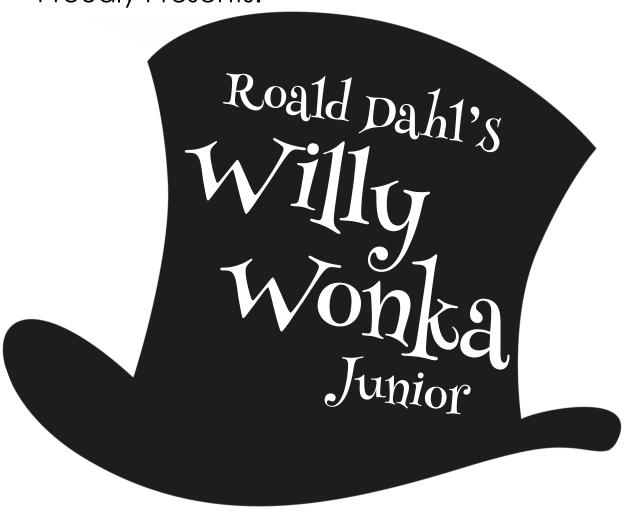


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### Cast:

Willy Wonka/Candy Man	Alaina Tennant
Charlie Bucket	Lexie James
Grandpa Joe	Zach Zamborsky
Grandma Georgina	Lydia Young
Grandma Josephine	Gracelynn Owensby
Grandpa George	Blake Stepsis
Mr. Bucket	
Mrs. Bucket	Maya Young
Phineous Trout	
Augustus Gloop	Kamryn Affolter
Mrs. Gloop	Paige Kupec
Veruca Salt	Natalie Affolter
Mr. Salt	Corbin Demiter
Violet Beauregarde	Chloe Spencer
Mrs. Beauregarde	Avery Bohrer
Ms. Teavee	Madeline Jakub
Mike Teavee	Lukas Ziska
Matilda/Oompa - Loompa	Piper Schoonover
James/Oompa - Loompa	
Candy Man Kid/Oompa - Loompa	Beckett Gardner
	Brennan Lewis
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Chef/Oompa - Loompa	
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Production Staff:	
Director	Cory Ott
Musical Director	
Producer	<del>-</del>
Assistant	
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**Kamryn Affolter (Augustus Gloop):** Is 15 and a junior at Jackson School for the Arts. Previously she has been in numerous productions throughout her community, some of her favorite experiences include Peter Pan at Akron Civic (Twin #2/Wendy Understudy), Charlotte's Web at Players Guild Theatre (Lurvy), A Christmas Carol at Players Guild (Martha Cratchit/Mary Dickens), Akron All City Cabaret (Soloist), When not on stage Kamryn enjoys dancing, speech and debate and visual art. She would like to thank her family for their love and support.

**Natalie Affolter (Veruca Salt):** Natalie is thrilled to be performing in her first show with the Wadsworth Footlighters. She is 13 years old and is going into her freshman year at the Jackson School for the Performing Arts. Some of her favorite stage credits include Alice (Matilda), Olive (Newsies Jr.), and Bird Girl 1 (Seussical Jr.). She would like to thank the amazing cast and crew for making this experience a great one!

Zachary Affolter (Chef/Oompa-Loompa): Zachary Affolter is nine years old and excited to join his sisters, Kamryn (Augustus) and Natalie (Veruca) on stage for the first time in Willy Wonka Jr! Zachary was previously in Seussical Kids(ensemble), The Santa Substitute (Michael), and The Cheese Stands Alone (featured singer). Zachary would like to thank Cory Ott for this opportunity, and the entire staff and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication and hopes that you enjoy the show!

**Avery Bohrer (Mrs. Beauregarde):** Avery is very excited to be in her third Wadsworth Footlighters production! She's entering the ninth grade at Our Lady of the Elms, and her stage credits include The Music Man Jr. (ensemble), Mary Poppins Jr. (ensemble), and Fame! Jr. (Miss Bell). She thanks the cast, crew, and volunteers for making this show possible. Although her cast mates lovingly mock her accent, Avery hopes this show goes like a game of tic tac toe.

