

HITSBILL



May 16th @ 7:00 p.m.
May 17th @ 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
CINDY WANG

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

CAST

Judah Gonzalez.....	Willy Wonka
Tom Peters.....	Charlie
Alexandra Mack.....	Matilda
Emma Clayton.....	James
Sam Shahda.....	Candy Man/Mr. Salt
Betsy Wright.....	Candy Kid
Betty Lark Sutton.....	Phineous Trout
Ollie Sharief.....	Mr. Bucket
Talia Guerrero.....	Mrs. Bucket
Julia Shahda.....	Grandma Georgina
Amelia Primomo.....	Grandpa George
Grant Liu.....	Grandpa Joe
Iris Burke.....	Grandma Josephina/Mrs. Gloop
Isaiha Bray.....	Augustus
Claire Wangler.....	Veruca
Shreya Puvvada.....	Violet
Gianna Primomo.....	Mrs. Beauregarde
Madeline Brownlie.....	Ms. Teavee
Eli Brownlie.....	Mike



**Judah
Gonzalez**



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Peters**



**Alexandra
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**Emma
Clayton**



**Sam
Shahda**



**Betsy
Wright**



**Betty Lark
Sutton**



**Ollie
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Burke**



**Isaiha
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**Gianna
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**Madeline
Brownlie**



**Eli
Brownlie**

SYNOPSIS

The delicious adventures of Willy Wonka's chocolate factory light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film, in addition to a host of fun new songs, Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka JR.* is a scrumdilyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth.

Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka JR.* 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

Pure Imagination.....	Wonka
Golden Age of Chocolate.....	Wonka and Oompa-Loompas
The Candy Man.....	The Candy Man and Candy Kids
I Eat More.....	Augustus, Mrs. Gloop, and Phineous Trout
Think Positive.....	Charlie and Mr. Bucket
I See It All On TV.....	Mike Teavea, Mrs. Teavea and Phineous Trout
Cheer Up, Charlie.....	The Bucket Family
Think Positive (Reprise).....	Charlie
(I've Got A) Golden Ticket.....	Charlie, Grandpa Joe & Golden Ticket Winners
At the Gates.....	Wonka and Golden Ticket Winners
In This Room Here.....	Wonka and Golden Ticket Winners
Factory Reveal Sequence.....	Wonka and Golden Ticket Winners
Oompa-Loompa 1.....	Gloops and Oompa-Loompas
There's No Knowing.....	Wonka and Golden Ticket Winners
Chew It.....	Violet, Wonka and Golden Ticket Winners
Oompa-Loompa 2.....	Beauregards and Oompa-Loompas
Flying.....	Grandpa Joe and Charlie
Burping Song.....	Grandpa Joe and Charlie
I Want It Now!.....	Veruca
Oompa-Loompa 3.....	Salts and Oompa-Loompas
Oompa-Loompa 4.....	Teaveas and Oompa-Loompas
Finale.....	Company



Videotaping or other video or audio
recording of this production is strictly
prohibited.

CREATIVE & PRODUCTION TEAM

DIRECTOR.....CINDY WANG
MUSIC DIRECTOR.....ELIZABETH CHRISMAN SHURTZ
CHOREOGRAPHER.....DANA LEWIS
STAGE MANAGER.....KAREN CLAYTON
SCENIC DESIGNER.....ANTHONY SLOTERDIJK
COSTUME DESIGNER.....OLIVIA NAOMI
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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.....JON MONTGOMERY
DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION.....DENNIS ARROWSMITH
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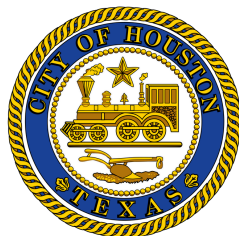
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OUR MISSION

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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OUR
MISSION**

Thank You to Our Incredible Volunteers

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!

**Alex Canales
Amanda Concannon
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Dancing &
Storytelling.

FRONT

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2025

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**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



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

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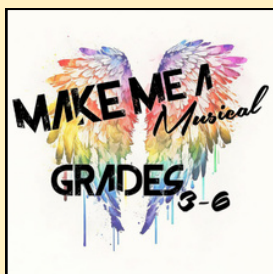
MOANA
August 4-8

Grades 3-6



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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

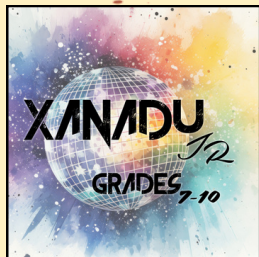
Students will write a script inspired by Little Icarus: Fly in the Middle by Rachele Jones Smith, craft new melodies, assemble costumes and props, learn staging, and perform their creation for their families.

Grades 3-6



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FULL PRODUCTIONS



Disco ain't dead, so grab your skates!

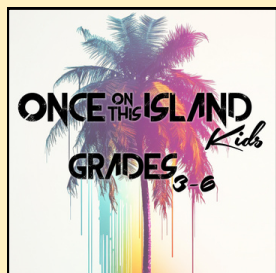
June 09-29, 5:00-9:00 p.m.

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.



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ADDED SESSION



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

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

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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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ALEXANDRA

Alex, you're our golden ticket
and we know that you'll bring
sweetness to the show! Wishing
you plenty of fun, magic and
applause!
Lots of love from Mama, Papa
and Elliot



AMELIA

Break a leg Grandpa
George/Oompa
Loompa 9!
We love you Milli!



BESTY

We are so proud of you and
love watching you shine on
stage.



EMMA

**FISH FISH FISH
FISH FISH!!
Good luck Emma!**



GIANNA

**Break a leg Mrs.
Beauregarde!
We love you Gigi!**



GRANT

**Grant, Your wit and
heart as Grandpa
Joe shine bright!
Love, Mom and Dad**



IRIS

You never cease to amaze us! We are excited to see you shine as Mrs. Gloop and Grandma!



ISAIHA

To our incredible Isaiha, Your passion for storytelling, your heart, and your joy — they shine brighter than any spotlight. As Glenn says, “We’re theater people. We know how to turn cardboard into gold” — and you make everything golden. So very proud of you.

— With all our love, Poppa, Mom, Dad, and Wiley



JUDAH

Judah, we love more than our wildest purest imaginations! We are so proud to watch you be true to yourself and grow into the young man you are meant to be. Keep shining buddy! Xoxo, Mama, Daddy & Layla



OLLIE

Ollie, We are so proud of you
and can't wait to see you
perform! We are so excited
to be on this creative journey
with you!
Love, Mom, Dad, & Kiernan



SHREYA

Shreya, we can't wait
to see you "pop" on
stage.
Break a leg!



TALIA

**Congrats! You set your
goals and accomplished
them. Proud of you! Break
a leg!
From your family and
friends <3**



TOM

**We are so proud of
you!
Mami, Papi, Mathilda,
Felix and Lukas**

