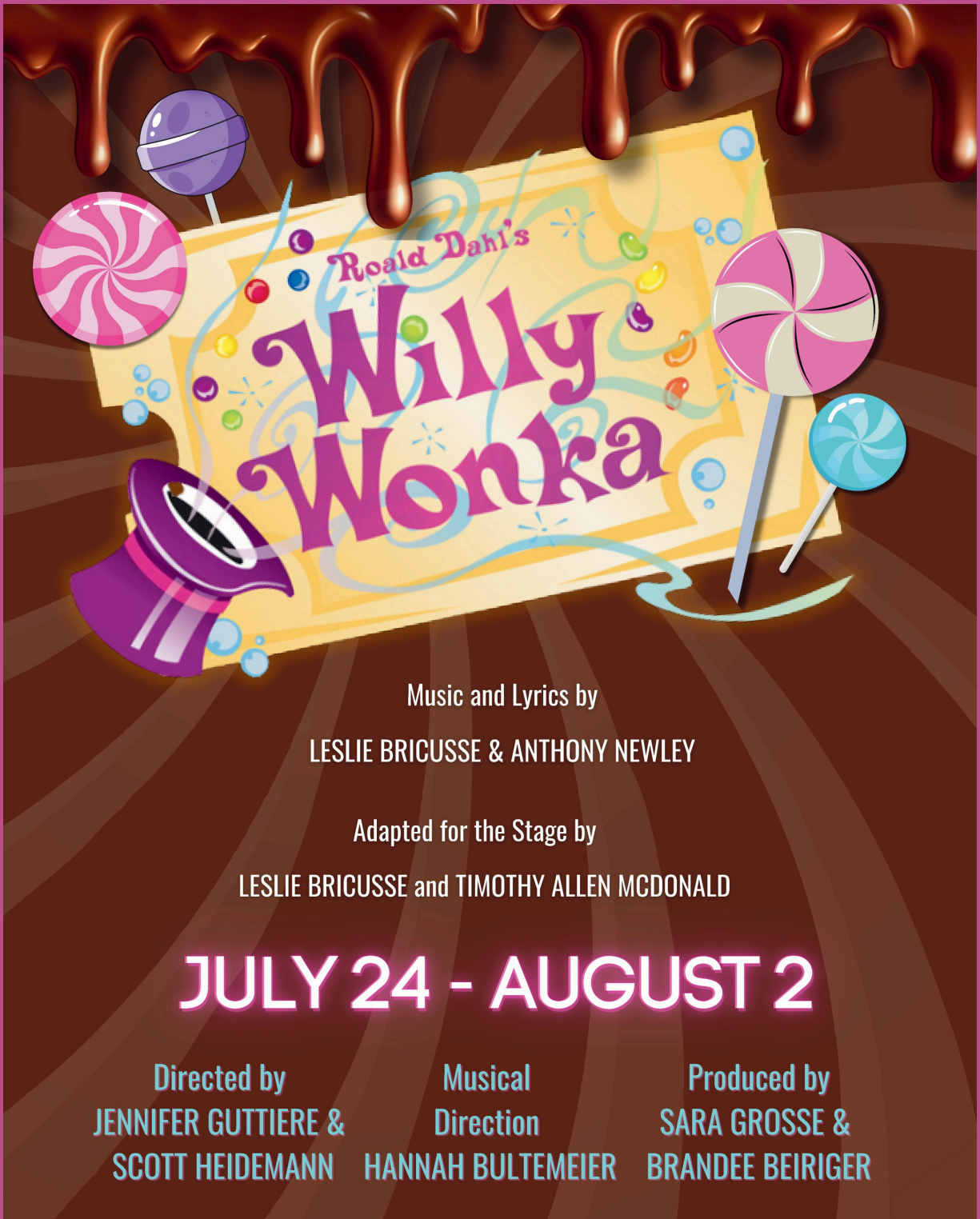


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Patio Playhouse Presents:

Willy Wonka

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Based on the Book:
Charlie and The Chocolate Factory
by Roald Dahl

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Thank you!

This production was made in part by the generous support of Janecek Family Charitable Fund. Their commitment to the arts and community has played a vital role in bringing our performances to life. We extend our heartfelt gratitude for their contribution, which helps us continue to enrich and entertain our audience.



~ Welcome ~

Welcome to Willy Wonka, the second production in Patio Playhouse's 59th season! We're delighted to bring this whimsical and heart-filled adventure to the beautiful Kit Carson Park Amphitheater. With a story that celebrates imagination, kindness, and a touch of mischief—it's the perfect summer treat for all ages.

We're also proud to share that Patio Playhouse was just named Theater of the Year at the North County Arts Awards! This honor reflects the incredible work of our 100% volunteer-powered team and the vibrant, inclusive community that makes our theater so special.

If you're enjoying the magic tonight, the best way to help us grow is by becoming a Patio Playhouse member. Your support helps us continue creating bold, joyful, and meaningful theater all year long.

Be sure to come back for the moving southern charm of Steel Magnolias at our Kalmia location and return to the park this fall for the delightfully spooky Addams Family. There's something for everyone—and always room for everyone—at our Patio.