**Juniper Cunningham (Chef/Oompa-Loompa):** Juniper is very excited to make her theater debut in Willy Wonka Jr. as part of the Ensemble. She is a fifth grader at Central Intermediate School and enjoys reading, making art, and being outdoors. When not on stage, you'll often find her with her nose in a book or playing with her siblings.

**Corbin Demiter (Mr. Salt):** Corbin Demiter is an 8th grader from Wadsworth Middle School playing Mr. Salt. He does not have a lot of stage experience, but has been in a middle school production and played the Pirate and Cowboy pig in the Footlighter's production of 33 Little Pigs. Corbin enjoys playing football, performing in show choir, and announcing the local youth football games. He is so thankful for all that he has learned from the Footlighters in recent years!

**Emmy Fairbanks (TV Dancer/Oompa-Loompa):** Emmy is thrilled to join The Wadsworth Footlighters for the first time in their production of Willy Wonka Jr. Her past experiences in theater include shows such as The Wizard of Oz, High School Musical Jr, and The Jungle Book. Emmy is looking forward to her final year in middle school as an eighth grader at Highland Middle School this fall. She is also looking forward to continuing her involvement in theatrical experiences!

**Violette Folk (TV Dancer/Oompa-Loompa):** Violette Folk is going into 7th grade. She played the part of a lamb in the musical Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies. This is her second production. She is excited to be in more plays and musicals later on in her life.

**Vivienne Folk (TV Dancer/Oompa-Loompa):** Vivienne is an 8th grade actor attending Wadsworth Middle School. She has been a part of two middle school programs: High School Musical where she played the part of Kelsi Nielsen, and Bedtime stories, where she played the part of Ashley. She also acted as a Ladybug for the musical Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs and Fireflies.

**Beckett Gardner (Candy Man Kid/Oompa-Loompa):** Beckett Gardner is making his debut in Willie Wonka Jr. as a Candy Man Kid and Oompa Loompa. Beckett attends Central Intermediate School in Wadsworth, is 12 years old, and is involved with Choir and Hip Hop Dance. He is excited to be a part of this production and is grateful for the support of his family and friends. He would also like to thank all those that put countless hours into making this production possible.

**Kennedy Hewit (TV Dancer/Oompa-Loompa):** Kennedy is a 6th grader at CIS. This is Kennedy's first time in a Wadsworth Footlighters production. When not on stage, in the ensemble, Kennedy enjoys lacrosse, basketball, golf, cross-country and hanging out with friends.

**Madeline Jakub (Ms. Teavee):** Madeline is in 7th grade and has enjoyed acting all her life. She has one dog named Riley and a brother who only sometimes annoys her. When she is not singing and acting, she participates in swimming, playing piano and crafting. She would like to thank everyone in the production for making this opportunity possible. She would also like to thank her family for always being there for her.

Alexis James (Charlie Bucket): Lexie is very excited to be in this year's show with The Wadsworth Footlighters. She is 13 years old in 8th grade at Highland Middle School. Her favorite subject is choir! In her free time she loves singing and listening to music as well as watching anime. Lexie has been in theater since 2015 and her favorite roles include Amaryllis (Music Man, Jr), Jane Banks (Mary Poppins, Jr), Annie (Annie, Jr) and, of course, Charlie Bucket! Lexie would like to thank her family for all of their love and support.

**Seldon Ketchmark (Mr. Bucket):** Seldon is 14 years old and will be entering his freshman year of high school in Wadsworth. "Willy Wonka Jr." is his 4th on stage production, his 3rd with The Wadsworth Footlighters. He loves engaging in artistic activities, watching horror movies and socializing with his friends. He would like to thank The Footlighters for all they do to put together a summer musical. Seldon also thanks everyone for coming and hopes you enjoy the show!

Paige Kupec (Mrs. Gloop): Paige has been in two musicals including Willy Wonka. Paige attends Claggett Middle School and is currently going in to the 8th grade. Some of Paige's favorite activities are playing both acoustic and electric guitar, listening to music and watching movies. Paige's favorite band is KISS and her favorite musicals are Phantom of the Opera and Beetlejuice. Paige would like to thank everyone for coming to the show and hopes you enjoy Willy Wonka Junior.

