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Director's Note



"Our problem is not that we aim too high and miss, but that we aim too low and hit." Aristotle

I would like to thank the countless kids, parents, and community members who have helped support artsIQ since it's inception over the past 7 years. Serving as the Artistic Director it is amazing to see how the program has grown and evolved over that time period. It now comes full circle with our students becoming part of the production team. Our assistant directors, wig, make-up and costume interns, choreography apprentices and our newly developed "tech track" emerges the participants fully into the world of theater.

Our mentors give detailed lessons with hands on experience. The training these actors and technicians receive carry over into a real world experience. The reality is our students are becoming the creators, designers and innovators for the next generation. The high standards that our community expects from MTVarts are taught from the ground up.

It is truly amazing that our town has flourished into an arts community. If creativity is a passion for a budding artist than it's a great era for a child to grow up in Mount Vernon Ohio!

- Bruce Jacklin, Artistic Director

BRUCE JACKLIN has been a certified adjudicator for the OCTA (Ohio Community Theater Association) and AACT (American Association of Community Theater) for over 15 years. He currently is on the Kenyon College Paul Newman/ Joanne Woodward drama committee. In honor of Kenyon's Oscar winning alumnus, the committee members select and present the prestigious award to the outstanding performance of the season.

Mr. Jacklin has directed and acted in more than 150 productions in the last 30 years. This includes professional, summer stock, collegian and community theater productions. He has received numerous awards in acting and directing at both regional and state festivals from OCTA, AACTfest, Columbus Theater Roundtable and OTA festivals. Bruce was also in the film "NIETZSCHE ATE HERE". The film premiered in Washington, D.C. and was featured in the 2013 Montreal International Film Festival. He won Best Supporting Actor at the San Francisco Actor's Film Festival and in 2014 he received the Red Cross Education Hero Award. Bruce is a member of AFTRA/SAG (American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, Screen Actors Guild). For his film and television work he is represented by PCG Talent in Columbus, Ohio and Docherty in Pittsburgh, Penn. Bruce is the artistic director for both MTVarts and The Alcove Theater productions.



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Director	Bruce Jacklin	artsIQ Tech Crew	Hannah Cunningham, Henry Freeman, Benjamin Freeman, Sarah Hammond, Dallas Miller
Workshop Directors.....	Kristen Campbell, Sarah Gratz, Eli Chung	Light Design KIDS.....	Leland Leger
Music Director	Joe Jancura	Light Design JR.....	Kurt Mueller
Asst Music Director	Mary Kepple	Light Team	Scott Swingle, John Nixon, Caleb Rheinscheld, Tony Montgomery, Orange Barrel Productions
Choreography	Laura Webster	Sound Design.....	Alex Thompson, Joy Audio Visual
KIDS Choreography Team	Laura Webster, Lacey Blubaugh, Isabella Fontaine, Susan Moreland	Marketing Design	Printing Arts Press, Eli Chung, Good Impressions, Megan Evans Design, Scott Swingle
Costumes.....	Jessica Smarrella	Playbill	Eli Chung, Amy Stemen, Janis Stone, Scott Swingle, Samantha Turner
Costume Team.....	Susan Brown, Janet Stutzman	Photography	Westie Productions, Scott Swingle, Megan Evans
Wigs/Hair.....	Ruth Frady	Promotions.....	Rodney Cheek, Ian Ernsberger, Eli Chung, Bruce Jacklin, Janis Stone
Wig/Hair Team	Hannah Frye, Valerie Oster, Katie Ragor, Susan Moreland	Workday crew.....	Susan Brown, Joanne Giberson, Josh Foley, Cristy Miller, Debbie Riedmiller, Michael Sears, Will Stemen, Steve Stone, Sam Wolfe
Production Manager.....	Eli Chung	Workshop Instructors.....	Joseph Bell, Susan Brown, Brian Bernicken, Kristen Campbell, Eli Chung, Sarah Gratz, Ruth Frady, Carrie Hyman, Joe Jancura, Bruce Jacklin, Nancy Kephart, Kerri Mahan, Kurt Mueller, John Nixon, Jessica Smarrella, Steve Stone
Stage Manager JR	Serra Barrett	Workshop assistants.....	Joselyn Bates, Fredri Bockover, Isabella Fontaine, Vivian Hawk, Isabel McDonald, Sam Wolfe
Stage Manager KIDS	Kate Ernsberger		
Asst Stage Manager KIDS.....	Hannah Frye		
Set Construction	Joe Bill		
Acting Coach	Ian Ernsberger		
Producer	Janis Stone		
Producer	Scott Swingle		
Ticketing	Scott Swingle, Monique Milligan		
Usher Coordinator.....	Matia Matthews		
Parent Coordinators	Kristen Campbell, Sarah Gratz, Megan Snow		
Rehearsal Parents.....	Jeff Daly, Laurel Foreman, Jen Gotschall, Valerie Oster, Carla Swallow		
JR Parent Helpers/Stage Crew			
	Kristin Campbell, Tara Foley, Pam Furr, Sarah Gratz, Dawn Hall, Cheryl Szucs, Stephanie Scott, Diane Tracy, Deana Wolfe		
KIDS Parent Helpers/Stage Crew			
	Carey Barber, Shawna Ellison, Laurel Foreman, Jen Gotschall, Kerry Griffith, Dawn Hall, Rachel Hoffman, Liz Jones, LeeAnne Jurkowitz, Beth Marhefka, Cristy Miller, Valerie Oster, Christan Sears, Janet Stutzman, Carla Swallow, Jess Van Winkle, John Yoder		

