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CAST ANNOUNCED for
*Roald Dahl's **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory***
Canadian TYA Premiere
Directed by Thom Allison

November 12 – December 30, 2024

Toronto, Oct. 9, 2024 – [Young People's Theatre](#) (YPT) is thrilled to announce the cast of this year's scrumdiddlyumptious holiday musical, *Roald Dahl's **Charlie and the Chocolate Factory***! One of Canada's most celebrated performers, **Thom Allison** (director of Stratford Festival's *La Cage aux Folles* and *Rent*) directs this musical adaptation – bringing to life all of the famous characters and songs of the classic 1971 film. The iconic Willy Wonka is played by **Michael Therriault** (Ebenezer Scrooge in Shaw Festival's *A Christmas Carol*), alongside award-winning performer **Breton Lalama** (*Really Happy Someday* – Official TIFF Selection) as the noble Charlie Bucket.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory features:

Ruth Acheampong as Violet Beauregarde/Oompa Loompa

Nick Boegel as Mike Teavee/Oompa Loompa

DeAnn deGruijter as Mrs. Green/Mrs. Teavee/Oompa Loompa

Tiffany Deriveau as Grandma Georgina/Mrs. Beauregarde/Oompa Loompa

David Lopez as Augustus Gloop/Oompa Loompa

Caitlyn MacInnis as Veruca Salt/Oompa Loompa

Jacob MacInnis as Grandma Josephine/Mrs. Gloop/Oompa Loompa

Larry Mannell as Grandpa Joe

Zorana Sadiq as Mrs. Bucket/Cherry/Oompa Loompa

David Webb as Grandpa George/Mr. Salt/Oompa Loompa

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory will be presented on the Ada Slight Stage from **November 12 to December 30, 2024**. Based on the beloved novel by Roald Dahl, now celebrating its 60th anniversary, this delightful musical adaptation is for ages 6 and up. A world of pure imagination awaits as Charlie, Grandpa Joe and four golden ticket-winners embark on a journey brimming with chocolate rivers, gumdrop trees and cocoa-loving Oompa Loompas.

Roald Dahl's CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

Book by David Greig, Music by Marc Shaiman, Lyrics by Scott Wittman & Marc Shaiman

Based on the novel by ROALD DAHL

Songs from the Motion Picture by LESLIE BRICUSSE and ANTHONY NEWLEY

Director: **Thom Allison**; Music Director: **Jeannie Wyse**; Choreographer: **Allison Plamondon**; Set Designer: **Brandon Kleiman**; Costume Designer: **Ming Wong**; Lighting Designer: **Jareth Li**; Sound Designer: **Brian Kenny**; Projection Designer: **Laura Warren**; Dialect Coach: **Jane Gooderham**; Stage Manager: **Barry W. Cook**; Assistant Stage Manager: **Ferne Hudson**; Apprentice Stage Manager: **Brianna Unger**.

Performances:

Weekdays: Nov. 19, 21, 26, 28, Dec. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 18, 19 at 10:15AM & 1:00PM | Nov. 20, 22, 27, 29, Dec. 4, 6, 11, 13 at 10:30AM

Weekends: Nov. 16 at 2:00PM | Nov. 17, 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 at 11:00AM & 2:00PM | Nov. 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21, 27, 28, 29, 30 at 1:00PM & 4:00PM

Recommended for ages 6 and up

Run Time: Approx. 75 mins.

Tickets: \$10-\$54 (plus HST & service charges) | **Online:** youngpeoplestheatre.org

Box Office: 416.862.2222

About Young People's Theatre

Young People's Theatre (YPT) is Canada's largest and oldest professional theatre for young audiences, co-led by Artistic Director Herbie Barnes and Executive Camilla Holland. The company produces and presents a full season of theatre and arts education programming, serving approximately 150,000 patrons annually. YPT's newly renovated historic theatre houses the 433-seat Ada Slaight Stage and 115-seat Studio, with a brand new education centre, YPT 161 Studios, just across the street. United in vision, the two facilities anchor the corner of Front and Frederick Streets in Downtown Toronto, creating Canada's largest theatre complex for young people. Over the past 59 years, YPT has staged many of the most important plays that form the canon of work for youth in our country. YPT continues to develop new work and create partnerships with theatre companies across the country and around the world. The enriched learning experiences of YPT's Education & Participation Department, including its 55-year-old Drama School, provide young people with opportunities to develop their whole being. [Learn more.](#)

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