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**ROALD DAHL'S
CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
COMING TO PHILADELPHIA!**



“WE FINALLY HAVE A TERRIFIC SHOW FOR EVERYONE. GO SEE *CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY* – I GUARANTEE YOU WILL HAVE A BALL!” – NPR

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE (Philadelphia, PA, September 5, 2018) – The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is thrilled to announce that *Roald Dahl's CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY* will play the Academy of Music from Tuesday, November 6 - Sunday, November 18, 2018.

Roald Dahl's CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY tells the story of Willy Wonka, world famous inventor of the Everlasting Gobstopper, who has just made an astonishing announcement. His marvelous—and mysterious—factory is opening its gates...to a lucky few. That includes young Charlie

Bucket, whose life definitely needs sweetening. He and four other golden ticket winners will embark on a mesmerizing, life-changing journey through Wonka's world of pure imagination. Get ready for Oompa-Loompas, incredible inventions, the great glass elevator, and more, more, more at this everlasting showstopper!

"For over 50 years, *Roald Dahl's CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY* has invited audiences of all ages to step inside the world of pure imagination," said Ed Cambron, Executive Vice President of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. "We are honored to welcome guests to the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus to experience the wonders of this charming hit Broadway musical. Filled with eye-catching sets and an enchanting new score, this dazzling show is truly a sweet treat for the entire family!"

With direction by three-time Tony Award® winner Jack O'Brien, *Roald Dahl's CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY* features music by Grammy®, Emmy® and Tony Award® winner Marc Shaiman, lyrics by Grammy® and Tony Award® winners Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman, a book by Artistic Director of Edinburgh's Royal Lyceum theatre David Greig, choreography by Tony Award® nominee and Emmy Award® winner Joshua Bergasse and includes additional songs by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley from the 1971 Warner Bros. motion picture.

Roald Dahl's CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY features scenic and costume design by five-time Tony Award® nominee Mark Thompson, lighting design by four-time Tony Award® nominee Japhy Weideman, sound design by Andrew Keister, projection design by Jeff Sugg, puppet and illusion design by Obie and Drama Desk Award Winner Basil Twist, orchestrations by three-time Tony Award® winner Doug Besterman and music supervision by Nicholas Skilbeck.

The hit Broadway musical features songs from the original film, including "Pure Imagination," "The Candy Man," and "I've Got a Golden Ticket," alongside a toe-tapping and ear-tickling new score from the songwriters from *Hairspray*.

***Roald Dahl's CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY* is produced by Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures (Mark Kaufman), Langley Park Productions (Kevin McCormick) and Neal Street Productions (Sam Mendes, Caro Newling).**

For more information, visit www.CharlieOnBroadway.com

ABOUT ROALD DAHL AND HIS LEGACY

Roald Dahl (1916-1990) was a spy, ace fighter-pilot, chocolate historian and medical inventor. He was also the author of *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Matilda*, *The BFG* and many more brilliant stories. He remains the World's No.1 storyteller.

Sitting in a hut at the bottom of his garden, surrounded by odd bits and pieces such as a suitcase (used as a footrest), his own hipbone (which he'd had replaced) and a heavy ball of metal foil (made from years' worth of chocolate wrappers), he went on to write some of the world's best-loved children's stories. His first children's story, *James and the Giant Peach*, was published in 1961, was a hit and every subsequent book became a best-seller.

Today, his stories are available in 58 languages and, by a conservative estimate, he has sold more than 250 million books. Many of these stories have also been adapted for stage and screen, including the 1971 film classic *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*, Wes Anderson's acclaimed *Fantastic Mr Fox*, the multi-award winning *Matilda the Musical* from the RSC with music by Tim Minchin, and Steven Spielberg's blockbuster *The BFG*. The latest adaptation is *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory the Musical* which opened on Broadway in April 2017 following three Golden years on London's West End.

ROALD DAHL'S CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY
Academy of Music on the Kimmel Center Cultural Campus

Tuesday, November 6, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 7, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Friday, November 9, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 10, 2018 at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 1:00 pm and 6:30 pm

Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 at 7:30 pm

Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 1:00 pm and 7:30 pm

Friday, November 16, 2018 at 8:00 pm

Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 2:00 pm and 8:00 pm

Sunday, November 18, 2018 at 1:00 pm

Tickets

Tickets are on sale now and start at \$20.00. Tickets can be purchased by calling (215) 893-1999, visiting kimmelcenter.org, or at the Kimmel Center Box Office. Group sales are available for groups of 10 or more and can be purchased by calling (215) 790-5883. More information at kimmelcenter.org.

The Shubert Organization

For more than 100 years, The Shubert Organization has been in the forefront of the American theatre. Under the leadership of Philip J. Smith, Chairman, and Robert E. Wankel, President, the Shubert Organization owns and operates 17 Broadway theatres and six Off-Broadway venues, as well as the Forrest Theatre in Philadelphia. The company has produced and co-produced hundreds of plays and musicals, including the original Broadway production of *CATS*, *Dreamgirls*, *Sunday in the Park with George*, *Amadeus*, *The Real Thing*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Equus*, *The Elephant Man*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*, *School of Rock The Musical*, and *The Humans*. The Shubert Organization is proud of its ongoing refurbishment program for its theatres, seeking to preserve the historic character while modernizing them to accommodate the needs of today's audiences.

Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts

Located in the heart of Center City, Philadelphia, the Kimmel Center's mission is to operate a world-class performing arts center that engages and serves a broad audience through diverse programming, arts education, and community outreach. The Kimmel Center Campus is comprised of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts (Verizon Hall, Perelman Theater, SEI Innovation Studio, and the Merck Arts Education Center), the Academy of Music (owned by the Philadelphia Orchestra Association), and the Merriam Theater. The Kimmel Center is also home to eight Resident Companies: The Philadelphia Orchestra, Opera Philadelphia, The Pennsylvania Ballet, The Philly POPS, PHILADANCO, The Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Chamber Music Society and Curtis Institute of Music. With

nearly 9,000 seats per night, The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts is the region's most impactful performing arts center, and the second largest in the country. TD Bank, America's Most Convenient Bank, is the season sponsor of the Kimmel Center's 2018-2019 Season. American Airlines is the official airline of Broadway Philadelphia. For additional information, visit kimmelcenter.org.

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