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Production of

Roald Dahl's

# Willy Wonka JR.

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We can't wait to welcome you back to Civic Theatre.  
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*Raquel Lopez*

Producing Artistic Director  
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our 95th season



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# Coming Up

our 95th season  
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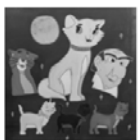
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## **Agatha Christie's The Mousetrap**

**September 10-19, 2026**



## **Disney's Aristocats KIDS**

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Shows at Duncan Hall

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## **Evil Dead, The Musical**

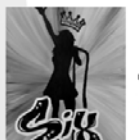
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## **Calendar Girls**

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## **SIX, The Musical-Teen Edition**

**January 21-23, 2027**

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## **Misery**

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## **FREAKY FRIDAY, ONE ACT EDITION**

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## **Stinky Cheese Man**

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## **Come From Away**

**April 22- May 1, 2027**



## **The Lion, the Witch, & the Wardrobe**

**June 4-6, 2027**

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# 2026-2027 General Information:

**The Bob Sauer's Box Office:** Opens one-hour prior to every performance in our theater lobby. Tickets are always available online at [www.lafayettecivic.org](http://www.lafayettecivic.org)

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**Late Seating Policy:** Civic Theatre does not allow late seating. Performances begin promptly at scheduled times. Please be in your seat prior to curtain. Latecomers will not be allowed in the theater until intermission (when applicable). Viewing will be available via tv monitor in our lobby. NO EXCEPTIONS.

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**Smoking:** Smoking or vaping is strictly prohibited inside the Monon Depot Theatre and within 8 feet of outside entrances.

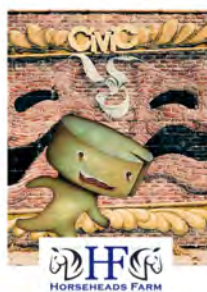
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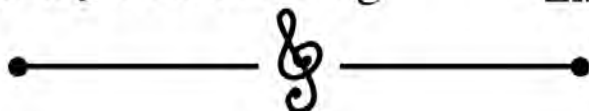
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It is with heavy hearts that we remember the life and legacy of Lisa Tally- a radiant soul, a gifted musician, and a tireless champion of creativity and compassion.

In the Spirit of all she gave, Civic Theatre is honored to announce The Lisa Tally Musicians Fund - a lasting tribute to her generosity and many talents.

For the first time, Civic Theatre will be able to support its musicians financially.

Donations can be made at  
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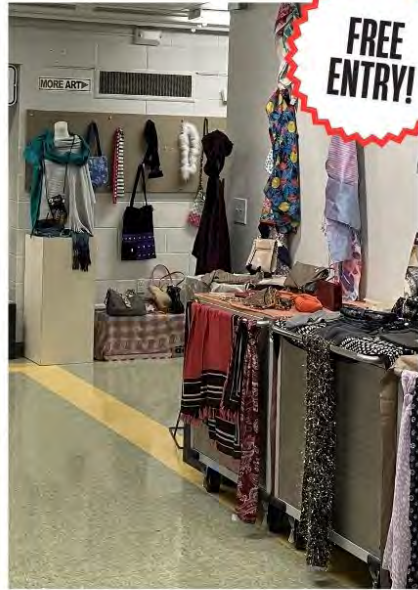


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Artist: \_\_\_\_\_



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#### Assemblage: What is assemblage?

Find a sculpture made from assemblage. List 3 objects that were used to create the piece

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
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Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

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| WILLY WONKA .....              | Mary Stuckey          |
| CANDY MAN .....                | Annika Boquist        |
| CHARLIE BUCKET .....           | Vivi Pike             |
| GRANDPA JOE .....              | Liam Hensley          |
| GRANDMA GEORGINA .....         | Allie Combee          |
| GRANDMA JOSEPHINA .....        | Serena Laird          |
| GRANDPA GEORGE .....           | Lachlan Hensley       |
| MR. BUCKET .....               | Griffin Valiant       |
| MRS. BUCKET .....              | Ella Winchester       |
| MATILDA .....                  | Theodora Davis        |
| JAMES .....                    | Juliana Herold        |
| PHINEOUS TROUT .....           | Jack Ewing            |
| AUGUSTUS GLOOP .....           | Callum Robertson      |
| MR. GLOOP .....                | Miles Morphew         |
| MRS. GLOOP .....               | Isabell Reinert       |
| VERUCA SALT .....              | Charlotte Irvine-Sinn |
| MRS. SALT .....                | Luna Puetz            |
| MR. SALT .....                 | Logan Deno            |
| VIOLET BEAUREGARDE .....       | Ellie Boszor          |
| MRS. BEAUREGARDE .....         | Fernanda Avila        |
| MIKE TEAVEE .....              | Tom Hall              |
| MS. TEAVEE .....               | Kiri Venis            |
| WONKETTE FEATURED DANCER ..... | Maya Balian-Mann      |
| WONKETTE FEATURED DANCER ..... | Emma Boszor           |
| WONKETTE FEATURED DANCER ..... | Charlotte Christie    |
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| WONKETTE FEATURED DANCER ..... | Josalynn Kerkhoff     |
| WONKETTE FEATURED DANCER ..... | Penelope Meadows      |
| WONKETTE FEATURED DANCER ..... | Ivy Stroud            |
| WONKETTE FEATURED DANCER ..... | Khloe VanAuken        |
| WONKETTE FEATURED DANCER ..... | Juliette Walker       |
| WONKETTE FEATURED DANCER ..... | Kendyll Ware          |
| OOMPA LOOMPA .....             | Jacob Abbott          |
| OOMPA LOOMPA .....             | Abigael Adebowale     |
| OOMPA LOOMPA .....             | Tabitha Bolotte       |
| OOMPA LOOMPA .....             | Stiles Cooper         |
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| OOMPA LOOMPA .....             | Kodie Habbinga        |
| OOMPA LOOMPA .....             | Jensen Millar         |
| OOMPA LOOMPA .....             | Quinn Parmley         |

