

HITSBILL



May 9th @ 7:00 p.m.
May 10th @ 11:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

HITS Theatre
311 W. 18th Street, Houston, TX 77008



HITS Theatre

production of



Lyrics and Music by
Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley

Adapted for the Stage by
Leslie Bricusse and Timothy Allen McDonald

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

Directed by
BRENNAN ASHLEY

Music Director
**ELIZABETH CHRISMAN
SHURTZ**

Choreographer
DANA LEWIS

Stage Manager & Props Designer
KAREN CLAYTON

Costume Designer
OLIVIA NAOMI

Scenic Designer
ANTHONY SLOTERDIJK

Assistant Costume Designer
CARDERO BERRYMAN

Lighting Designer
ANNA VAN VLEET

ROALD DAHL'S WILLY WONKA KIDS

is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI). All
authorized performances material are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIshows.com

CAST

Edie Kubin.....	Willy Wonka
Jane Wexler.....	Charlie
Claire Woodruff.....	Mrs. Bucket
Ariana Bell-Martinez.....	Mr. Bucket
Emma Tischler.....	Grandma Josephina
Daphne Baker.....	Grandma Georgina
Ella Wright.....	Grandpa George
Olivia Olson.....	Grandpa Joe
Kate Liu.....	James
Alex Merhan.....	Matilda
Max Narvaez.....	Candy Man
Adam Grahmann.....	Phineous Trout/Oompa Loompa
Levi Honeycutt.....	Augustus
Sandra Collett.....	Mrs. Gloop
Lila Kirby.....	Veruca
Alexandria Gehring.....	Mr. Salt
Anabel Carter	Violet
Zoe Salas.....	Mrs. Beauregarde
Joseph Rovira.....	Mike
Maya Buening.....	Ms. Teavee
Annabel Clayton.....	Oompa Loompa 1
Matthew Grahmann.....	Oompa Loompa 2
Lansing Stukenberg.....	Oompa Loompa 3
Meaghan Turk.....	Wonka Assistant
Riley Motes.....	Squirrel
Roman Zarella-Charles.....	Squirrel
McKenzie LeDee.....	Squirrel
Penelope Bennett.....	Squirrel
Caroline Williamson.....	Squirrel
Crosby Nicholson.....	Squirrel



**Adam
Grahmann**



**Alex
Merhan**



**Alexandria
Gehrig**



**Anabel
Carter**



**Annabel
Clayton**



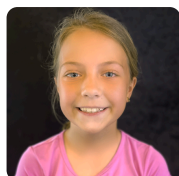
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**Caroline
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Nicholson**



Daphne Baker



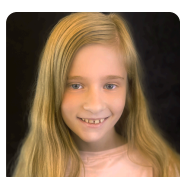
Edie Kubin



Ella Wright



**Emma
Tischler**



**Jane
Wexler**



Joseph Rovira



Kate Lui



**Lansing
Stukenberg**



**Levi
Honeycutt**



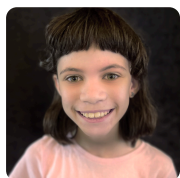
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**Matthew
Grahmann**



**Max
Narvaez**



**Maya
Buening**



**McKenzie
LeDee**



Meaghan Turk



Olivia Olson



**Penelope
Bennett**



Riley Motes



Sandra Collett



**Roman
Zarella-Charles**



**Zoe
Salas**

SYNOPSIS

The delicious adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder, in addition to a host of fun new songs, Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS is a scrumdilyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth.

Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS 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, but the fifth is a likeable young lad 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 consequences.

SONGLIST

1. The Golden Age of Chocolate.....Wonka and Oompa Loompas
2. The Candy Man.....Candy Man and Candy Kids
3. Cheer Up Charlie.....The Bucket Family
4. I've Got a Golden Ticket.....Charlie and the Golden Ticket Winners
5. At the Gates (Pure Imagination).....Wonka and Golden Ticket Winners
6. Factory RevealWonka and Golden Ticket Winners
7. Oompa Loompa 1.....Gloops and Oompa Loompas
8. Oompa Loompa 2.....Beauregards and Oompa Loompas
9. Burping Song.....Charlie and Grandpa Joe
10. I Want It Now.....Veruca and Squirells
11. Oompa Loompa 3.....Veruca, Squirells and Oompa Loompas
12. Oompa Loompa 4.....Mike and Oompa Loompas
13. Finale.....Full Cast



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recording of this production is strictly
prohibited.