**Jennifer Guttiere
Artistic Director
Patio Playhouse**

~ Director's Note ~

Directing Willy Wonka has been an absolute dream come true. This magical story has sparked imaginations for generations, and I'm thrilled to bring it to life alongside my incredible co-director, Scott Heidemann.

This show is extra special to me because I get to share the stage with my own family—my husband Frank as Willy Wonka himself, our son Dash as Augustus Gloop, and our youngest, Rowan, as a candy kid!

We are so lucky to have a cast filled with dedicated adults and bright, enthusiastic youth who are working together to create something truly unforgettable. Watching this intergenerational team build a world of pure imagination has filled my heart with joy.

Thank you for joining us in this whimsical adventure—we hope it brings you as much nostalgia and delight as it has brought us.

**Jennifer Guttiere
Director**

Act One

Prologue: Wonka's Factory

Scene 1: The Bucket Shack

Scene 2: Outside The Bucket Shack

Scene 3: The Bucket Shack

Scene 4: Outside The Bucket Shack

Scene 5: The Gloops

Scene 7: Outside The Bucket Shack

Scene 8: The Bucket Shack

Scene 9: Violet Radio Station

Scene 10: Home of Mike Teavee

Scene 11: The Bucket Shack

Scene 12: Two Weeks Later - Snowy Streets

There is one 15 minute Intermission

Act Two

Scene 13: Outside Wonka's Factory

Scene 14: The Chocolate Smelting Room

Scene 15: Pink Candy Boat

Scene 16: The Inventing Room

Scene 17: Fizzy Lifting Room

Scene 18: The Nut Room

Scene 19: Choco-Vision Room

Scene 20: End of the Tour/Wonkavator/Home

~ Production Crew ~

Directors: Jennifer Guttieri & Scott Heidemann

Producers: Sara Grosse & Brandee Beiriger

Music Director: Hannah Bultemeier

Choreographer: Kellie Nichols

Stage Manager: Mike Grosse

Stage Crew: Courtney Hilborn, Sara Mass, Stefanie Everton-Lovell

Assistant to the Director: Kaya Santana

Rehearsal Monitor: Leslie Williamson

Props Master: Sara Mass

Costume Coordinator: Katie Jones

Set Designer/Builder: Scott Heidemann

Scenic Painter: Cori Price

Sound Technician: Rose

Lighting Designer: Scott Heidemann & Jenn Guttieri

Lighting Crew: Cory Beiriger

Spotters: Logan Hilborn and Addie Williamson

Publicity: Courtney Hilborn

Program: Courtney Hilborn

Park Beautification: Stacy Lower

Bathroom Beautification: Sara Clevers



~ Profiles ~



Charlotte Baesel – Ensemble

Charlotte is a 13 year old theatre lover who is so excited to be a part of the Willy Wonka cast! The stage is like her second home, as she has been dancing since the age of five. Willy Wonka is her third musical theater production and her first with Patio Playhouse. When not performing, you can find Charlotte listening to music, playing piano, hanging out with friends, reading, or swimming. Charlotte is extremely grateful for her friends and family for supporting her dreams. She hopes you enjoy the show!



Savannah Baldwin – Ensemble

Savannah is a vibrant and charismatic 7-year-old going into 2nd grade. She is embracing her love of performance and entertaining audiences through her singing, dancing, and acting. Her recent theater credits include A Little Princess (Lottie), Anne of Green Gables (Minnie May Barry), and Princess Whatsername (Candy Cutie). Willy Wonka is her 4th show at Patio Playhouse. Also, Savannah has been competing in figure skating since she was 5 years old. Outside of the spotlight, Savannah loves playing with her little brother, rollerblading, and riding her bike. She would like to thank her family for all their support.



Alex Beiriger – Oompa Loompa

Alex Beiriger is thrilled to bring her energy and skills to the world of Willy Wonka as an Oompa Loompa! Outside of theater, she's a competitive dancer who was recognized with an outstanding improvement award this past season, a testament to her dedication and growth. She's also a proud Girl Scout who enjoys taking on new challenges and adventures. Audiences may recognize her from past Patio Playhouse productions, including Holiday Hullabaloo, Hullaba-Half, Princess Whatsername, and both Back to School Talent Bashes. She's excited to share this sweet, whimsical story with everyone. A special thanks to all her family and friends who have come out to support her!



Zoey Beiriger – Oompa Loompa

Zoey Beiriger is delighted to step into the magical world of Willy Wonka as an Oompa Loompa! With nine years of dance experience - including multiple years competing across the southwest - Zoey brings precision and passion to every step she takes. A dedicated Girl Scout for seven years, she has earned several of the organization's highest honors, a reflection of her leadership and perseverance. A familiar face at Patio Playhouse, Zoey has previously appeared in Zombies, Princess Whatsername, Holiday Hullabaloo, Hullaba-Half, and both Back to School Talent Bashes. She's beyond excited to share this colorful adventure with audiences. A special thanks to all her family and friends who have come out to support her!

