

# YEovil AMATEUR OPERATIC SOCIETY

## CHARLIE & THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY

### WESTLANDS YEovil - MARCH 17-22, 2025

#### THREE-PAGE SPECIAL



THE cast of Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society's Charlie and The Chocolate Factory with Thomas Carey as Charlie Bucket from Team Oompa.

## A world of pure imagination with Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society

**MEMBERS** of the Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society wowed audiences with their production of Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.

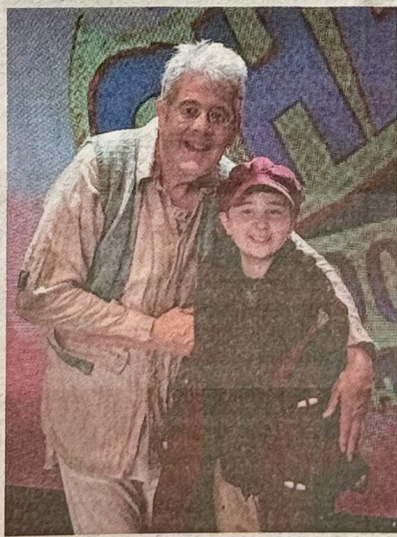
The show was put on over seven performances from March 17-22 and organisers were delighted to announce that some of those dates enjoyed "sell-out" crowds.

The musical of Roald Dahl's amazing book of the same name follows the story of how young Charlie Bucket gets a golden ticket to visit Willy Wonka's fabulous chocolate factory along with a number of other ticket recipients and their family members.

Congratulations go to Thomas Carey and Noah Morgan who shared the role of Charlie where they teamed-up brilliantly with the likes of Willy Wonka (played by Nick Toop), Grandpa Joe (Steve Williams) and Mrs Bucket (Jennifer Holland-Brewer).

Other factory visitors all played their part in bringing Dahl's much-loved book to life with Augustus Gloop and Mrs Gloop (Nicholas Riva and Lauren Francis), Veruca Salt and Mr Salt (Amelia Meldrum and Luke Whitchurch), Violet Beauregarde and Mr Beauregarde (Josie Whitmore and Callum Longmuir) and Mike Teevee and Mrs Teevee (Harrison Waterhouse and Charlie Wanklin).

Yeovil Amateur Operatic Society never fails to disappoint, but this sort of show really does need to be seen at the Octagon Theatre rather than the Westlands Yeovil entertainment venue.



Thomas Carey as Charlie Bucket from Team Oompa with Steve Williams as Grandpa Joe.

We have said it before and we will say it each time the Octagon is brought back to life – please will be the powers-that-be get the Octagon Theatre in Yeovil reopened as soon as possible to allow the likes of YAOS the opportunity to shine on the stage its efforts deserve to be seen.

But we will end with some wise words from Grandpa Joe: "When the rhinos charge, never waiver."

Cast List: Willy Wonka – Nick Toop; Charlie Bucket (Team Oompa) – Thomas Carey; Charlie Bucket (Team Loompa) – Noah Morgan; Grandpa Joe – Steve Williams; Mrs Bucket – Jennifer Holland-Brewer; Augustus Gloop – Nicholas Riva; Mrs Gloop – Lauren Francis; Veruca Salt – Amelia Meldrum; Mr Salt – Luke Whitchurch; Violet Beauregarde – Josie Whitmore; Mr Beauregarde – Callum Longmuir; Mike Teevee – Harrison Waterhouse; Mrs Teevee – Charlie Wanklin; Jerry – Zack Welfare; Cherry – Fawn Whitchurch; Mrs Green – Lucy Capes; Grandpa George – Michael Francis; Grandma Josephine – Charmaine Bray; Grandma Georgina – Pauline Withers.

Junior Ensemble (Team Oompa) – Jameson Best; Demi Heather; Clara Oliveira.

Junior Ensemble (Team Loompa) – Sam

Barron; Elspeth Grice; Liv Williams.

The Gum Chompin Divas – Charmayne Hooper; Elishia Hooper; Izzy Pincombe; Jessica Surrey.

Ensemble – Loki Collins; Emily Gray; Finley Lampett; Sarah Long; Tom Moorcroft; George Souster.

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Noah Morgan as Charlie Bucket from Team Loompa with Willy Wonka (Nick Toop).