and a tattle-teller named Miranda Piker.
The Children

This musical is about five children:

Augustus Gloop-A greedy boy.

Veruca Salt-A girl who is spoiled by her parents.

Violet Beauregard-A girl who chews gum all day long.

Mike Teavee-A boy who does nothing but watch television.

and

Charlie Bucket-
The hero.
The Adults

The Candy Man-A candy vendor who sells Wonka's candies.
Willy Wonka-A candy maker who hasn't been seen outside of his factory in many years.
Mr. Bucket-Charlie Bucket's father.
Mrs. Bucket-Charlie Bucket's mother.
Grandpa Joe-Charlie's grandfather who used to work for Mr. Wonka.
Grandma Josephine-Grandpa's Joe's wife.
Grandma Georgina-Grandpa George's wife.
Phineous Trout-A news reporter.
Mrs. Gloop-Augustus Gloop's mother.
Mr. Salt-Veluca Salt's father.
Mrs. Beauregarde-Violet Beauregarde's mother.
Mrs. Teavee-Mike Teavee's mother.

The Chorus

As this is a musical, there is more than one chorus to help tell the story. A chorus is an organized group of singers and dancers that perform together at appropriate times during the play.

A Chorus of Children-Charlie's friends who just can't stop eating sweets.
A Chorus of Cooks-Who make sure Augustus Gloop is well-fed.
A Chorus of Oompa-Loompas-The mysterious workers in Wonka's factory.
A Chorus of Squirrels-Who help prove that Veruca Salt is a bad nut.
Roald Dahl - The Writer

Roald Dahl was born in Llandaff, Wales on September 13, 1916. After graduating from school and serving in the Royal Air Force, Dahl became a published writer in 1941. His first children’s story to be published was *James and the Giant Peach* in 1961, and his second, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, was published in 1964. Before his death on November 23, 1990, three movies had been made based on his works: *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* (1971), *The BFG* (1989), and *The Witches* (1990). On September 13, 2006 (the day that would have been Dahl’s 90th birthday), the first annual Roald Dahl Day took place across the world, with celebrations in the United Kingdom, the United States, and Holland. These celebrations continue even today.

Quentin Blake - The Illustrator

Sir Quentin Saxby Blake was born in Sidcup, Kent on December 16, 1932. As a boy, he was influenced by an English teacher to become interested in literature, and his first drawings were published when he was 16 years old. After graduating from college, he studied at the Chelsea School of Art, and he worked for over twenty years at the Royal College of Art. He met Roald Dahl in the 1970’s, for whom he illustrated 18 books, and the two formed an extraordinary illustrator/writer partnership. As of 2006, Blake had illustrated for over 320 books; 35 of which he wrote himself.
Willy Wonka’s Word Search

Bucket  Children  Chorus
Gloop    Salt      Willy
Charlie’s Word Chase

Candy
Man
Joe
Cooks
Candy Cryptograms

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# Chocolate Cryptogram

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![Chocolate Pattern](image)
Teachers!

We encourage you and your students to explore these topics further by checking out these sweet resources:


- Internet Source, www.roalddahlfans.com, Created and maintained by Kristine Howard and Michael Mander-Lesson plans and classroom ideas for Roald Dahl’s books and short stories!

- Internet Source, www.teacherspayteachers.com, Teachers Pay Teachers Online Marketplace-Unit plans, novel study, and literacy center ideas for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.


Resources


Blake, Q. (1995). Mr. Willy Wonka [Illustration].


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