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**Berkshire Theatre Group Announces
Audition Call for Actors in
Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS**

Pittsfield, MA– Berkshire Theatre Group seeks child actors who are currently in Kindergarten through 6th grade for **Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS**. The roles are open to members of the Berkshire community and to actors of all ethnicities. This production will be directed by Travis Daly and will run October 26-27 at The Colonial Theatre (111 South St. Pittsfield, MA).

Auditions will take place **Monday, May 13 from 6pm–8pm** and **Tuesday, May 14 from 6pm-8pm** at The Colonial Theatre.

Auditions are by appointment only. To schedule an audition time slot, please call 413-448-8084 ext. 23.

Students should come prepared ready to learn and sing a song from the show at auditions. Callbacks will take place as needed.

Rehearsals will begin the week of Monday, September 16 in Pittsfield. *Willy Wonka KIDS* will rehearse approximately three days a week (including weekends) until the

week of performances, at that time rehearsal days will be increased. Weeknight rehearsals will end at 8pm until the week of the show, when they will end at 8:30pm. Attending all rehearsals is required.

The performance schedule is as follows:

Saturday, October 26 at 11am

Saturday, October 26 at 2pm

Sunday, October 27 at 2pm

All performances will take place at The Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield, MA.

**Berkshire Theatre Group's Production of
Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS**

lyrics and music by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley
adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy Allen McDonald
based on the book, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl

directed by Travis Daly
at The Colonial Theatre
BTG's Pittsfield Campus, 111 South Street

Tickets: Adult: \$15 • Child: \$10

Sponsored by: Massachusetts Cultural Council, The Shubert Foundation

Charlie Bucket experiences delicious adventures after winning a golden ticket to visit Willy Wonka's mysterious and fantastic chocolate factory. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder, in addition to a host of fun new songs, *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS* is a scumdidilyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth. *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS* features Kindergarten through 6th grade Berkshire elementary students.

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About Berkshire Theatre Group

The Colonial Theatre, founded in 1903, and Berkshire Theatre Festival, founded in 1928, are two of the oldest cultural organizations in the Berkshires. In 2010, under the leadership of Artistic Director and CEO Kate Maguire, the two organizations merged to form Berkshire Theatre Group (BTG). Berkshire Theatre Group's mission is to support wide ranging artistic exploration and acclaimed performances in theatre,

dance, music and entertainment. Every year, BTG produces and presents performances to over 68,000 attendees and, through our Educational Program, serves over 13,000 Berkshire County school children annually. BTG's celebrated stages reflect the history of the American theatre; they represent a priceless cultural resource for the community.