CREATIVE & PRODUCTION TEAM

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STAGE MANAGER.....KAREN CLAYTON
SCENIC DESIGNER.....ANTHONY SLOTERDIJK
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ASST. COSTUME DESIGNER.....CARDERO BERRYMAN
LIGHTING DESIGNER.....ANNA VAN VLEET
PROPS DESIGNER.....KAREN CLAYTON
SCENIC CARPENTER.....WILL LARSON
SCENIC ARTIST.....EMILY CHILDS
AUDIO ENGINEER.....KYLE MOORE
LIGHT BOARD OPERATOR.....ANNA VAN VLEET
SOUND BOARD OPERATOR.....KYLE MOORE
BACKSTAGE CREW.....MILDRED DIAZ
PLAYBILL/GRAPHIC DESIGNER.....JANESSA A. HARRIS
& RAE DOBROVOLSKY

HITS TEAM

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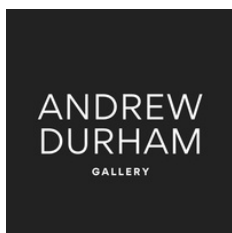
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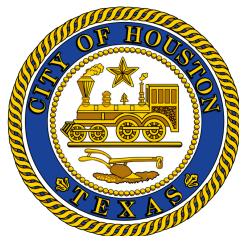
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It truly takes a village, and HITS is only as strong as the support of our dedicated volunteers. We are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed their time, energy, and passion to make this semester spectacular. Your generosity brings magic to our stage and joy to our community. Thank you for being the heart of HITS!

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OUR MISSION

HITS THEATRE ENGAGES STUDENT CREATORS BY PROVIDING PROFESSIONAL THEATRICAL AND ARTISTIC TRAINING AS THEY FIND THEIR OWN UNIQUE VOICES THROUGH ACTING, SINGING, DANCE, AND PRODUCTION. WE ARE COMMITTED TO PROVIDING A SAFE, INCLUSIVE, AND DIVERSE ENVIRONMENT THAT ALLOWS ALL STUDENTS, REGARDLESS OF FINANCIAL MEANS, THE OPPORTUNITY TO HONE THEIR GIFTS IN A NURTURING COMMUNITY THAT FOSTERS CREATIVITY, CONFIDENCE, COLLABORATION, AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING ON AND OFF THE STAGE.



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Acting &
Singing &
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FRONT

HITS
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Adult Styles

**SUMMER
25**



MYTHS & Legends



Are you ready for an epic summer at HITS Theatre?

Myths & Legends offers a multitude of theatrical experiences for Grades K-12.
Scholarships are available.



ONCE ON THIS ISLAND
June 2-6

MOANA
August 4-8

Grades K-2



SCAN ME

WICKED
Session 1, June 9-13
Session 2, June 16-20

ALADDIN
August 11-15



WICKED
Session 1, June 9-13
Session 2, June 16-20

MOANA
August 4-8

Grades 3-6



SCAN ME

Students reimagine musical numbers from hit movie musicals live on stage with a cabaret-style performance where each student shines!

Write, produce, and perform your own original musical.

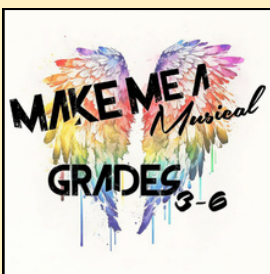
June 23-27

Students will write a script inspired by Little Icarus: Fly in the Middle by Rachele Jones Smith, craft new melodies, assemble costumes and props, learn staging, and perform their creation for their families.

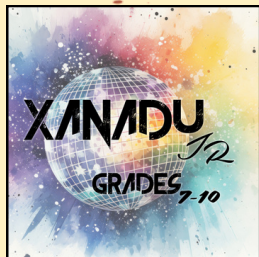
Grades 3-6



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FULL PRODUCTIONS



Disco ain't dead, so grab your skates!