Kids Cast of Characters

Willy Wonka: Peyton Hauenstein-Cline

Candy Man/Narrator: Ellie Salvucci

Charlie Bucket: Madelyn Jones

Grandpa Joe: Zell Pastor

Mr. Bucket: Ethan Foley

Mrs. Bucket: Kailee Foreman

Grandpa George: Zachary Cramer

Grandma Georgina: Marley Carrico

Grandma Josephine: Isabel Foley

Phineas Trout: Gwen Stein

Augustus Gloop: Ryder Witt

Mrs. Gloop: Marissa Sweeney

Violet Beauregarde: Isabella Oster

Mrs. Beauregarde: Addison Barber

Mike TeeVee: Joey Ferguson

Ms. TeeVee: Gabrielle Fuller

Veruca Salt: Allyson Colley

Mr. Salt: Devyn Hall

Jane: James Joey Daley

Matilda: Jillian Snow

Oompa Loompa/Cooks/Squirrels Chorus:

Addi Ellison, Kailee Foreman, Tallulah Hatton, Jenna Jurkowitz,

Elizabeth Lebold, Avery Sears

Candy Man Kids Chorus:

Kiersten Clinedinst, Kaitlyn Cunningham, Joey Daley, Ady DeCosky, Ava DeCosky,

Lyndsie Ellison, Reese Ferenbaugh, Nora Gotschall, Corra Griffith, Clara

Hauenstein, Madeline Hellman, Natalie Hoffman, Kate Marhefka, Anna Miller,

Kaylynne Miller, Elizabeth Shull, Brooklyn Fullington, Kaitlyn Stulka, Briggs Swallow,

Ainsley Sweeney, Tallulah Hatton

Jr. Cast of Characters

Willy Wonka: Aidan Scott

Candy Man/Narrator: Mia Tracey

Charlie Bucket: Joselyn Bates

Grandpa Joe: Samuel Wolf

Mr. Bucket: Will Stemen

Mrs. Bucket: Chloe Skillman

Grandpa George: JJ House

Grandma Georgina: Carly Tracey

Grandma Josephine: Ashlynn Scott

Phineas Trout: Isabella Fontaine

Augustus Gloop: Kieran Karlovetz

Mrs. Gloop: Emily Hammond

Violet Beauregarde: Esme McDonald

Mrs. Beauregarde: Kalyn Zak

Mike TeeVee: Joshua Callahan-Foley

Ms. TeeVee: Sage Szucs

Veruca Salt: Luna Moreland

Mr. Salt: Jackson Barrett

Jane: Auralie Yoder James

Matilda: McKinley Figurski

Oompa Loompa/Cooks/Squirrels Chorus:

McKinley Figurski, Ashlynn Scott, Chloe Skillman, Maggie Richardson,

Mia Tracey, Auralie Yoder

Candy Man Kids Chorus:

Nora Carrington, Sadie Carrington, Rachel Furr, Kaitlyn Hall, Hayden Lee,

Anneliese Scott, Rosalie Stemen, Ethan Yoder, Maggie Richardson

Kids Musical Numbers

Golden Age Of Chocolate	Charlie, The Buckets, James, Matilda, Candy Man, Ensemble
The Candy Man	Charlie, James, Matilda, Candy Man, Candy Man Kids, Ensemble
(I've Got A) Golden Ticket.....	Charlie, Grandpa Joe
Factory Reveal Sequence.....	Wonka, Golden Ticket Winners, Grandpa Joe
At The Gates	Wonka
Oompa-Loompa 1.....	Oompa-Loompas, Ensemble
Oompa-Loompa 2.....	Oompa-Loompas, Ensemble
Burping Song	Charlie, Grandpa Joe
I Want It Now!	Veruca
Oompa-Loompa 3.....	Oompa-Loompas, Ensemble
Oompa-Loompa 4.....	Oompa-Loompas, Ensemble
At The Gates (Pure Imagination)	Wonka
Finale	Full Cast