Brennan Lewis (Candy Man Kid/Oompa-Loompa): Brennan Lewis is honored to join the Footlighters for this season's production. She is an incoming 6th grader at St. Ambrose School in Brunswick. In addition to Brennan's six years of dance experience at Elite Dance Academy, she has recently performed as a vocal lead with School of Rock's 'Rock 101' and 'CBGB' shows, as well as part of the ensemble casts for St. Ambrose School's productions of Willy Wonka Jr. and Peter Pan Jr.

**Cody Lewis (Chef/Oompa-Loompa):** This is Cody Lewis's first theatrical performance. Cody is 6 years old and will be entering the first grade next year where his favorite subject is reading. In his free time Cody loves to play and spend time with his 4 older brothers. Cody is very excited to be a part of the Wadsworth Footlighters with his brothers Riley and Zac.

**Riley Lewis (Chef/Oompa-Loompa):** This is Riley Lewis's first theatrical performance. He is so excited to be a part of the Wadsworth Footlighters with his brothers. This fall, Riley will be entering the 6th grade, where he is active in choir and band and hopes to stay on the honor roll. Riley also has a black belt in Taekwondo. He loves to build Legos, play video games, and wrestle with his dogs and his brothers too.

Jack Martin (Phineous Trout): Jack will be a 7th grader at the Wadsworth middle school this year. He is excited to be performing in his 5th Footlighters production. He was 7 years old when he started with the Footlighters. Some of the productions that he has performed in include, Peter Pan, Mary Poppins, Three Wee Kings and Angels, Lambs and Ladybugs. He has also performed with other theatre companies such as OSYA and Rubber City Theatre. Jack enjoys writing and directing his own plays and would like to pursue a career in film when he gets older. He would like to thank his family for their continued support and the Footlighters for giving him this opportunity.

Josephine McIlvaine (Candy Man Kid/Oompa-Loompa): Josephine McIlvaine is 9 years old and attends Sacred Heart of Jesus School. She has two younger brothers, and she is excited to welcome three new sisters through adoption in the coming months. She enjoys dancing, acting, singing, and reading. This is Josephine's third Footlighters play, having been a Butterfly in Angels, Lambs, Ladybugs, and Fireflies, and a Lion in Three Wee Kings. She is very excited to perform on the O.J. Work stage.

**Thomas Myers (James/Oompa-Loompa):** After a much anticipated debut, Thomas "Robot Pig" Myers is going to make his very first stage entrance in the production of Willy Wonka Jr. Thomas will be going into Second Grade at Wadsworth City Schools. In addition to his love of theatrics, he enjoys being a superhero part-time, an avid animal enthusiast, playing baseball & reading books. Thomas would like to thank his entire family whom he loves very much, especially his cousins.

**Gracelynn Owensby (Grandma Josephine):** Gracelynn is 12 years old and will be attending 7th grade at Wadsworth Middle School. This is her third production with the Wadsworth Footlighters. Gracelynn is also a cheerleader for Wadsworth Middle School! She has been a cheerleader for 5 years. In her spare time Gracelynn loves to sing and dance. She also enjoys her keyboard and ukulele. Gracelynn dreams of being a singer and songwriter some day!

**Madison Owensby (Candy Man Kid/Oompa-Loompa):** Madison is 10 years old and a student at Central Intermediate School. This is her first performance and she is very excited to be a part of Willy Wonka. In her free time, Madison likes riding her bike, playing soccer and doing anything that involves water! Her favorite vacation spot is Hilton Head island and she dreams of being a baker some day!

**Piper Schoonover (Matilda/Oompa-Loompa):** Piper Schoonover is a sixth grader at CIS, and Willy Wonka Jr. is her first production with The Wadsworth Footlighters. Her first role, was as a "Princess in Training," in the Wadsworth High School production of The Princess and the Pea, in the Fall of 2018. Aside from being on stage, Piper enjoys writing and illustrating creative stories. Piper would like to thank Mr. Ott, and all of the Production Team, for making this such a fun summer!

