

Excelsior Arts Academy & Youth Theater Presents

Charlie AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

BASED ON THE BOOK BY
ROALD DAHL
DRAMATIZED BY
RICHARD R. GEORGE

September 21, 22, and 23

At the New Excelsior Theater
910 N. Indiana Avenue, Auburn

ALL Youth Cast



Charlie AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY Cast List

Cast of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory ~in no particular order

Narrator #1	Aurora Miser-Buhite
Narrator #2	Sal Wiley
Narrator #3	Sydney Sarrazin
Narrator #4	Elle Ruiz
Augustus Gloop	Alex Smith
Veruca Salt	Alyssa Martin
Violet Beauregarde	Tori Perkins
Mike Teavee	Theodore Rowe
Mrs. Bucket	Payton Surber
Grandpa Joe	Cayleb McGuire
Grandma Josephine	Myla Scheumann
Grandpa George	Gage Brzezinski
Grandma Georgina	Aubrey Dunn
Charlie Bucket	Lennon Cordial
Mrs. Gloop	Susan Anderson
Mr. Teavee	Grayson Kling
Mrs. Teavee	Chloe Zuehsow
Mr. Salt	Titus Refner
Mrs. Salt	Madeline Christiano
Mrs. Beauregarde	Koery Sipe
Willy Wonka	Silas Refner

Oompa-Loompa's
 Madyson Wilson
 Klaire Ellis
 Austyn Johnson
 Madilynn Young
 Serenity Reeves
 Cindy Medina
 Zoey Every
 Clara Foote

Arya Hovey
 Jessalyn Watson
 Mikey Gulick
 Macie Hathaway
 Sophia Eyster
 Maleigha Kling
 Dawson Lambert
 Coral Smith

Issabella Reeves
 Cartyr Sobol
 Jayna Sparkman
 Grant Johnson
 Cecilia Taylor
 Ellyanna Hovey
 Travis Moeller

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Alex Smith (Augustus Gloop) - Alex is excited to make his Excelsior Theatre debut as Augustus Gloop in this production of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”! Alex is 15 years old and a sophomore at Garrett High School. In his spare time he enjoys participating in the Garrett Show Choir and spending time with his 4 pets. Just like Augustus in the play, Alex’s favorite food is chocolate.

Alyssa Martin (Veruca Salt) - Alyssa is back for her 3rd show with Excelsior and pumped to be playing the role of Veruca Salt. Alyssa is 19 years old and a freshman at Trine University, where she is studying education to become a social studies teacher. In her spare time, when she is not acting or studying, you can find Alyssa drawing, singing or binging TV shows. Alyssa’s favorite food is chili dogs!

Arya Hovey (Oompa Loompa) - Arya is excited to be in her 3rd production with Excelsior! Arya is 13 years old and is in 8th grade, homeschool. Arya’s favorite things about Excelsior are being on stage, making new friends, and getting to see the old ones with each new production. When Arya grows up she wants to be an artist. One of Arya’s favorite foods is a salad.

Ashton Hovey (Tech Crew) - Ashton is pumped to be on the tech crew for his first Excelsior production. Ashton is 11 years old and is in 6th grade, homeschooled. When Ashton isn't at rehearsal mastering sounds and light techniques you may find him building legos or playing video games. Ashton also enjoys spending time with his cats and pet bearded dragon! His favorite food is chicken wings!

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Aubrey Dunn (Grandma Georgina) - Aubrey is excited for her 8th show with Excelsior. Aubrey is 13 years old and in 8th grade at Dekalb Middle School. So far Aubrey's favorite Excelsior show she has been in was "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever". In her spare time she likes to ride her gator. When Aubrey grows up she wants to be a farmer. Her favorite food is chicken wings!

Aurora Miser-Buhite (Narrator #1) - Aurora is thrilled about being in her 12th Excelsior production! Aurora is a sophomore at Dekalb High School. Besides performing with Excelsior you can always find Aurora on stage! She is a competitive dancer and a member of the high school show choir. One of Aurora's favorite things about Excelsior is having the opportunity to be on stage and performing for audiences that love supporting the arts. Aurora likes too many different kinds of foods to pick just one as her all time favorite!