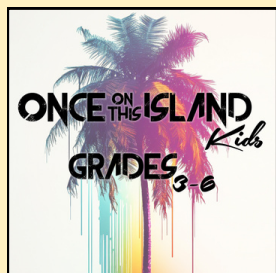
June 09-29, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

A Greek muse inspires love, laughter and the world's first Roller Disco in this 1980s glitter explosion based on the cult film and Broadway musical. Xanadu JR. is a moving, electrifying tale of endless fun with legendary chart-topping tunes.

Grades 7-10



SCAN ME



One small girl finds love in a world of prejudice.

KIDS (Grades 3-6)

Session 1, July 7 - July 18

Session 2, July 21 - August 1

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.



SCAN ME

ADDED SESSION



Sing and dance on our stage inspired by the silver screen.

July 07-12, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Students reimagine musical numbers from hit movie musicals live on stage with a cabaret-style performance where each student shines!

Grades 6-10



SCAN ME

WAITLIST & SCHOLARSHIPS

If a program appears full, it's free to join the waitlist. If a spot becomes available, everyone on the list is notified by email at the same time and registration is first come, first served.

HITS offers scholarship awards for all our programming.

The application must be submitted before registering for the class.

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ADAM

Congrats on another fantastic show! We love watching all your characters and seeing your creativity. Love, Mama, Daddy and William



ANABEL

Violet! You're turning Violet, Violet! We are so proud of you and cannot wait to see you pop on stage! Break legs, Anabel!



ANNABEL

Oompa Loompa extraordinaire! You better tell those naughty kids their moral of the story. We couldn't be more proud.



ARIANA

**You rock Ariana!
Keep shinning!
We love you!**



CLAIRE

**Claire, break a
leg! We are so
proud of you!**



CROSBY

**Crosby we are so excited to
see you in your first HITS
production!
Keep shining sweet girl!**



ELLA

We cannot wait to see you shine as Grandpa George and cheer Charlie up with your beautiful voice.
Lots of Love ❤️



JANE

Jane you never cease to amaze us with your kindness and talent. We are so excited to see you shine as Charlie!



JOSEPH

Joe! We cannot wait to see you kill it as Mike Teavea. Keep being you and you'll always shine!



KATE

**Kudos, Kate, for
sprinkling pure
charm in your
role!**



LANSING

**“Shoutout to our favorite
Oompa Loompa — small in
size, HUGE in stage presence!
You danced, you dazzled –
orange you glad you signed
up to do this?! Bravo!”**



LEVI

**Levi, we are so
proud of you! Keep
shining bright– you
are a star**



MATTHEW

**Congrats, Matthew! We love watching you on stage and hope you have fun as an Oompa Loompa.
Love, Mama, Daddy, and William**



MAX

**Max, We're so proud of you. If you're going to do anything, do it awesome!!
Love, Dad & Mom**



MAYA

We couldn't be more proud of how much you've grown as a performer. You always keep us smiling with your kindness. Never stop being you.



MCKENZIE

Shout-out to my shining star, McKenzie! Tonight, the curtains rise and the world gets to see what I've known all along—you were born to shine! Watching you step into your first performance in the Willy Wonka play fills my heart with so much pride and joy. Your creativity, courage, and big heart are center stage, and no matter the role, you light it up with your magic. Keep chasing your dreams, sweet girl. This is just the beginning of something amazing. I love you endlessly, and I'll always be your biggest fan. Break a leg, my superstar!

Love always, Mom



OLIVIA

You've been burping your way out of jams (and bubble fans) since 2013. We love you!
Mom, Dad, Merritt and Sahra.



PENELOPE

You've accomplished something amazing, Penelope—your very first play! We are so proud of you, and we can't wait to see what else you have in store! Break a leg! Love, your Fam Bam.



RILEY

Break a leg Riley! But not an arm.
We love seeing how hard you have
worked and trained for your first
performance! Great idea to choose
Wonka so you have an excuse to
eat candy!

Love Mom, Dad, Alex, and Luna!



ROMAN

Huge shoutout to Roman for
landing his theatre role! So
proud of you—can't wait to
see you shine on stage. All
the hard work is paying
off!



SANDRA

Congratulations Sandra! You
light up the stage and shine in
everything you do.

Love Mum, Dad, Evan,
Grandma, Uncle Rob and Aunt
Julee

