

Willy Wonka Character Descriptions

Below you will find brief descriptions of all characters in the show. Please note that all roles are open to any age or gender.

WILLY WONKA The mysterious title character. He is charming, enigmatic, charismatic, and slightly sinister. A chocolatier who guides children and their parents on a tour of his factory. He is looking for someone new to take over his candy empire.

CHARLIE BUCKET Our story's earnest protagonist. From a modest home life, he is humble and noncompetitive while maintaining a sense of wonder about the world. One of the Golden Ticket winners whose honesty and general good nature wins Wonka over.

GRANDPA JOE A caring, patient, and kindhearted man. Loving Grandfather to Charlie Bucket. He accompanies Charlie to Willy Wonka's factory and it gives him a new burst of youthful vigor.

AUGUSTUS GLOOP A gluttonous German boy. Cheerful and jolly, he defines himself by his ability to eat mass quantities of food.

MRS. GLOOP A jolly German woman with a bustling personality. Augustus Gloop's overindulgent mother.

MIKE TEAVEE An obnoxious, hyperactive child addicted to television.

MS. TEAVEE Mike Teavee's permissive mother. She can either be portrayed as a polished housewife OR as the mother too busy with work and her cell phone to pay much attention to her son.

VERUGA SALT A wealthy, spoiled British girl. She is accustomed to having her father indulge her every whim and desire. Veruca is a HUGE brat.

MR. SALT A wealthy British salesman who regularly flaunts his privilege. Father to Veruca Salt who shamelessly spoils his daughter rotten.

VIOLET BEAUREGARDE A show-off with a competitive streak. Violet seizes every opportunity to take risks and be center stage. Preferably speaks with a southern twang.

MRS. BEAUREGARDE Violet's enthusiastic mother who focuses all her attention on her daughter. She indulges Violet's worst impulses. Like her daughter, speaks with a southern twang.

MRS. BUCKET Charlie Bucket's nurturing mother. She is always trying to maintain an energetic positivity.

MR. BUCKET Charlie Bucket's nurturing, overworked father. He is always trying to maintain an energetic positivity, but has some negative moments when things go poorly for him.

PHINEOUS TROUT A reporter covering the Golden Ticket story. Phineous is an energetic TV personality.

GANDY MAN A local candy vendor. He leads the children in praising the joys of candy.

GRANDMA JOSEPHINA, GRANDMA GEORGINA, and GRANDPA GEORGE are Charlie's other three grandparents. These three are mainly non-singing character roles. I am looking for Grandma Josephina to be portrayed as the sharp, witty type. Grandma Georgina is always falling asleep and startled when talked to. Grandpa George has a very hard time hearing and should speak loudly and slowly.

JAMES and MATILDA are Charlie's friends from school.

LEAD OOMPA LOOMPAS (number to be determined). This group will sing "The Golden Age of Chocolate" and have some narrating lines throughout the show. The lead Oompa Loompas should be full of life, mysterious, funny, and overall great character actors.

ENSEMBLE will play various roles, including Gooks, Gandy Kids, Squirrels, and Oompa Loompas. There are a small number of solo opportunities within the ensemble.