## HITSBILL



May 17th @ 7:00 p.m. May 18th @ 2:30 p.m. & 5:00 p.m.

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



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

KYLE KINDRED

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

Annie Blitz	Willy Wonka
Lucy Wilkerson	Charlie
Gracelyn Purvis	Matilda
Conner Ferrell	James
Emily Cruz	Candy Man
Elsie Deans	Candy Kid
Ziya Griffin	Candy Kid
Alannah Forsythe	Candy Kid
Charles Sternberg	Candy Kid
Ginny Havens	Phineous Trout
Grant Brown	Mr. Bucket
MP Stukenberg	Mrs. Bucket
Quinn Sutton	Grandma Georgina
Hudson Simmons	Grandpa George
Lotus Wagner	Grandpa Joe
Brijzha BoyerGra	ndma Josephina/Mrs.Gloop
Brennan Pratt	Augustus
Layla Gonzalez	Veruca
Claire Bourgeois	Mr. Salt
Louise Whitehead	Violet
Layla Hindi	Mrs. Beauregarde
Genevieve Bain	
Noah Alarcon	Mike





Layla Hindi



Genevieve Bain



Noah Alarcon

#### **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 scrumdidilyumptious 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 MoreAugustus,		
Think Positive		
I See It All On TVMike Teavea, Mrs. Teavea and Phineous Trout		
Cheer Up, Charlie	The Bucket Family	
Think Positive (Reprise)	Charlie	
(I've Got A) Golden TicketCharlie,	Grandpa Joe & Golden Ticket Winners	
At the GatesW	onka and Golden Ticket Winners	
In This Room HereW	onka and Golden Ticket Winners	
Factory Reveal SequenceW	Vonka and Golden Ticket Winners	
Oompa-Loompa 1	Gloops and Oompa-Loompas	
There's No KnowingW	Onka and Golden Ticket Winners	
Chew ItViolet, W	Vonka and Golden Ticket Winners	
Oompa-Loompa 2B	eauregards 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		



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

#### **CREATIVE & PRODUCTION TEAM**

MUSIC DIRECTORKYLE KINDRED CHOREOGRAPHERDANA LEWIS
STAGE MANAGER
COSTUME DESIGNEROLIVIA NAOMI ASST. COSTUME DESIGNERCARDERO BERRYMAN LIGHTING DESIGNERANNA VAN VLEET
PROPS DESIGNER
AUDIO ENGINEER
BACKSTAGE CREWMILDRED DIAZ PLAYBILL/GRAPHIC DESIGNERJANESSA A. HARRIS & RAE DOBROVOLSKY

### HITS TEAM

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	JON MONTGOMERY
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DIRECTOR OF PRODUCTION & FACILI	TYASH PARRA
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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.



# 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
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#### 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 # ISLIND

June 2-6

**WICKED** 

Session 1. June 9-13

Session 2, June 16-20

#### MONNA

August 4-8

Grades K-2





August 11-15



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

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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

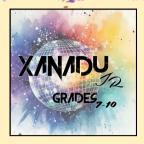
Students will write a script inspired by Little Icarus: Fly in the Middle by Rachelle Jones Smith, craft new melodies, assemble costumes and props, learn staging, and perform their creation for their families.

Grades 3-6



SCAN ME

## 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 alitter explosion based on the cult film and Broadway musical. Xanadu JR. is a moving, electrifying tale of endless fun with legendary charttopping tunes.







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.





#### ADDED SESSION



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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 programing. The application must be submitted before registering for the class.

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## **大村大村大村**

Dear Annie, You're as **SWEET and PURE as they** come and we couldn't IMAGINE our family without you. Love, Mom, Dad & Sophie



## BRITATU

You always make us proud whenever you perform. Break a leg!



We cannot wait to watch you kill it as an Oompa-Loompa! We could not be more proud of you!



## COLLEG

You always shine whenever you are on stage. We love seeing the joy performing brings you! Never stop!



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Estuviste genial!
Muchas felicidades!
Con mucho amor de
parte de Guz y tu mami



## VIVIE

Vivie, we can't wait to see you shine on stage!
Love, Mom, Dad & Charlotte



## CHINA

You are such a star and so beautifully your own human. Never stop leading with kindness, it's your superpower.



## GRANTE

We are so proud of you!



## HUDSON

You make us proud! Break a leg, Hudson!



## LAYLA C

Layla, thank you for not method acting Veruca the last two months... or did you?! Haha! JK! We love BIG, kiddo and we are always so proud. Keep shining! Xoxo, Mama, Daddy and Judah



## 

You are always a shining star. We are so proud of you!



## HUHU

Congratulations! From your juicy ideas to your bursting energy, you've been rolling with every challenge like a champion — no matter how blue things get! You're pure imagination in motion! We love you! xoxo Mom, Dad, and CC



## HUCY

Lucy — we are so proud of you and all the heart, hard work & talent you bring to everything you do. Watching you do what you love lights us up every time.

We love you so much! — Mom,

Dad, Wesley & Gus



## MIR

Charlie won the golden ticket but we hit the jackpot getting to watch you on stage in Wonka twice!! Bravo performance, again. We are so so proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Lansing and Lois



## PANTA.

Ziya is the most rootenst tootenst kiddo this side of the Mississippi