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Zoey Clevers – Press Reporter



Zoey Clevers is 11 years old and absolutely loves to sing and act. She's thrilled to be part of Willy Wonka this summer—she's been practicing her candy-loving face for years! Some of her favorite past adventures include being the Mama Bear in Princess Whatsername, narrating Winnie the Pooh (twice!) as the ever-so-wise Violet Narrator, and rhyming her heart out in Seussical the Musical. When she's not singing, dancing, or rehearsing in her living room, Zoey loves snuggling with her dog, making up silly songs, and laughing with her favorite people—her amazing family.



Matteo Cocchia – James (G)

Matteo Cocchia is so excited to be a part of the Wonka magic as James, Charlie's best friend. At only 9 years old, this will be Matteo's seventh production with Patio Playhouse. In addition to being on stage, Matteo enjoys playing lacrosse, Dungeons & Dragons, and reading. Thank you to Miss Jenn for this incredible opportunity.



Michelle Cocchia – Grandma Georgina

Michelle Cocchia is thrilled to share the stage with her two children, Mila and Matteo, again. This will be her second production with Patio Playhouse and she hopes to make you laugh as Grandma Georgina.



Mila Cocchia – Ensemble

Mila Cocchia is so excited to be a part of the Wonka Magic as part of the ensemble. At only seven years old, this will be Mila's eighth production with Patio Playhouse. In addition to being on stage, Mila enjoys playing soccer and being with her family. Thank you to Miss Jenn for this incredible opportunity.



Robert Diplock – Grandpa George

Robert Diplock was born and raised in California. His interests include acoustic guitar making, dollar bill origami, and writing palindromes and jokes. While he had a small extras appearance in Wayne's World 2, he will be making his stage debut as Grandpa George in Patio Playhouse's Willy Wonka.



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Brian P. Evans – Grandpa Joe

Brian P. Evans (Grandpa Joe) was most recently seen at Patio Playhouse in the staged reading of *Marjorie Prime* as Jon and in the U.S. premiere of *Teechers* as Salty, which he also directed. Other roles include *A Christmas Carol* (Fezziwig), *Hello, Dolly!* (Horace Vandergelder), *The Butler Did It* (Anthony J. Lefcourt), and *Plaza Suite* (Roy Hubley). Brian runs the Theatre Database for San Diego (tdb4sd.com).



Lily Everton-Lovell – Ensemble

Lily is excited to be on stage as an ensemble member. As a Sugar Sweetie she will be showing off the sweet moves and singing skills that she has been working hard on. Lily has been taking tap and ballet since she was four years old and began vocal lessons last year. Lily is grateful to have the support of her family and friends and thankful to have a program like Patio Playhouse where she can explore and grow her performance skills. Thank you for showing your support and enjoy the show!



Evie Felker – Oompa Loompa

Evie Felker (age 11) is excited to join the cast of *Wonka* as a whimsical Oompa Loompa! This is her first musical theater production with Patio Playhouse. Elsewhere, she loved performing in *Frozen*, *Annie*, and *Finding Nemo*. Her favorite role was the quirky Dory, which she played swimmingly well. :) She thanks her directors, castmates, and family for their support and hopes you enjoy the show!



Seth Felker – James (S)

Seth Felker (age 9) is thrilled to play the role of James in his musical theater debut! He's had a blast learning to sing, dance, and act with his castmates. Seth brings great energy to the stage and loves being part of the fun. Outside of theater, he enjoys tumbling, piano, and running around outside hitting stuff with sticks. He thanks his family and directors for encouraging him to try something new!



Emma Fondren – Oompa Loompa

Emma is so excited to be performing in *Willy Wonka*! She has been at Patio for a little over a year and has truly found a home here!! She has been in shows, both onstage and backstage, and it is such a wonderful experience!! Enjoy the show!!

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Jake Galicia – Ensemble

Jake Galicia is an 8-year-old, bilingual in Spanish and English, San Marcos resident who loves singing, going to the beach, and having fun in the pool with friends. He is really good at math, reading, Roblox, and Minecraft. Willy Wonka is his second show with Patio Playhouse; he is really motivated growing in every rehearsal. He thanks his parents for bringing him to rehearsals. He is very happy to work with Miss Jenn again in this production and future projects.



Laynee Grosse – Veruca Salt (G)

Laynee is so excited to bring the fabulously feisty Veruca Salt to life! Laynee has been in multiple productions with Patio Playhouse and absolutely loves theater—she dreams of being a professional actress when she grows up. When she's not belting out show tunes, you can find her swimming or spending time with her friends. Laynee would like to thank God and her amazing family for always supporting her passion.



Maycee Grosse – Oompa Loompa

Maycee is thrilled to return to the stage with Patio Playhouse! She has appeared in multiple productions with Patio, and some of her favorite roles include Little Red Rolling Hood in Princess Whatsername and Mittens the Elf in the Hullabaloo saga. Maycee would like to thank God and her family for their love and support on every step of her theater journey.