Austyn Johnson (Oompa Loompa) - Austyn is so excited about performing in her first Excelsior Show "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"! Austyn is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Dekalb Middle School. Austyn enjoys listening to music and playing games in her free time. When she grows up she hopes to be a famous actress! One of Austyn's favorite things about Excelsior thus far is how much fun she has just being at rehearsals! Austyn's favorite all time food is pasta!

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Cayleb McGuire (Grandpa Joe) - Cayleb is excited to be playing Grandpa Joe in his 2nd production with Excelsior. Cayleb is 17 years old and a senior at Garrett High School. Cayleb plans on going to college to become a music teacher. In his spare time he likes to participate in the Garrett Show Choir and watch musicals with his girlfriend and his beautiful fat cat named Dobby. Cayleb's favorite food is his Momma's tacos!

Cecilia Taylor (Oompa Loompa) - Cecilia is delighted to be in her 5th show with Excelsior. Cecilia is 9 years old and in 4th grade, homeschooled. Out of all the Excelsior shows Cecilia has been in, so far her favorite has been "Disney's Little Mermaid". In her spare time Cecilia loves to read, and when she grows up she wants to be a librarian. Cecilia's favorite food is pasta.

Chloe Zuehsow (Mrs. Teavee) - Chloe is thrilled to be making her debut with the Excelsior Theatre as Mrs. Teavee! Chloe is 14 years old and a freshman at Garrett High School. In her spare time you can find Chloe writing, singing or working on art projects. Chloe's family has cows and chickens and she has a cat named Rosie. Just like the characters in "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory", Chloe's favorite food is candy!

Cindy Medina (Oompa Loompa) - Cindy is pumped to be making her debut with Excelsior as an Oompa Loompa! Cindy is 9 years old and a 4th grader at Northside Elementary School. In Cindy's spare time you may find her napping, as it's one of her favorite things to do, or playing with her 3 pets! Cindy's all time favorite food is pizza!

Clara Foote (Oompa Loompa) - Clara is very excited to be in her 4th production with Excelsior! Clara is 10 years old and in 5th grade at Canterbury Middle School! One thing that Clara loves about Excelsior is she gets to spend time with her friends away from her smelly brothers! In her spare time Clara likes to read, cook, and draw! Her favorite food is potatoes of any kind!

Coral Smith (Oompa Loompa) - Coral is pumped about making her Excelsior debut as an Oompa Loompa in this production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory"! Coral is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at Lakewood Park Christian School. In her free time, Coral likes to draw, make crafts and play outside in the summer. When she grows up she would like to be either an artist or YouTuber - or perhaps both! One of the things that she is loving about Excelsior is meeting new friends while still learning theater dynamics. Coral's favorite food is cheese and shells!

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Dawson Lambert (Oompa Loompa) - Dawson is fired up about being in Excelsior's production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Dawson is 7 years old and in 2nd grade at James R Watson Elementary School. In Dawson's spare time you can find him watching TV. When he grows up Dawson hopes to be a zookeeper. His favorite food is BBQ chips!

Elle Ruiz (Narrator #4) - Elle is thrilled to make her debut as one of the narrators with Excelsior's production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Elle is 16 years old and a junior at Dekalb High School. Elle is excited to be joining the Excelsior family and looking forward to new opportunities and the friends she will make. In her spare time Elle enjoys dancing and when she graduates she wants to go to college to become a music teacher. Elle doesn't have a favorite food but loves all food!

Ellyanna Hovey (Oompa Loompa) - Ellyanna is so excited to be in her first production with Excelsior! Ellyanna is 8 years old and in 3rd grade, homeschooled. Ellyanna is looking forward to making new friends and getting up on stage! In her free time Ellyanna enjoys playing video games and playing with her family's 8 cats! When she grows up she wants to be a mom just like hers! Ellyanna's favorite food is ravioli!