Chloe Spencer (Violet Beauregarde): Chloe Spencer is an 11 year old actress from Wadsworth, Ohio. Chloe has been in five previous productions including Mary Poppins and Understanding Your Pets. She is excited for her sixth role as Violet Beauregarde. When Chloe isn't brushing up on her lines, she enjoys playing softball, performing in choir and playing trombone. However, she is most often found writing or reading with her dogs, Ace and Bea. She can't wait for you to see her most explosive performance yet!

**Blake Stepsis (Grandpa George):** Blake will be a 7th grader at Root Middle School this fall. He currently resides in Medina with his parents, older brother, and two dogs. In July 2021, Blake played the role of Horton in "Seussical the Musical Jr." edition. Outside of the theatre, Blake enjoys spending time with his family and friends. He is currently on a swim team and will be joining the band, playing the clarinet.

**Pierce Stewart (Candy Man Kid/Oompa-Loompa):** Pierce Stewart loves theater and acting and has been in a few shows through Orrville Community Theater and now Wadsworth Footlighters! He loves art, performing, building and creating with legos and most of all hanging out with his friends! Pierce hopes you enjoy the show!

Alaina Tennant (Candy Man/Willy Wonka): Alaina Tennant is excited to play Willy Wonka in her eighth production with the Wadsworth Footlighters. She is a junior and theatre student at Akron School for the Arts at Firestone CLC. Previous performances include Firestone's "On the Verge" (Fanny), Orrville Community's "The Crucible" (Abigail Williams) and Weathervane Playhouse's "The Diary of Anne Frank" (Anne Frank) and in film "Hungarian Scouts" (Margit)

**Lydia Young (Grandma Georgina):** Lydia Young plays Grandma Georgina in the show production: "Willy Wonka Jr.". This is her third show in total and her second show with the Wadsworth Footlighters. She was a lead in "Chosen Too" as Elaine, the snowflake narrator. Her dream role would be Lottie La Bouff in: "The Princess and the Frog". Lydia attends Wadsworth Middle School. She enjoys baking, board games, outdoor activities, and acting out cheesy movie scripts with her sister, Maya.

**Maya Young (Mrs. Bucket):** Maya Young is excited to play Mrs. Bucket in the show production: "Willy Wonka Jr.". This is her sixth show in total and her second show with the Wadsworth Footlighters. Her favorite lead roles were Irene Rudolf in "Radium Girls" and the Defense Attorney in "Fairytale Courtroom". This year she will be a junior at Medina Christian Academy. Maya enjoys reading, writing, running, hiking, singing, drawing, and spending time with her siblings and youth group.

**Zach Zamborsky (Grandpa Joe):** Zachary Zamborsky is a first time member of the Wadsworth Footlighters. His previous theater experience has been backstage as sound technician for Wadsworth Middle School's High School Musical Jr and Bedtime Stories. Zach has been a performer of show choir/concert choir since the 5th grade. He will be entering highschool as a freshmen this fall. Zach is greatful for the amazing cast, director who have made this a wonderful experience.

**Lukas Ziska (Mike Teavee):** Lukas is thrilled to be back on stage again performing one of his favorite stories. Some of his previous roles include Michael in Matilda Jr., Turtle Dude in Understanding Your Pets, and Chimney Sweep in Mary Poppins Jr. Lukas loves to attend live theatre at the local level and Playhouse Square. His favorite show is Hamilton.

**Quinn Ziska (Candy Man Kid/Oompa-Loompa):** Quinn is very excited to make her summer debut with The Wadsworth Footlighters. She was most recently Sidney Waggs in Understanding Your Pets with Dr. Marla Brett at The Luminescent Moon Theatre Company. Quinn loves to sing, dance, and attend live theatre with her family. Her favorite show is Six The Musical.

### Who's Who Production Staff:

Cory Ott (Director): Cory has directed a number of productions including Mary Poppins Junior, Peter Pan Junior, and Almost, Maine for The Wadsworth Footlighters. He has also directed for Theatre 8:15, Wadsworth City Schools, and The Luminescent Moon Theatre Company. He has also run the Elementary Drama Club for Wadsworth the past few years. Cory was a Cast Member for the Walt Disney Company, and hopes to return someday soon. He would like to thank the people who have helped him get where he is today, you know who you are! "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them." Walt Disney. Cory hopes you enjoy Willy Wonka Junior and thanks you for supporting the arts.

