

THE CIVIC

## SPOTLIGHT

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80 years of Civic Pride

## Willy Wonka

### Performance Dates:

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| fri | nov 21 | 8pm    |
| sat | nov 22 | 8pm    |
| sun | nov 23 | 2pm    |
| fri | nov 28 | 8pm    |
| sat | nov 29 | 8pm    |
| sun | nov 30 | 2pm    |
| thu | dec 4  | 7:30pm |
| fri | dec 5  | 8pm    |
| sat | dec 6  | 8pm    |
| sun | dec 7  | 2pm    |
| fri | dec 12 | 8pm    |
| sat | dec 13 | 8pm    |

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2008-2009  
Parish Theatre season presenter:



## Don't Miss this Holiday Treat

Everybody's favorite candy man is coming to the Civic just in time for the holidays. This confectioner's delight is a brand-new stage adaptation of the magical film that has entertained children of all ages for over 30 years. When poor Charlie Bucket wins one of the five golden tickets hidden among thousands of Wonka chocolate bars, he finds himself touring Willy Wonka's chocolate factory, a fantasy world filled with wild inventions, secret rooms, oompa loompas and lots and lots of delectable sweets. Whether you're young or young at heart, you're going to love spending time with Charlie, Willy, Veruca, Augustus, Grandpa Joe and all of the other colorful characters that have made this enchanting tale a family favorite.

*Willy Wonka* is being directed by **Morrie Enders**, with musical direction by **Thomas Mienk** and choreography by **Elizabeth A. Hughey**. The title character will be played by **Steven M. Schwall** (*The Wizard of Oz*, *Macbeth*) with **Noah Pyzik** (*Honk, Jr.*, *Holes*, Disney's *High School Musical*) playing the put upon young boy Charlie Bucket. Also featured in the cast are Civic veterans **Dan Coyne** (*One Flew Over*

*the Cuckoo's Nest*, *Henry V*, *A Christmas Story*), **Roger W. Burleigh** (*Avenue Q*, *Ragtime*, *The Foursome*), **Tim Kilmartin** (Disney's *Beauty and the Beast*, *Cinderella*, *Footloose*), **Judy Aukes** (*Cats*, *Anything Goes*), **Giulia Avelar** (*The Wizard of Oz*), **Peggy Combes** (*Cinderella*, *Peter Pan*, *Rags*), **Lynn Hall McLeod**, **Marlee Mones** (*The Sound of Music*), **Kara Nic** (*The Sound of Music*), **Paige O'Keefe** (*The Wizard of Oz*), **Christopher D. Spray** (*The Wizard of Oz*), **Alashar Waltz** (*Little Women*, *the Musical*, *Cyran*), **Cassandra Blair Weekley** (*Camelot*, *Little Shop of Horrors*), and **Courtney Yoder** (*42nd Street*).

Making their Civic debuts in *Willy Wonka* are **Alexandra "Alex" Bradfield**, **Micah Froman**, **Rachael Gallap**,

**Brett Gowen**, **Riley Lentz**, **Till Longjohn**, **Anna LaHaie**, **Sydney Marsh**, **Kelcie McGowan**, **Regina McLeod**, **Elizabeth "Lizzie" Ko**, **Brock Neubauer**, **Laurie Nic**, **Nathaniel Pyzik** and **Matoska Waltz**.

**Sean Rogers** and **Lisa Watson** are serving as Assistant Stage Managers on *Willy Wonka*.

As an added treat, characters will be available after each performance to meet and greet audience members.

Tickets are selling fast so order your seats today by calling the Box Office at **343-1313** or visit us at **www.kazoocivic.com**.

As always we offer special rates for groups, seniors and students.



Music & Lyrics by Leslie Briscusse and Anthony Newley  
Adapted for the stage by Leslie Briscusse and Tim McDonald  
Based on the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

**November 21 - December 13, 2008**  
**Family Musical ★ Civic Auditorium**

# Behind the Scenes



Donna Willoughby, Toni Stowe and Susan Carter during a recent rehearsal for "Senior Class Sock Hop".