Dash Guttierre – Augustus Gloop

Dash Guttierre is a 10-year-old performer with a big heart and an even bigger sweet tooth! He was last seen as the lovable Winnie the Pooh and is thrilled to be playing Pugsley in The Addams Family this fall. Dash sends a huge thank you to his Mama Gloop for her love and guidance on and off stage, and to his incredible family—his dad (aka Wonka), his candy kid brother, and his mom (the director who makes the magic happen)—for always cheering him on.



Frank Guttierre – Wonka

Frank is thrilled to be part of this wonderful Wonka cast! He has previously been seen this past season on the Patio stage as Rumpelstiltskin in “Princess Whatsername”, Noogie in “Getting Sara Married”, and Matthew Cuthbert in “Anne of Green Gables”, a personal favorite. He is looking forward to this wonderful 59th season at Patio and is thankful to his wonderful wife and Director, Jennifer Guttierre, Assistant Director, Scott Heidemann, and producers, Brandee Beiriger and Sara Grosse, for this role of a lifetime. To them, the entire Wonka cast, and in memory of the late, great Gene Wilder: “We are the music makers, and we are the dreamers of dreams.”

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Rowan Guttieri – Ensemble

Rowan Guttieri is a 9-year-old ball of energy who loves dancing, video games, and hanging out with his best furry friend, Waffles. He was last seen hopping across the stage as Roo in Winnie the Pooh and showing off his fins as a dancing shark in Finding Nemo. Rowan is excited to be part of this sweet adventure and sends lots of love and thanks to his amazing family for always supporting his big dreams.



Penelope Harper – Ensemble

Penelope is practically vibrating with fizzy anticipation to unveil her wondrously whimsical Willy Wonka production! You may recall her splashy debut as a Rockstar mermaid in the fantastical “Island of Anyplace” and her spirited adventures as a lost boy in the enchanting “Princess Whatsername”, not forgetting a touch of woodland harmony in the delightful “Winnie the Pooh” woodland chorus. Penelope even whispered a wish that this very show might bring someone their very own golden ticket! With a tip of gratitude Penelope thanks the marvelous cast, her ever-so- sweet family, and the grace of GOD. When the chocolate rivers aren’t flowing, you’ll likely find Penelope singing with pure, unadulterated glee! Penelope hopes this show brings you “pure imagination!”



Scarlett Hilborn – Ensemble

Scarlett Hilborn is so excited to be performing in her fourth production. Most recently she played a narrator in Winnie the Pooh Jr., a Moonfish in Finding Nemo and a Church Girl in Anne of Green Gables. She loves gymnastics, reading, and doing volunteer work. Scarlett is grateful for her family’s unwavering support and extends a special thank you to Miss Jenn for sparking her love of theater and her mom and dad for always supporting her dreams.



Juliette Hutton – Ensemble

Juliette “Juju” is a 7-year-old Escondido resident who loves music, singing, dancing, acting, horseback riding, and candy! Juju has been performing since age two. Willy Wonka is her third show at Patio Playhouse. Juju is excited to perform as a candy kid! She Thanks Miss Jenn, her family, and friends for their support. Enjoy the show.



Matilda Jenkins – Cherry Sundae (G)

Matilda Jenkins is a 14-year-old living in San Marcos playing Cherry Sundae in Willy Wonka. She’s performed in three previous shows and is thrilled to be in her first Patio Playhouse production. Her passion for the arts includes being an electric and upright bassist, as well as a pianist and guitarist. She could not have made it this far without her friends, family, and Miss Jenn as her time starts with Patio Playhouse. A very special thanks to them and enjoy the show!

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Meadow Jobe – Sister Bucket



Meadow Jobe is 13 years old and in 8th grade. This is her tenth production overall including roles in *The Wizard of Oz* (Cowardly Lion), *Anne of Green Gables* (Josie Pye), *Shrek Jr* (Gingy/Sugar Plum Fairy), and *A Little Princess* (Lavinia/Nora). Outside of the theater Meadow enjoys singing karaoke, dancing, cooking, painting, hanging out with her friends, and making jewelry. This past year Meadow has participated in The Children's Entrepreneur Markets where she sold her handmaid jewelry and has started her own side business, which she is really passionate about! This is her third production with Patio Playhouse and she is excited to be a part of this wonderful cast. She would like to thank God, her family, the directors, cast/crew and all of the parent volunteers. She's proud to be part of this cast and hopes you enjoy the sweet show!

Stone Jobe – Mike Teavee (G)



Taking a break from his usual marathon gaming sessions, Stone Jobe is excited to join the cast as Mike Teavee. Stone is 10 years old and in the 6th grade. This is his second production overall including his recent role with his school in *Finding Nemo Jr.* (Anchor). Stone enjoys gaming ... like, ALOT! Some might say this role was made for him. In fact, he spent countless hours “researching” the role, primarily through dedicated screen time. When he's not researching, he also enjoys spending time with family and friends, going to the movies, writing scripts, making movies, singing karaoke, and playing soccer and pickleball. This is Stone's first production with Patio Playhouse and he is all charged up to be a part of this rad cast! He would like to thank God, his family, the directors, cast/crew, and all of the parent volunteers. He “Siri-ously” hopes you can sit back, relax, unplug, and enjoy the show. ;)