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| OOMPA LOOMPA ..... | Sawyer Parmley       |
| OOMPA LOOMPA ..... | Patrick Slack        |
| ENSEMBLE .....     | Josephine Atkinson   |
| ENSEMBLE .....     | Brynley Bailey       |
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| ENSEMBLE .....     | Semaj Gavin          |
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| ENSEMBLE .....     | Lissie Hensley       |
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| ENSEMBLE .....     | Chloe Maher          |
| ENSEMBLE .....     | Wyatt Martin         |
| ENSEMBLE .....     | Sofia Miller         |
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**NOTE TO AUDIENCE:** The videotaping or other video or audio recording of this production is strictly prohibited.

## **A Note from the Director**

There is a moment in this story- quiet, almost easy to miss- where a boy who has nothing is handed everything, and he gives it back.  
That moment is why we are here.

Willy Wonka Jr. is a story most of us carry somewhere in our bodies before we ever see it on a stage. For some in this room, it lives in the memory of a Saturday afternoon, a flickering television, Gene Wilder's eyes going wide with something between delight and danger. For the young artists on this stage tonight, it arrived fresh. New jokes, new wonder, new stakes. Somewhere between those two experiences is exactly where this production lives, and that intersection is precisely why we chose to tell this story right now.

We are living in a moment that demands we ask hard questions about what we value. About who gets the golden ticket and who doesn't. About what we do with power when it is finally placed in our hands. Augustus, Violet, Veruca, and Mike are not villains — they are mirrors. They reflect back every impulse toward excess, entitlement, and distraction that our culture quietly celebrates every single day. And Charlie Bucket, a boy from a family that cannot afford to eat, chooses integrity anyway. Not because it's easy...but because it's who he is.  
That is a story worth telling in 2026.

Our world is loud and constant right now, leaving little room for imagination. It is pulling young people in every direction — toward performance, consumption, competition, and comparison. Into screens that flatten wonder into content and reduce imagination to an algorithm. Willy Wonka Jr. asks us to look up. To follow the strange man with the cane down the corridor of something we cannot explain, and to trust that the things that matter most — kindness, curiosity, honesty, the willingness to see the magic in an ordinary chocolate bar — are still worth protecting.  
We set this production in a steampunk world for a reason. Steampunk is a genre built on a beautiful contradiction: it imagines the future using the tools of the past. It is Victorian ingenuity married to modern possibility. Gears and gaslight and invention. In Wonka's factory, nothing is digital. Everything is handmade, mechanical, alive. Every gear you see on this stage tonight was made by one of our students. Every window, every sign, every piece of this world was built in what we call The Factory — our craft studio — by the same young people now standing before you.  
They built the world they perform in.  
And they would like to invite you into it.

Theatre has always been the art form that insists we be in the same room together- that we breathe the same air, laugh at the same moment, sit in the same darkness and watch the light come on. In a time when so much of our connection is mediated by a screen, that act is quietly radical.  
Pure imagination is not a song. It is a proposition. It asks whether you are still willing to believe that the world can be more than it is.  
We believe it. We hope tonight you will too.

Because that is what this story has always really been about- not the chocolate, not the golden ticket, not even the factory. It is about the decision to believe that something extraordinary is still possible.  
That imagination is not something we outgrow. That wonder does not have an expiration date.

Charlie Bucket believed it with nothing in his pockets. These students believed it with nothing but time, talent, and a willingness to try. And tonight, for the next hour, we are asking you to believe it too.

Something magical is about to happen.

**Benji Braswell**

Director of Education & Outreach, Civic Theatre of Greater Lafayette

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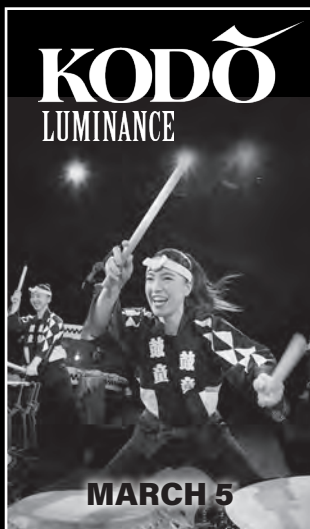
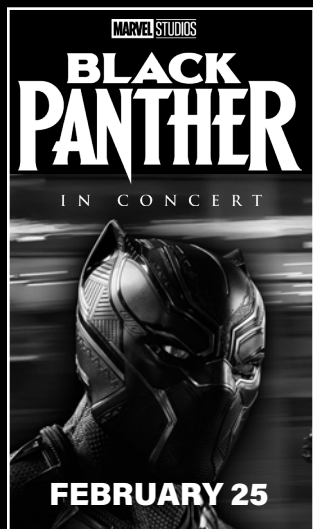
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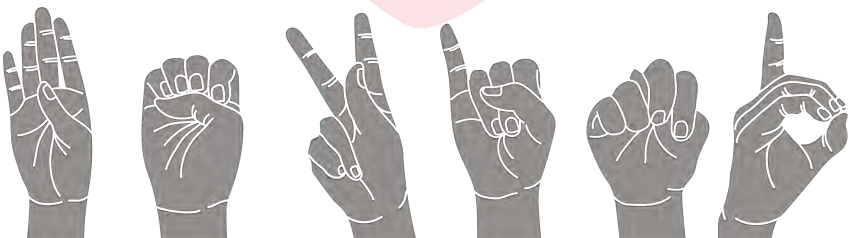




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