Kylee Kynaston, Megan Cochrane and Luis Basurto rehearse "Esperanza Rising".

## Upcoming Auditions

Scripts are available and may be checked out from the Business Office with a \$5.00 refundable cash deposit. If you have previously volunteered or auditioned we are happy to provide you with a completed audition form when you arrive. Simply call or email and let us know that you are planning to audition and we'll have your audition form ready for you. All of us at the Civic are committed to the practices of flexible, imaginative casting. We encourage volunteers of all ethnicities and backgrounds to participate in our creative endeavors. Also, reasonable accommodations will be made for those requiring special needs.

*For more information regarding show synopsis, auditions, volunteering or crew opportunities, call*

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# The Civic; A Respite for the Cares of the day

Our 80th season is off to a fantastic start. I hope you've already had the chance to enjoy some of our productions, participate in classes or take part in a workshop.

As we all know, the past few months have been a time of difficulty for our families, our community and our nation. Together, we are facing a future filled with a degree of uncertainty. We are all looking at the tough choices we have to make regarding how we spend our discretionary time and resources.

As we face these turbulent times, we can, as a community, look to the Civic Theatre as a place dedicated to the happy pursuit of leisure. This was a vision shared by audiences on the opening night of the Civic Auditorium in 1931 as well as by thousands of actors, technicians and patrons since then. It

may sound cliché, but theatre has the power to enhance and transform lives. I would like to think that's what we've been doing, here at the Civic, for eight decades.



From the time we were formed back in 1929 (just a few short weeks before the stock market crash) until now, we have provided our community with a respite from the cares of the

day. Through recessions, wars, oil shortages and social turmoil, we've been here; offering friends and neighbors an opportunity to come together and celebrate the joys of artistic freedom.

To be transported, even for a couple of hours, to a different time and place through the magic of a live performance can do wonders for your outlook. With that being said, I hope you'll join us this holiday season for the family favorite *Willy Wonka*. Opening on November 21st, this "confectioner's delight" is sure to lift your spirits and remind you of the carefree fun a live musical can bring.

  
— **Kristen Chesak**  
Managing Director

## The Affections of May

### AUDITION DATES

Sun, Dec. 7 at 7 pm  
Mon, Dec. 8 at 7 pm

### WHERE

Civic Auditorium, Green Room

### CASTING

Seeking a cast of three men and one woman able to play 35 to 55 years old.

### REQUIREMENTS

Those auditioning will be asked to read from the script.

### FIRST REHEARSAL

Mon, December 15, 2008

### PERFORMANCES

Feb 13 - Feb 28, 2008

### DIRECTOR

Kristin Tyrrell

*We encourage those auditioning to arrive thirty minutes prior to the audition time. An early arrival will provide plenty of time to fill out necessary paperwork, get a drink of water and take a few deep breaths before the audition begins.*

We hope you'll join us on  
**Sunday,  
November 23rd**

for a very special

**ROALD DAHL'S  
Willy Wonka**

**Brunch at the  
Park Club**

It's going to be a wonderful opportunity for children of all ages to enjoy a *Willy Wonka* inspired menu featuring a wide assortment of confectioner's treats presented by Tommy's Goodie Shoppe of Kalamazoo and Confection of Richland. Then it is off to The Civic for the matinee performance of *Willy Wonka*. An afternoon of decadence and wonder for the whole family is available for only **\$35 for adults** and **\$22 for children**. Seating for the brunch is from 11:30am to 12:30pm. (For those who have already purchased tickets to the show, brunch only pricing is **\$25 adult; \$12 children**)

For reservations or additional information  
call the Park Club at

**381-0876**  
or **www.parkclub.net**

# Continuing an Award-Winning Tradition

This fall has brought recognition to the Civic in the form of two awards. During the annual Community Theatre Association of Michigan Fall Conference, which was held in Cadillac September 26-28, our Spotlight was **voted the best newsletter in the state**. As part of the conference, theatres from across the state were encouraged to supply samples of their newsletters, which were rated on content, layout and use of color. Needless to say, we were thrilled to receive first place.