Hailey Johnson – Charlie Bucket (G)



What's better than Wonka's Whipple-Scrumptious-Fudgemallow-Delight? Taking on the role of Charlie Bucket! Hailey is 13 and this is her eighth theater production. She played Elsa in *Frozen*, Dorothy in the *Wizard of Oz*, Dragon in *Shrek*, and Cinderella in Patio Playhouse's production of *Princess Whatsername*. She finds hope in her faith and joy in spending time with friends and family. When Hailey is not singing, dancing, or learning new acro tricks, she loves spending time with her new baby bunny named Boba (she thinks he's better than a lifetime supply of chocolate)! Enjoy the sugarcoated music and magic of Willy Wonka.

Anna Jones – Ensemble



Anna is excited to be in Patio's production of *Willy Wonka*. She is 12 years old and has been in four previous productions. Her favorite theater experience so far was playing Kate in *Annie*. When she's not on stage, Anna enjoys gymnastics and creating all things crochet.

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Bekah Jones – Candyman (S)

Bekah is thrilled to take on the role of the Candyman and help spread joy to the children! She is 14 years old and has performed in six previous productions. Her favorite theater experience so far was playing Olaf in Frozen. Other roles she has loved include Louisa Von Trapp in The Sound of Music and Pepper in Annie. When she's not on stage, Bekah enjoys singing and creating handmade jewelry.



Alisha Kassel – Mrs. Bucket

Alisha Kassel is excited to be part of this great production. She has been doing theater in San Diego for 30 years and hopes to keep doing it for 30 more. Some of her favorite roles include: Fantine in Les Mis, Cinderella in Into the Woods, and Audrey in Little Shop of Horrors. She wants to thank her husband and family for their constant support and love.



Kyrsten Limon – Oompa Loompa

Kyrsten Limon is 9 years old. She is so excited to be in her second production with Patio Playhouse performing one of the fun Oompa Loompas. Kyrsten loves performing on stage and currently competing at Nationals Dance Competition with her dance teams and dance competition teams this year. She recently finished Winnie the Pooh ensemble as a dancing and singing duck. She has played multiple roles in the Nutcracker and dance recitals. In her free time, she loves singing, dancing, camping, traveling, hanging with her many pets, swimming at the beach, and spending time with family and friends. Kyrsten wants to thank the entire production team for making it so special for all the cast members and making the show so fun. Enjoy the show!



Eleanor Lower – Camera Woman

Eleanor Lower is 9 years old and loves to sing and dance. Creating a magical experience for the audience is her joy. This is her fourth show to be a part of and she is excited to be part of Wonka!!



Ashlynn Mass – Violet Beauregarde (S)

Ashlynn is thrilled to be playing Violet in Patio's summer production of Willy Wonka. She has been performing on stage for the past three years and she enjoys the opportunity to experience different character personalities. Her favorite role so far has been the foodie friend, Ermengarde, in The Little Princess.

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Rylan McCartney – Veruca Salt (S)

Rylan is extremely proud to be joining the cast of Wonka! Rylan is going into 4th grade, 9 years old, and has been participating in musical theater for almost three years! When she isn't on stage, she enjoys singing at the top of her lungs, reading books, and writing her own scripts. Getting to take the stage with all of these talented actors makes her feel like she has it ALL! She would like to thank Miss Jenn, Mr. Scott, and the entire cast for such a wonderful experience!



Ruby Nichols – Violet Beauregarde (G)

Ruby Nichols is thrilled to be playing the gum-chewing, bold, and fiercely competitive Violet in Willy Wonka! She has always loved stepping into strong, sassy roles, and Violet is no exception. Some of her favorite past roles include Big Red (Zombies the Musical), Princess Whatsername (Princess Whatsername), Anne Shirley (Anne of Green Gables), and Dragon (Shrek the Musical Jr.) - and Ruby is especially excited to bring Violet's larger-than-life personality to the stage! When not acting, Ruby enjoys singing, dancing, trips to the mall, and daily Starbucks runs with her super cool mom. She would like to thank her amazing castmates and her family for all their love and support. Thanks for making this summer super sweet!



Ewan O'Connor – Photographer

Ewan loves performing at the park and is excited to be here for another summer. Ewan thanks his friends and family for their support!



Finnley O'Connor – Ensemble

Finnley is excited to be spending another summer at Kit Carson Park. Finnley has been performing since she was 11 years old, and she made her debut here in A Year with Frog and Toad. She thanks her family and friends for their support.



Kylee Partin – Ensemble

Kylee is very excited to be in her second Patio Playhouse production. She loves working with her friends in the show and looks forward to more shows in the future. This is her first time being in ensemble and she is having a lot of fun.