Gage Brzezinski (Grandpa George) - Gage is pumped about being in his 12th Excelsior show and bringing to life the role of Grandpa George! Gage is 13 years old and in the 7th grade at Dekalb Middle School. Gage enjoys acting in his free time and his favorite Excelsior production so far has been "Disney's The Little Mermaid". Gage enjoys spending time with his pets and when he grows up plans on being a veterinarian. Gage's favorite food is fish.

Grant Johnson (Oompa Loompa) - Grant is looking forward to making his Excelsior debut in this production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" as an Oompa Loompa! Grant is 9 years old and in 4th grade at Country Meadow Elementary School. When Grant grows up he wants to be an author and write hundreds of amazing books! In his spare time he enjoys relaxing with his family. Grant's all time favorite food is pizza!

Grayson Kling (Mr. Teavee) - Grayson is so excited about his role as Mr. Teavee in Excelsior's production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Grayson is 11 years old and is in 6th grade at Dekalb Middle School. To Grayson, one of the best parts of being in Excelsior is getting to meet new friends and seeing old friends from past shows! In Grayson's down time he likes to play games and ride his bike. When he grows up he plans on being a marine biologist. Grayson's favorite food is good ol' biscuits and gravy!

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Isabella Reeves (Oompa Loompa) - Isabella is delighted to make “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” her debut performance with the Excelsior Theatre! Isabella is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Dekalb Middle School. Isabella loves to sing and when she grows up hope to be a singer or actress! When she is not performing, Isabella likes to spend time with her pets - 2 cats, and a dog. Her favorite food is chicken wings!

Jack Every (Tech Crew) - Jack is pumped up about working tech crew for his first ever show with Excelsior! Jack is 10 years old and in 5th grade at McKenney-Harrison Elementary School. When Jack is not at school or rehearsals he enjoys playing video games and reading, or hanging out with his chihuahua named Ely. When he grows up he wants to be an engineer! Jack’s favorite food is hamburgers.

Jayna Sparkman (Oompa Loompa) - Jayne is thrilled about her first ever performance with Excelsior! Jayna is 11 years old and in 6th grade at J.E. Ober Middle School. Jayne likes to spend time riding her bike and playing with her pets - 2 cats and a dog. When she grows up she hopes to be a veterinarian. Jayne couldn’t pick a favorite food because she likes too many to pick just one!

Jessalyn Watson (Oompa Loompa) - Jessalyn is over the moon about being in her first Excelsior production “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”! Jessalyn is 12 years old and in 7th grade at DeKalb Middle School. When Jessalyn is not busy with rehearsals you can probably find her singing and doing crafts. When she grows up, Jessalyn hopes to put all her singing practice to work and be an actress on Broadway, or she is also thinking of becoming an orthodontist! Jessalyn’s all time favorite food is sushi!

Kartyr Sobol (Oompa Loompa) - Kartyr is excited to be in her 2nd performance with Excelsior! Kartyr is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Eastside Jr/Sr High School. When Kartyr is not at school or in Excelsior rehearsals she enjoys playing Splatoon! Kartyr has 2 cats that she loves very much, a medium hair calico and long hair tabby. When she grows up she wants to work retail and work her way up the corporate ladder for the Walmart corporation. Her favorite food is cheese curds.

Klaire Ellis (Oompa Loompa) - Klaire is pumped about being in Exclsiors’s “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”! This is her 2nd show with Excelsior. Klaire is 12 years old and in 7th grade at DeKalb Middle School. Klaire likes everything about Excelsior - making new friends, performing on stage, pizza parties, and even going to rehearsals. When she grows up Klaire hopes to become an actress! Klaire’s favorite food is pickles!

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Korey Sipe (Mrs. Beauregarde) - Korey is excited to be performing in her 2nd Excelsior production - "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory ". Korey is 15 years old and a sophomore at Angola High School. When Korey isn't rehearsing she enjoys singing, playing games, and baking. When she grows up, Korey wants to become a baker and make amazing sweet treats! Even though she likes to bake sweet things, her favorite food is sushi!