Jr. Musical Numbers

Golden Age Of Chocolate	Charlie, The Buckets, James, Matilda, Candy Man, Ensemble
The Candy Man	Charlie, James, Matilda, Candy Man, Candy Man Kids, Ensemble
I Eat More	Mrs. Gloop, Augustus Gloop, Phineous Trout
Think Positive	Charlie, Mr. Bucket
I See It All On TV	Mike, Ms. Teavee, Phineous Trout
Cheer Up, Charlie	Grandpa Joe, Mrs. Bucket, Mr. Bucket
Think Positive (Reprise)	Charlie
(I've Got A) Golden Ticket	Charlie, Grandpa Joe
At The Gates	Wonka
In This Room Here	Wonka, Golden Ticket Winners, Grandpa Joe, Parents
Factory Reveal Sequence.....	Wonka, Golden Ticket Winners, Grandpa Joe, Parents
Oompa-Loompa 1.....	Oompa-Loompas, Ensemble
There's No Knowing.....	Wonka, Golden Ticket Winners, Grandpa Joe, Parents
Chew It	Violet, Wonka, Golden Ticket Winners
Oompa-Loompa 2.....	Oompa-Loompas, Ensemble
Flying	Charlie, Grandpa Joe
Burping Song	Charlie, Grandpa Joe
I Want It Now!	Veruca
Oompa-Loompa 3.....	Oompa-Loompas, Ensemble
Oompa-Loompa 4.....	Oompa-Loompas, Ensemble
Pure Imagination	Wonka
Finale	Full Cast

Kids Cast Members



ADDISON BARBER Addison is in the 5th grade at Columbia Elementary. This is her first performance with MTVarts! Addison has been taking dance and gymnastics at The Spotlight

Studio for several years. She was a member of the dance team that performed at local venues as well as at the Harlem Globetrotters basketball game last year! Addison enjoys dancing, singing, acting, and reading. She is excited and thankful to be a part of the Willy Wonka Kids production!



MARLEY CARRICO Marley Carrico is in 5th grade and this is her first-ever theater performance. In her free time, she enjoys playing the violin, reading, playing basketball and

hanging out with her friends. She has always been interested in theater arts and is extremely excited about being part of the MTVarts crew.



KIERSTEN CLINEDINST Kiersten is 8 years old and in the 3rd grade at Saint Vincent de Paul School. Kiersten caught her acting bug when she earned a role as a Lullaby League

munchkin in MTVarts summer production of The Wizard of Oz. She loves singing, dancing, and putting on plays for her family. She is an avid gymnast, loves reading, writing stories & coloring.



ALLYSON COLLEY Allyson is in the 7th grade at Highland Middle School in Sparta Ohio. She has been involved in the theater program at Highland since she was in 2nd grade. She loves to

sing and dance but especially loves going to the Columbus Blue Jackets games with her family and her favorite player is currently Nick Foligno! Go Jackets! Allyson would like to thank her friends and family for coming to watch her show and say thank you for the support!



ZACHARY CRAMER Zach Cramer is a third grader at Wiggin Street Elementary. He is a first degree brown belt in karate and loves music and YouTube. When he grows up, he would like to be a

wrestler or the president. Zach has previously appeared as Young Harry in Its a Wonderful Life and Gosling in Charlotte's Web. This is his first production with Mtvarts and he is so excited to participate in this wonderful production!



KAITLYN CUNNINGHAM Kaitly has performed in small productions and Annie JR. and is very excited to be on stage again for her second musical. She is 9

years old, homeschools, and attends Trellis Homeschool Co-Op. She enjoys archery, swimming, and reading. She thanks her parents, sisters, brother, and grandparents for their support and help. She especially thanks all the volunteers! Kaitly hopes you enjoy the show and thanks you for your support!



JOEY DALEY Joey is nine years old and is in third grade at Wiggin Street Elementary. This is his second MTVarts production. He was a Lollipop Guild Munchkin in this summer's

production of The Wizard of Oz! He plays piano, loves to read, sing, and make his own movies. Joey is very excited to play James and be a part of Willy Wonka! He thinks it is amazing and wonderful to be around so many talented and nice people.



ADY DECOSKY Ady is performing in her first-ever theatrical production of Willy Wonka Kids. From Howard, Ohio- Ady is an active 3rd grader at East Knox Elementary. She is funny, kind

and charismatic. Ady enjoys art, reading, movies, nature, swimming and spending time with her family. She would like to thank all of the amazing people responsible for making her role in Willy Wonka Kids possible.



