



## Character Breakdown

**Willy Wonka / Candy Man:** Willy Wonka is an enigmatic character; at once mysterious and mischievous but also charismatic. There are a number of directions to take with Wonka, ranging from Gene Wilder's version in the original film, *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory*, to Johnny Depp's portrayal in the recent film, *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory*, and everything in between. The Actor needs to be charismatic and engaging but have a darker side. The actor should be able to be funny and serious and change between the two on a dime.

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: G3

**Charlie Bucket:** Charlie Bucket is the emotional heart and soul of the musical. The actor performing Charlie should have lots of pluck and enthusiasm.

Vocal range top: F5

Vocal range bottom: A3

**Grandpa Joe:** Grandpa Joe is the grandfather we all wish we had when we were Charlie's age. He is caring, patient, sweet, and always reminds Charlie to look on the bright side. The actor should be kind, funny, and makes a great duo with Charlie. The role sings a bit, but the singing is secondary to the actor's solid acting skills.

Vocal range top: Eb5

Vocal range bottom: Bb3

**Mr. Bucket:** A natural nurturer. Mr. Bucket performs the number "Think Positive" with Charlie.

Vocal range top: C#5

Vocal range bottom: D4

**Mrs. Bucket:** A natural nurturer. Mrs. Bucket sings "Cheer Up, Charlie" with Mr. Bucket and Grandpa Joe.

Vocal range top: Db5

Vocal range bottom: Bb

**Grandpa George;** Charlie's three grandparents are mainly non-singing character roles. Performers that are innately interesting, who have good comic timing and are solid actors.

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**Phineous Trout:** Phineous is the reporter who announces the winners of the Golden Ticket contest throughout the show. The role requires some singing, a great announcer's voice and good stage presence.

Vocal range top: C5  
Vocal range bottom: B3

**Oompa-Loompa Chorus:** The Oompa-Loompa Chorus, including Oompa-Loompas 1-5

Vocal range top: A4  
Vocal range bottom: A3

Vocal range top: G4  
Vocal range bottom: C4

**Violet Beauregarde:** Gum chewer extraordinaire, Violet hails from Snellville, Georgia, so it's nice if she has a Southern American accent, but not necessary. Violet should stand in stark contrast to Veruca Salt. She sings "Chew It" along with Willy Wonka.

Vocal range top: G5  
Vocal range bottom: G3

**Mrs. Beauregarde:** Mrs. Beauregard is a teacher of geography and has invested a great deal of hard-earned money on therapy for her gum-chewing daughter, with less than stellar results. The role is virtually non-singing. Her accent should match Violet's and the two should make a good pair onstage.

Gender: Female  
Vocal range top: G4  
Vocal range bottom: C4

**Mike Teavee:** For this adaptation Mike is not just a TV junky. He is also addicted to video games, the Internet and any other mindnumbing technological device. Mike is bratty, loud and obnoxious. He does not understand the word "no." Mike and Ms. Teavee sing "I See It All On TV".

Vocal range top: G5  
Vocal range bottom: G3

**Ms. Teavee:** Ms. Teavee is a take on all television moms of the distant past. Think June Cleaver (*Leave it to Beaver*) or Marion Cunningham (*Happy Days*) or even Carol Brady (*The Brady Bunch*). She's perfectly put together and a bit vacant. She sings "I See It All On TV".

Vocal range top: F5  
Vocal range bottom: B3

**Augustus Gloop:** Augustus is the overachieving eater. This actor is based on character and not physical appearance. Augustus sings "I Eat More!" along with his mother and Phineous Trout.

Vocal range top: G5  
Vocal range bottom: B3

**Mrs. Gloop:** Mrs. Gloop is Augustus' mother who has overindulged her son with food. She accompanies Augustus on the tour of the factory, and sings "I Eat More!" Requires an actor who isn't afraid to take positive risks both in her acting and her singing.

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: B3

**Veruca Salt:** Veruca is wealthy, class-conscious, and completely spoiled. She is often portrayed with a high British accent that is by no means required. Veruca's solo number "I Want It Now" is deceptively tricky.

Vocal range top: E5

Vocal range bottom: A3

**Mr/Mrs. Salt:** Mr. Salt's solution to most problems is to buy his way out. He is upper class, and usually portrayed with a high British accent. (But this accent is not necessary) He sings very little.

Vocal range top: G4

Vocal range bottom: C4

**Matilda:** Matilda is also a schoolmate of Charlie's, but she's a bit of bully. Matilda has a few lines and sings the introduction of "The Candy Man" along with James and Charlie.

Gender: Female

Vocal range top: B4

Vocal range bottom: C#4

**James:** James is Charlie's friend from school. He has a few lines and sings the introduction of "The Candy Man" along with Matilda and Charlie.

Vocal range top: F#4

Vocal range bottom: A3

**The Candy Man Kids:** Candy Man Kids sing "The Candy Man," The names of the characters have been drawn from other Roald Dahl books.

**Squirrels:** The squirrels are non-speaking, non-singing roles and you can cast as many as necessary. This is a great part for beginning actors.

Gender: Any

**Chorus Of Cooks:** The Cooks appear during "I Eat More!" presenting Augustus with a smorgasbord of food choices. Will double as other roles.