Lennon Cordial (Charlie Bucket) - Lennon is over the moon to be playing the role of Charlie Bucket in his 8th Excelsior show "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Lennon is 12 years old and in 7th grade at Dekalb Middle School. One of Lennon's favorite things about Excelsior is the people - making new friends, and getting to see old friends during each new production. In his down time Lennon likes sleeping! His favorite food is the classic mac and cheese.

Macie Hathaway (Oompa Loompa) - Macie is thrilled about being an Oompa Loompa in her 5th Excelsior Show! Macie is 10 years old and in 6th grade at DeKalb Middle School. In Macie's free time she likes to FaceTime with her friends, and practice ventriloquism. When she grows up, Macie wants to be a ventriloquist or an actress - or maybe both! Her favorite food in the whole world is cheesy bread.

Madeline Christiano (Mrs. Salt) - Madeline is delighted to make her debut performance with Excelsior as Mrs. Salt in this production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory." Madeline is 14 years old and a freshman at Dekalb High School. Madeline enjoys theater and spends her spare time watching plays and musicals. When she grows up she wants to be a Broadway actress! Madeline's favorite food is little sandwich sliders.

Madilynn Young (Oompa Loompa) - Madilynn is excited to make her Excelsior debut as an Oompa Loompa in this production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Madilynn is 11 years old and in the 6th grade, homeschooled. In her spare time, Madilynn enjoys playing video games, spending time with her 2 cats, and cooking. When she grows up she wants to be a chef! Madilynn's favorite foods are pasta and fruit - it was too hard to pick just one!

Madyson Wilson (Oompa Loompa) - Madyson is pumped to be in her 7th Excelsior production - "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". Madyson is 14 years old and a freshman at Dekalb High School. One of Madyson's favorite things about Excelsior is getting to act on stage with her friends. Her favorite production she has been in so far was "Tale of Two Tails". When Madyson grows up she wants to be an actress. Her favorite food is chimichangas!

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Maleigha Kling (Oompa Loompa) - Maleigha is so excited to be in her 11th show with Excelsior! Maleigha is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade at James R. Watson Elementary School. Maleigha loves everything about Excelsior and enjoys helping build sets and organizing costumes! Her favorite show that she has been in so far was “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”. When she is not at school or rehearsal, Maleigha loves to spend time outside. When she grows up she wants to be a cop! Her favorite food is summertime watermelon.

Michael Gulick (Oompa Loompa) - Mikey is pumped about performing in his 3rd Excelsior show “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!” Mikey is 11 years old and in the 6th grade at DeKalb Middle School. When Mikey isn't busy with rehearsals or studying you will most likely find him on the basketball court! He also enjoys playing games and hanging out with his older brother. Mikey's favorite Excelsior show he's been in so far has been “A Christmas Carol”. His favorite food is a juicy burger!

Myla Scheumann (Grandma Josephine) - Myla is delighted to be in her 6th Excelsior production - “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”. Myla is 12 years old and in 7th grade at DeKalb Middle School. When Myla isn't rehearsing, she enjoys playing video games and playing with her dog. When she grows up she wants to be a movie director! Myla all time favorite food is spaghetti!

Payton Surber (Mrs. Bucket) - Payton is thrilled about being in her 1st production with the Excelsior Theatre! Payton is 13 years old and in 8th grade, homeschooled with Connections Academy. When Payton isn't studying or at rehearsal you can find her playing volleyball. When Payton grows up she plans on being a zoologist! Her favorite food is tomatoes!

Sally-Ann Whiley (Narrator #2) - Sally-Ann is so excited to be in her 13th Excelsior production! She has been wanting to do this show for so long and was over the moon when the Excelsior season was announced! Sally-Ann is 15 and a sophomore at Dekalb High School. In her spare time she loves to act in everything she can, and wants to be an actress when she grows up. Her favorite food is sushi.

Serenity Reeves (Oompa Loompa) - Serenity is over the moon to be in her first Excelsior production as an Oompa Loompa! Serenity is 9 years old and in 4th grade and JR Watson Elementary School. When Serenity isn't at school or in rehearsals she enjoys texting with her friends and reading! When she grows up, Serenity hopes to become a librarian. Serenity wasn't able to pick an all time favorite food, she just likes a lot of different ones!

