

ENTERTAINMENT

Georgetown Globe's Willy Wonka Jr. a fun, magical experience

Following the classic tale of Charlie Bucket finding the last golden ticket, the Georgetown Globe Productions youth company Willy Wonka Jr. lights up the John Elliott Theatre stage and brings it to life.

With colour and music, the audience feels drawn into the mysterious, magical world of Willy Wonka. Using inventive props like displays of ticket winners and bubbles floating down from the ceiling, the audience is always involved in what's happening on stage. With quick one-liners and funny topical humour, laughs are easily drawn out of those watching.

Willy Wonka Jr. introduces Brynn Swenarchuk as the famous chocolatier, who narrates the story up until a tour of the chocolate factory. To say Swenarchuk was a clear choice for the lead is an understatement. Not only can her voice hit all the notes, but matched with her outfit of a bright blue coat and a top hat, she brought the magic of Willy Wonka to life.

Brody Brown, who played Charlie Bucket, brought the innocence of his character forward with genuine smiles and bright eyes, charming the audience into loving him from the moment they meet.



All of the cast members showcased beautiful, talented voices and not one note was missed. The musical was upbeat, fun, and left audience members wondering what other creative spin the play would take.

Special mention to Katia Sheepwash, who played Mrs. Gloop, and sang beautifully with a German accent. Also to Matthieu Verdon, Rachel Currie, Nathaniel Carruthers and Allyda King who played Mike Teavee, Veruca Salt, Augustus Gloop and Violet Beauregarde respectively, who all brought their characters to life through greed, high-pitched screaming, gluttony and smacks of bubblegum.

The show continues to play at John Elliott Theatre May 13 at 7:30 p.m., May 14 and May 15 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

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