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Freya Price – Ensemble



At 10 years old, Freya Price is a bundle of joy, cartwheels, and creativity! She's floating down the chocolate river as part of the Willy Wonka ensemble at Patio Playhouse, where every rehearsal feels like stepping into a candy-coated dream. Freya loves flipping through gymnastics routines, making a splash at the pool, and doodling her latest masterpiece. She's heading into 5th grade this fall and absolutely adores English and art—especially when she gets to let her imagination run wild! With a heart as big as her smile, Freya sings in her school choir and loves helping out in children's ministry at church. She's so grateful to Miss Jenn for making rehearsals full of laughter and magic, and she sends the sweetest hugs and thanks to everyone at Patio Playhouse. Freya can't wait to twirl, whirl, and shine on stage with her scrumdiddlyumptious castmates!

Yimani Price – Ensemble



Almost 12 and sweet as a candy cane, Yimani Price is thrilled to be part of the Willy Wonka ensemble at Patio Playhouse! She's a kind, creative, and self-driven spark of sunshine who's heading into 7th grade—where her favorite things are writing stories and running around in PE. At school, she's a proud ASB member, planning fun events, hyping up the crowd as a mascot, and sharing smiles with residents at a local memory care center. When she's not on stage or splashing in the pool, you'll find her at youth group, helping raise funds for global missions, or volunteering in children's ministry. Yimani is super grateful to Miss Jenn and the whole magical Patio team—and she can't wait to swirl, twirl, and shine with this scrumdiddlyumptious cast!

Avonlea Raymer – Candy Man (G)



Avonlea (age 12) is thrilled to be cast alongside such talented performers in this iconic production. She has been performing in theater since the age of 5, and studies piano, vocal technique, music theory, dance, and acting. Some of her favorite past roles include Young Anne Shirley in *Anne of Green Gables* (Patio Playhouse), Wednesday in *The Addams Family* (And All That Jazz Pac), and First Spirit in *The Magic Flute Opera* (Genesis Opera Theater). Outside of the performing arts, you can find Avonlea searching for used vinyl records or at the rock-climbing gym. Thank you to the fabulous creative team at Patio and thank you for supporting live theater!

London Raymer – Matilda (G)



London is overjoyed to make her Patio Playhouse debut as Matilda in *Willy Wonka*! A 9-year-old performer, this is London's ninth main stage theater production! She absolutely loves performing and has formed so many great friendships along the way. Favorite past credits include Pugsley in *The Addams Family*, young Elsa in *Frozen* and Amanda Thripp in *Matilda*. London would like to send a big thank you to the Patio Playhouse creative team and all the wonderful volunteers. Hope you enjoy the show!

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Lilly Roebuck – Cherry Sunday (S)

Lilly has been sporadically involved in theatre for approximately 11 years after she volunteered for drama class in preschool without informing her parents. Her previous credits include Diana in *Anne of Green Gables*, Juror 11 in *12 Angry Jurors*, *Oliver!*, and *The Wizard of Oz*. In real life, she performs in color guard and enjoys playing video games with her friends.



Jamie Russo – Grandma Josephine

Jamie Russo is a San Diego County native. She was born and raised in Escondido and loved attending Patio Playhouse shows on school field trips as a child. Most days, Jamie is “on stage” in her 4th grade classroom or teaching yoga with local non-profits supporting cancer patients. Jamie is so excited to make her debut with Patio Playhouse as Grandma Josephine.



Wesley Schooler – Mike Teavee (S)

Wesley Schooler is a 9 year old who loves to act, sing, and perform on stage. Some of his favorite past shows include *Anything Goes*, *Princess Whatsername*, *The Island of Anyplace*, and *Beauty and The Beast*. He’s thrilled to bring the larger-than-life Mike Teavee to the stage! Offstage, Wes enjoys cooking, swimming, watching his brothers play baseball, and hanging out with his dog. He sends a huge THANK YOU to his family, directors, cast, crew, and the entire Patio Playhouse family for their incredible support and creativity. This show is truly a team effort-and he’s excited to share the magic with all of you. Thank you for coming and enjoy the show!



Oakley Sharifi – Charlie (S)

Oakley Sharifi (Charlie) is an 11-year-old bursting with excitement to step into the magical shoes of Charlie in her very first production at Patio Playhouse! Previously, she melted hearts as Young Anna in *Frozen Jr.*, brought the sunshine as Annie in *Annie Jr.*, and swam through adventures as Marlin in *Finding Nemo Jr.* When she’s not on stage, Oakley loves flipping through life with gymnastics, crafting up creations, laughing with friends, and sharing her super sweet heart with everyone she meets. She’s thrilled to be part of this scrumptious show and hopes you find it deliciously delightful!



Sarah Sharifi – Mrs. Beauregarde

Sarah Sharifi (Mrs. Beauregarde) is tickled pink to be back on stage after a 25-year hiatus—but what makes this experience truly sweeter than a peach pie is getting to share it with her daughter, Oakley, who’s playing Charlie. Playing the sassy, proud mama of gum-chompin’ Violet has been a delight, but the real treat has been making precious memories under the stage lights, side by side with her girl. Sarah is grateful to the Patio Playhouse family for this super sweet experience, sprinkled with laughter, love, and a whole lotta magic—and hopes this show sticks with you like your favorite piece of bubblegum!