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Silas Refner (Willy Wonka) - Silas is excited to bring to life the role of Willy Wonka in his 10th Excelsior production “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”. Silas is 16 years old and a junior at DeKalb High School. When Silas isn’t at Excelsior rehearsal you may find him at show choir practice! One of Silas’ favorite things about Excelsior is that it gives him so many opportunities to grow his acting abilities. When he graduates, Silas hopes to major in microbiology and minor in acting. One of his favorite foods is sushi!

Sophia Eyster (Oompa Loompa) - Sophia is pumped about being in her 5th production with Excelsior. Sophia is 8 years old and in the 4th grade at Waterloo Elementary School. In her spare time, Sophia enjoys drawing and spending time with her pets - 2 dogs and 3 cats! When she grows up she plans on becoming a locksmith! Sophia’s all time favorite food is ramen!

Susan Anderson (Mrs. Gloop) - Susan is extremely excited to playing the role of Mrs. Gloop in this production of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”! Susan is 12 years old in 7th grade at DeKalb Middle School. In her spare time, Susan enjoys reading and drawing! One of her favorite things about Excelsior is performing in the plays and being up on stage! When she grows up, Susan would like to be a professional blogger on YouTube! She couldn’t decide on a favorite food - there are just too many good options!

Sydney Sarrazin (Narrator #3) - Sydney is delighted to make her Excelsior debut as one of the Narrators in her first Excelsior production. Sydney is 15 years old and a sophomore at Angola High School. In her spare time, Sydney enjoys reading, painting, singing, playing the piano, swimming, and creating amazing works of art! When she’s not at school or rehearsals you may find her playing with her pet turtles and salamander! When Sydney grows up she plans on becoming an artist or musician. Her favorite foods are corn dogs and Pringles.

Theo Rowe (Mike Teavee) - Theo is thrilled about bringing to life the role of Mike Teavee in Excelsior production of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”. This is Theo’s 6th show with Excelsior. Some of his favorite shows he’s been in were “Disney’s The Little Mermaid” and “A Tale of Two Tails”! When he isn’t rehearsing, Theo likes to spend his time drawing and playing video games. When he grows up, Theo plans on putting his skills to use to become an artist or animator! Theo doesn’t have a favorite food, he just likes all foods!

Titus Refner (Mr. Salt) - Titus is pumped about being in his 5th Excelsior production and performing in the role of Mr. Salt. Titus is 14 years old and a sophomore at DeKalb High School. In his spare time, Titus likes to play games - video, board, cards - all kinds! He enjoys spending time with his dog and when he graduates high school would like to go to college to study veterinary medicine! Titus' all time favorite food is spaghetti.

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Tori Perkins (Violet Beauregarde) - Tori is delighted to be playing the role of Violet Beauregarde in her 2nd Excelsior production “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory!” Tori is 19 years old and a sophomore at Purdue Ft. Wayne. When Tori isn't in rehearsals, you can find her reading, watching TV, hanging out with her 3 cats, spending time with family and friends, or studying. Tori is attending college to become a children's book editor and book translator - from English to Spanish and vice versa. Her favorite food is salmon!

Travis Moeller (Oompa Loompa) - Travis is excited to make his Excelsior debut as an Oompa Loompa in this production of “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory”. Travis is 8 years old and in 3rd grade at McKenny Harrison Elementary School. One of his favorite summertime activities is swimming. If there is a pool nearby, that’s where you'll find Travis! When he grows up he plans to become a teacher! Travis also enjoys spending time with his friends and pets when he’s not at school or rehearsals. Orange chicken is one of Travis' favorite foods!

Zoey Every (Oompa Loompa) - Zoey is thrilled about having “Charlie and the Chocolate Factory” be her debut performance with the Excelsior Theatre. Zoey is 7 years old and in 2nd grade at McKenny Harrison Elementary School. When Zoey isn’t studying or rehearsing she enjoys playing and spending time with her brother. One thing that Zoey is looking forward to is making new friends within the Excelsior family. When she grows up she plans on becoming a singer! Zoey fits right in with the kids in the play as her favorite food is candy!

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