

Deerfield Family Theater

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory- Character Breakdown

Willy Wonka (Male, age 25+)

Willy Wonka is an enigmatic character; at once mysterious and mischievous but also charismatic. Larger than life persona can go from charming and comical, to magically mysterious and dark. Will also portray “The Candy Man” in Act 1.
Tenor/Baritone

Charlie Bucket (Any gender, age 9-13)

Sweet, smart, hopeful and loving. A kid with wonderful innocence and vulnerability. Tenor/Soprano

Grandpa Joe (Male, age 40+)

Charlie’s imaginative, fun, kind and loving grandfather. After many years being confined to a bed, his childish energy returns when Charlie finds the Golden Ticket. Baritone

Mrs. Bucket (Female, age 30+)

Charlie’s warm and kind-hearted mother. Worrier. Generous and loving.
Mezzo-Soprano

***Note- The roles of the Golden Ticket winners will be played by actors high school aged and above while portraying the characters as younger ages**

Augustus Gloop (Male)

A gluttonous German boy, with a German accent. Cheerful and jolly, he defines himself by his ability to eat mass quantities of food. The actor cast in this role will be put in a body suit so all ranges and sizes will be considered. Tenor/Baritone

Veruca Salt (Female)

A young spoiled, wealthy Russian ballerina who always gets what she wants from her father. Ballet experience is a plus. Mezzo-Soprano

Violet Beauregarde (Female)

A world renowned pop star (in her own mind). Influencer, arrogant, very competitive. Loves gum. Mezzo-Soprano/Alto

Mike Teavee (Male)

Hacked his way to getting a golden ticket. Addicted to screens. Bit of a loner. A little grungy. Tenor/Baritone

Mrs. Gloop (Female, age 25+)

Augustus's German, moronic, Wagnerian mother. Mirthlessly smiles as though it were affixed to the front of her face. Mezzo-Soprano

Mr. Salt (Male, age 25+)

Veruca's goofy, eccentric, distracted, hilarious father. Finds it impossible to say no, giving in to every ridiculous demand his daughter makes. Tenor

Mr. Beauregarde (Male, age 25+)

Violet's ineffectual father. Ignores his back-talking, insult-hurling daughter. Baritone

Mrs. Teavee (Female, age 30+)

She needs amphetamines to get through the day and deal with her outrageous son. Tense, extreme, and hilarious. Mezzo-Soprano

Grandpa George, Grandma Georgina, Grandma Josephine (ages 40+)

Charlie's other grandparents who have been bedridden along with Grandpa Joe for years. They love and support Charlie and his mother as best they can, but sometimes they're just tired.

Ensemble (All genders and ages)

A wide variety of actors of all ages are needed for our ensemble. Act 1 will consist of members of the press, various townspeople, German chefs, Russian ballerinas, as well as some featured roles like reporters Jerry and Cherry and cabbage salesperson Mrs. Green.

Act 2 will feature the entire ensemble as Oompa Loompas as well as a select few as dancing squirrels.