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Alyssa Sibbald – Oompa Loompa

Alyssa Sibbald is thrilled to be back on stage as an Oompa Loompa in Willy Wonka! A high-energy 10-year-old with a big heart, she is a competitive dancer who lights up every room she walks into. This marks her fourth production with Patio Playhouse, and she couldn't be more excited to return to her theatre family. When she's not performing, she loves spending time at the beach and dancing her heart out. Theatre brings her so much joy, and she's so happy to share the magic with all of you!



Lily Silver – Oompa Loompa

Lily Silver is thrilled to be performing in her ninth production and absolutely adores being part of the Patio Playhouse family! When she's not on stage, she enjoys creating art, planning parties, and learning to play the guitar. A BIG thank you to the production team and all of the volunteers who make this magic happen!!



Car Thometz – Ms.Teavee

Willy Wonka will be Car's first show with Patio Playhouse, and such a pleasure to work with this production team and such a talented cast. She is forever grateful for opportunities to pursue theatre and for the great friends she has made along the way. Working her day job as a high school math teacher for the last eight years, Car recently earned her Theatre Credential in hopes to teach both Math and Theatre; rare and exciting! Since you are here, you must know that theatre is something truly special, please keep theatre alive in all of your hearts! Special thanks to Everett for your love, jokes, and endless support!



Elsie Thompson – Ensemble

Elsie is 9 years old, and Willy Wonka is her second show with Patio Playhouse. Elsie loves math, rollerblading, biking, hoverboarding, and hanging out with friends. She thanks Miss Jenn for giving her an opportunity to be in Willy Wonka and her friend Stephen Pate for giving her acting tips.



Nella Thompson – Ensemble

Nella is a 2nd grader and is excited to be a part of Willy Wonka. This is her second show with Patio Playhouse. When Nella is not on stage, you will find her drawing, reading, biking, and playing with her friends. She is grateful for the opportunity to perform!



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Sunny Thompson – Matilda (S)

Sunny is 11 years old and loves to perform on stage. Willy Wonka is her second show with Patio Playhouse. When Sunny is not on stage, she loves to play the piano, read, hoverboard, and hang out with friends. She's excited to perform as Matilda in Willy Wonka, where she can show off her singing and dancing skills. She thanks Miss Jenn, her family, and all the others who are helping her achieve her acting goals. Enjoy the show!



Emma Throop – Oompa Loompa

Emma Throop is a 12-year-old Valley Center resident who loves music, reading, and spending time with her besties. No stranger to the stage, Emma has been performing since age nine. Willy Wonka is her first show at Patio Playhouse. She's excited to perform as an Oompa Loompa, where she can dance across the stage! She thanks Miss Jenn, her family, and friends for their support. Enjoy the show!



Reagan Walker – Ensemble

Reagan is 13 and thrilled to be part of Wonka. When she isn't performing, she loves hanging with her dog, art, hiking, and swimming in the ocean. This is her first production with Patio Playhouse, but she has been part of four other productions, two years of Best of Broadway, The Wizard of Oz, and Shrek. Reagan would love to thank Ms. Jenn and the wonderful Patio Playhouse team for this fantastic opportunity.



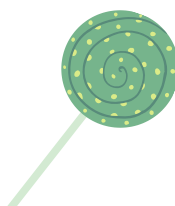
Wyatt Walker – Ensemble

Wyatt is 11 and excited to show his dancing skills in the ensemble. Wyatt loves gaming, playing with his dog, and hiking in swamps. Wonka is Wyatt's third production, the first two being Annie and Nemo the Musical. Wyatt would like to say a huge thank you to Ms. Jenn and the amazing Patio Playhouse team for this excellent experience.



Vinnie Westfall – Mr. Salt

Vinnie Westfall is 13 years old and no stranger to the stage. Although this is his first production with Patio Playhouse, he has also performed Donkey for Shrek Jr, the Barrister and flying Monkey in the Wizard of Oz, Kristoff in Frozen Jr., and he's been heard rocking vocals and guitar with the School of Rock. When not on stage, you'll find Vinnie enjoying chill time with family and friends. Vinnie gives thanks to Ms. Jenn, his cast-mates and all those involved to put on this fun production. Enjoy the show!



~ Profiles ~

Autumn Williamson – Oompa Loompa



Autumn Williamson (10) is jazzed to be dancing her heart out as Oompa Loompa #5 in her 13th overall show and 10th with her Patio fam! You might recognize her from past roles like Piglet (Winnie the Pooh), Nemo (Finding Nemo), Ruby Gillis (Anne of Green Gables), Lilo and Rapunzel (Princess Whatsername), and Molly (Annie). When she's not performing, Autumn loves riding horses, hanging with friends, and singing songs from musicals ... basically all the time. She sends a giant thank-you (with jazz hands!) to Miss Jen, Mr. Scott, and all the amazing volunteers who make each show pure imagination.

