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**NASHVILLE CHILDREN'S THEATRE WILL PRESENT
*CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY***

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Nashville Children's Theatre will present *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, beginning Nov. 18 and running through Jan. 20.

Everything changes for Charlie Bucket when he finds the last Golden Ticket in a Whipple Scrumptious Nutt-a-riffic Totally Twisted Combo bar and gains full access to Willy Wonka's magical Chocolate Factory. This staged version of Roald Dahl's deliciously twisted tale combines live action, stage wizardry, puppetry and hilarity to create a rich, chocolate confection for kids of all ages and the adventure of a lifetime for Charlie.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory is adapted from the book by Roald Dahl. The cast features Patrick Waller as Charlie Bucket and Bobby Wyckoff as Willy Wonka. In addition, the cast includes Kamal Angelo Bolden, Ross Brooks, Brooke Bryant, Rona Carter, Misty Lewis, Brian Webb Russell and Sam Whited. Julee Brooks, NCT artistic associate and education director, will direct the production. Set design is by Erica Edmonson, lighting design is by Scott Leathers, videography is by Josh Copeland and costume design is by Patricia Taber.

Weekend performances are scheduled at 1 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22 and 29, Dec. 6, 13, 20 and 27, and Jan. 3 and 10, and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 30, Dec. 21 and 28, and Jan. 4. School performances are Monday through Friday at 10 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. All performances are open to the public, and reservations are recommended. Individual ticket prices are \$12 per child (ages 2 to 17), and \$17 per adult. Season passes and group discounts are also available. A sign-interpreted performance is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 10, at 1 p.m.

NCT's Tenth Annual Grand Day will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 2 p.m. Grand Day is a special event for moms, dads, grandparents and children to share the experience of the theater and relive childhood memories. The event begins with a performance of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. After the show, there will be a reception with children's activities and members of the cast. Ticket prices begin at \$20 for junior supporters and \$50 for supporters.

For more information, please visit www.nashvillechildrenstheatre.org or call (615) 254-9103.

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About Nashville Children's Theatre

Nashville Children's Theatre is an ensemble of professional artists who bring unique vision and compelling voice to the creation of meaningful theater for Nashville and Middle Tennessee audiences. We strive to make the imaginative celebration of our hopes, struggles and joys a vital part of the shared experience for young people, families and our community. NCT was founded in 1931 by the Junior League of Nashville and is recognized as the oldest professional children's theater in the country. A national leader in professional theater arts and education programs for young people, NCT was ranked by *TIME* magazine as one of the top five children's theaters in the country.

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