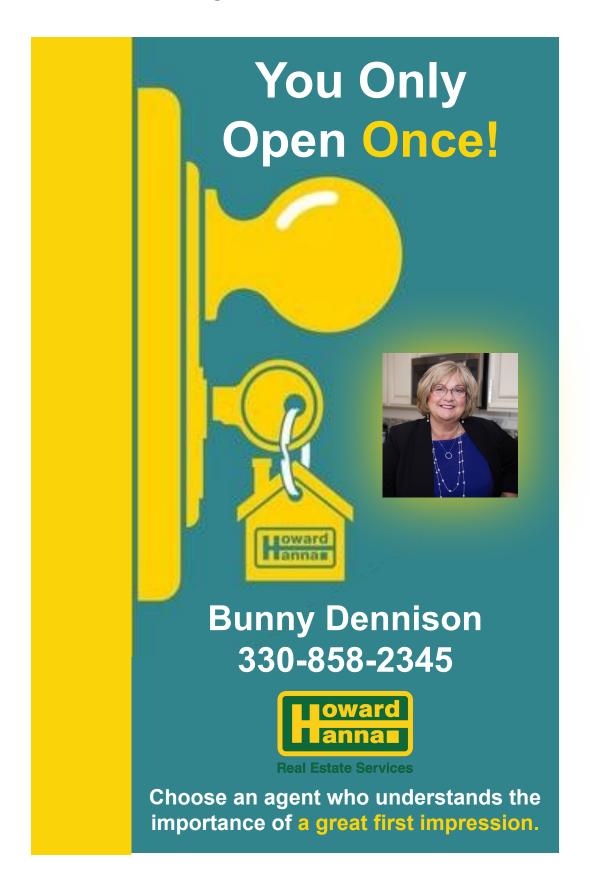
Angelina Seemann (Musical Director): Angelina is a singer, actress, and vocal instructor from the Akron/Canton area. She received her B.A. in Music from Malone University, studying opera and musical theatre techniques. Outside of teaching, Angelina can be found performing across Northeast Ohio. Some of her favorite roles include The Countess (Le Nozze di Figaro), Alice (The Addams Family), Vi (Footloose), and The Witch (Into the Woods). Her performances in Into the Woods and Footloose earned her nominations for the Broadway World Cleveland Awards.

**Courtnie Keaton (Sound/Sound Effects)**: Courtnie is 19 years old and currently attends the New York Conservatory for Dramatic Arts studying acting for film and tv. Other than performing she paints, sings, dances and hangs out with her cat. This is her first time being involved behind the scenes and she had so much fun working with all the talented people in the cast and crew.

**Jadden Saltz (Crew):** Jadden has been performing in Footlighter productions since Winnie the Pooh in 2013. She has played various roles all of which she has enjoyed very much. This is her last year for playing in the younger section of the plays as she has turned 17. She will be a junior at Wadsworth High School this next year. This is a very different role for her. She is incognito, see if you can find her as she says good-bye to the younger Footlighter group and hopefully hello to the adult productions. She says thanks to ALL for the many good years of fun, support and making new friends.



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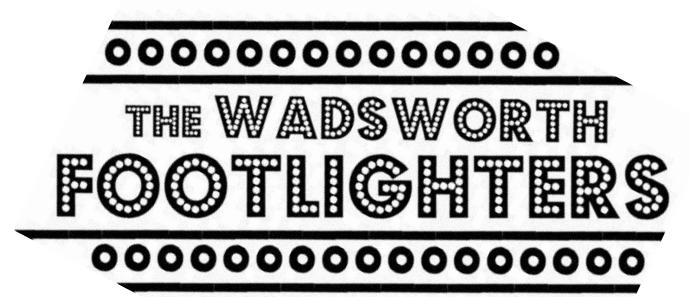
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