Dawn Zuniga-Williams – Mrs. Gloop



Dawn Marie Zuniga-Williams (Mrs. Gloop) is having a scrumdiddlyumptious time at Patio Playhouse, where she was last seen as Hobby in Teechers. She has been performing in San Diego theaters for almost 45 years. Favorite roles include Tanya in Mamma Mia (Coronado Playhouse), Lyn in The Great American Trailer Park Musical (Coronado Playhouse, Luminary Arts), Val in A Chorus Line (Sunshine/Brooks), Fred in Once Upon A Mattress (Santee Community Theater), Miss Hannigan in Annie (Pickwick Players), Christine in A Chorus Line (Scripps Ranch Theatre), Rosamund in Robber Bridegroom (Santee Community Theater), Texas in Cabaret (OnStage Productions), and Lucy in Snoopy!!! (Pickwick Players). She'd like to thank the cast and crew for their hard work. Most of all, thank you to her lovely wife Adriana for being so supportive.



~ Creative Team ~

Jennifer Guttieri – Director



Jennifer Guttieri has been passionate about theater since the age of six. A Daytime Emmy Award-winning actress and former Miss Plus America, she studied theater and direction at Columbia and has dedicated her life to the performing arts. With over a decade of experience working with youth, Jennifer currently serves as the Drama Teacher at Classical Academy and is the Artistic Director of Patio Playhouse. This summer, she will direct *Willy Wonka*, followed by *Mean Girls* in the spring, continuing her mission to inspire, educate, and empower the next generation of performers.

Scott Heidemann – Co-Director



Scott is thrilled to be involved with this incredible artistic team and group of talented actors as we bring this classic to the stage. I hope you find the journey as wonderful and magical as we did.

Sara Grosse – Producer



Sara is thrilled to bring the magic of *Willy Wonka* to life at Patio Playhouse! A passionate supporter of theater, Sara wears many hats—on and off the stage. By day, she's a senior mortgage loan officer with over 20 years of experience helping families achieve their homeownership dreams. By night, she's a proud theater mom, Girl Scout leader, and driving force behind Patio productions. With her husband and kids all involved in the theater as actors and stage managers, involvement in shows at Patio is truly a family affair. Sara believes deeply in the power of the arts to inspire, build confidence, and create community, and she is so proud of this deliciously talented cast and crew.

Brandee Beiriger – Co-Producer



Brandee Beiriger is making her co-producing debut with Patio Playhouse's magical production of *Willy Wonka*, and she couldn't be more thrilled to share the journey with one of her closest friends, Sara Grosse. A lifelong stage lover who grew up dancing under the spotlight, Brandee rediscovered her performing roots when one of her kids joined Patio Playhouse two years ago. What started as show-night volunteering quickly turned into a board seat. Now she's diving headfirst into this new production role with both of her daughters as Oompa Loompas and her husband on crew. Brandee wants to thank Sara for showing her the ropes, Jenn and Scott for their vision, and the entire cast and crew for making her smile. She hopes you enjoy our production of one of her favorites!



~ Creative Team ~



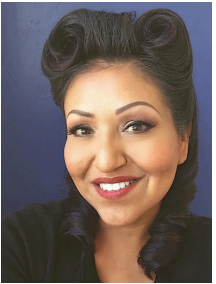
Hannah Bultemeier – Musical Director

Hannah is thrilled to be working with Patio Playhouse for the first time as musical director. Her performance training started with classical music as a vocalist, pianist, and flutist. She sang her first solo at age 8 and has loved the spotlight ever since. Hannah led her first children's choir at age 12, sparking a passion for teaching music to others. She thanks her darling daughter for always bringing light and laughter into her life. She also thanks her wonderfully supportive parents who drove her to every music lesson and listened to years of practice.



Kellie Nichols – Choreographer

With over 38 years of dance experience and 22 years as a dedicated dance educator, Kellie Nichols is a passionate and accomplished member of the performing arts community. As the co-owner of a thriving dance studio in Poway, she has helped cultivate a supportive and inspiring environment for dancers of all ages and skill levels. One of her greatest joys is sharing this journey with her beautiful daughter, Ruby, and seeing her thrive in the theater arts alongside her mom. Whether in the studio or behind the scenes of a production, Kellie is committed to nurturing talent, building confidence, and spreading the joy of dance throughout her community.



Adriana Zuniga-Williams – Assistant to the Director

Adriana is a professional singer and photographer. Previous shows at Patio Playhouse include Man Of La Mancha, Working, City of Angels, and Jesus Christ Superstar. Thank you to Jenn for asking her to help out, and thank you to Dawn Marie for doing this show!



Kaya Santana – Assistant to the Director

Kaya has enjoyed dance and theatre since she was little. Her previous shows include Jungle Book, Aladdin, Wizard of Oz, Best of Broadway, Anne of Green Gables, and many dance shows. She has a passion for teaching kids and enjoys cheering them on. She is excited to be behind the scenes and is grateful to Miss Jenn and the team for the opportunity to assistant direct these wildly talented kids in Wonka!



Mike Grosse – Stage Manager

Mike Grosse has been supporting Patio performers backstage for a couple of years. He worked behind the scenes as the stage manager for Princess Whatsername, Getting Sara Married, and Anne of Green Gables. He's also lent his stage manager expertise to other local theaters. Mike is excited to be part of this wonderful production!

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