As part of the first Reader's Choice Awards, sponsored by the Kalamazoo Gazette, over 1,000 readers voted for the best that Kalamazoo has to offer, in a wide variety of categories. We are pleased to report that the Civic was **voted the Best Theatre or Performance Group in Kalamazoo**. This is an honor that we share with our staff, volunteers, patrons, sponsors donors and board members. We couldn't do what we do without your continued support. Thank you for helping to make the Civic your Award-Winning Theatre.



# Get your Golden Ticket Here!

During the intermission of every performance of *Willy Wonka* we will be selling truly tasty **Willy Wonka bars** for just

**\$2.00**



And if that isn't enough of a treat, at each performance **five chocolate bars** will contain a golden ticket. **Those lucky enough to purchase a chocolate bar with a golden ticket tucked inside, will receive a wonderful prize.**

We'd like to thank the following Civic supporters for helping to make this truly delectable fund raiser such a success:

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| tue/martes    | nov 11 | 9:30am |
| wed/miércoles | nov 11 | 9:30am |
| wed/miércoles | nov 12 | 12pm   |
| thu/jueves    | nov 13 | 9:30am |
| thu/jueves    | nov 13 | 12pm   |
| fri/viernes   | nov 14 | 7pm    |
| sat/sábado    | nov 15 | 1pm    |
| sat/sábado    | nov 15 | 4pm    |



By Pam Muñoz Ryan ★ Adapted by Lynne Alvarez

## November 7 - November 15 Youth Theatre Play ★ Parish Theatre

Two countries. Two cultures. Two languages. Is this too much for a young girl to overcome? Esperanza might have thought so but, put to the test, she proves to be stronger and more resourceful than she would ever dream. This beautifully written stage adaptation of the award-winning children's novel is the story of a wealthy Mexican girl whose privileged existence is shattered when tragedy strikes. Forced to flee her country and work in a migrant labor camp, Esperanza learns to rise above her difficult circumstances and discover what she's truly made of. Set during the great depression of the 1930's, *Esperanza Rising* is the hopeful tale of one young girl's triumph over adversity.

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## 07 Noviembre - 15 Noviembre Juventud obra de teatro ★ Parish Teatro

Dos países. Dos culturas. Dos idiomas. ¿Es esto demasiado mucho para una joven? ¿Puede una joven vencer todo esto? Esperanza lo podría hacer pensado, pero poniéndola a prueba, ella enseña ser más fuerte y tener más recursos de lo que había soñado. Esta hermosa adaptación de la premiada novela de jóvenes, es la historia de una joven rica mexicana con privilegiada existencia, que es destrozada cuando sucede una tragedia. Ella es forzada a salir de su país y trabajar en un campo de labor. Esperanza aprende a superar su difícil circunstancia y descubre su verdadera fortaleza. Todo esto sucede durante la gran depresión de 1930. "Esperanza Rises" es la historia de una joven que triunfa sobre su propia adversidad.

Directed by **CeCe Weeks**, the cast features **Erika Ackerman, Kadie Alpers, Meagan Baker, Edwin Basurto, Luis Basurto, Nora Carpenter, Megan Cochrane, Jasmine Franklin, Kylee Kynaston, Mary Landreville, Sky Lester** and **Tevin Monroe**. Making their Civic debuts are **Ella Ackerman, Brooke Boyd, Erica Brockway, Acacia Costales, Ximena Davis, Cindy Duhart, Elimey Duhart, Sydney Gonser, Shaundell Jackson, Claire Kavaneough, Kathalyn Nic, Madeline Ohman, Felipe Santos, Amethyst Stewart, Amelia Walker, Laura Wielinga** and **Melinda Wielinga**. Musical direction by **Julie Davis**.

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