AVA DECOSKY Ava is performing in her second production, following her breakout role as "Molly" in Annie Kids last Fall. Ava is from Howard, Ohio where she excels in the 4th Grade at

East Knox Elementary. She enjoys reading, art, writing, gaming, running, nature, swimming and spending time with her family. Ava is very energetic, kind and outgoing. She would like to thank all of the wonderful people it takes to make Willy Wonka Kids possible; it is good fun and has allowed many, many friendships to blossom.

ADDI ELLISON Addi is a 12 year old



homeschooling 7th grader. This is her sixth MTVarts production. She enjoys reading, dancing, doing crafts, playing flute, and swimming. Addi loves being a part of the MTVarts family! She

hopes you enjoy the show!

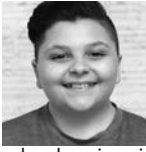
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LYNDSIE ELLISON Lyndsie is a 9 year old homeschooling fourth grader at Alpha Omega Academy. She has previously performed in Beauty and the Beast, Bye Bye Birdie, and Annie Kids making this her fourth MTVarts production. She enjoys dancing, swimming, reading, and hanging out with her big sister, Addi. Lyndsie hopes you enjoy the show as much as she has enjoyed being a part of the cast!



REESE FERENBAUGH Reese is a fifth grader at East Knox elementary and this is her second production with MTVarts! When she is not acting, Reese enjoys swimming, all things art, playing with her sister and friends, and dancing. Reese would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support of her acting dreams. She would also like to send a special thank you to Bruce Jacklin for encouraging her to join this show!



JOEY FERGUSON Joey is a seventh grader at Mt. Vernon Middle School. This is Joey's Fourth production. He enjoyed being tortured as Pugsley in The Addams Family. Joey also enjoys school, swimming and playing Bass Clarinet.



ETHAN FOLEY This is Ethan's first production with MTV Arts. He has been in the High School production of Junie B. Jones and in the Orange Barrel Production of Travel Thru Oz. Ethan is in 7th grade at Mount Vernon Middle School. He is in choir and plays trombone in the band. He hopes you enjoy the songs!



ISABEL FOLEY This is Isabel's first production with MTV Arts. She has been in the Orange Barrel production of Travel Thru Oz. She enjoys ballet and jazz. Isabel is in 4th grade at Wiggin Street Elementary School. She loves to read and sing. She hopes you enjoy watch Wonka!



KAILEE FOREMAN Kailee is a fifth grader at Centerburg. This is her third production with MTV Arts. She loves to perform and is looking forward to being a part of Willy Wonka. Kailee enjoys gymnastics, playing with friends and spending

time with her family. She plans to be a veterinarian.



GABRIELLE FULLER Gabrielle Fuller is a 7th grader at St. Vincent De Paul School. This is her fourth performance with MTVarts. One of her favorite roles was Gretl in her school's production of Sound of Music. Gabrielle loves singing, dancing, and playing volleyball. She would like to thank her mom, dad and sister for their love and support! She hopes you enjoy the show!



BROOKLYN FULLINGTON Brooklyn is excited to participate in her first MTVarts show! She lives in Mount Vernon and is in third grade at East Elementary. She was also a part of The MVNU Summer Quest Program, Reader's Theater. Brooklyn would like to thank her Mom, Dad, Step-Dad, and Grandma Amy for helping her get to all of her practices and their love and support. She would also like to thank everyone that helped put the play together, especially Bruce Jacklin.



NORA GOTSCHALL Nora is in the fourth grade at Columbia Elementary school. She loves to read, write, act, hang out with her family, and play with dolls. She has been in MTVart's Annie kids, Columbia school's production Where the Wild things are, and Orange Barrel's Wizard of Oz musical and workshop. Willy Wonka Kids has been so fun for her. She thanks all her family and friends for all of their support. Nora hopes that you will enjoy the show!



CORRA GRIFFITH Corra Griffith is a third grader at Centerburg Elementary School. This is her debut performance with MTVArts, and is thrilled to be apart of this cast and crew. In addition to singing and dancing, Corra loves to rider her bike, play with her friends, bake and being creative. She plays basketball and loves to take care of her dog, Clarence. Corra hopes you enjoy the show, and perhaps even a Wanka Bar!



DEVYN HALL Devyn is so excited to be in his second production with MTVarts! He is a fourth grade homeschool student who loves baseball and Pokemon. When he grows up, he wants to

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either be a pro baseball player or a Disney Imagineer. Devyn thanks his family and friends for their love and support.



TALLULAH HATTON Tallulah is a 5th Grader who loves dancing, singing, art and gymnastics. She has always loved acting and starred in her first movie at age 6. Tallulah has seen many of the

MTVart productions, and this will be her first time performing in one. She is very excited to be starring in Willy Wonka as she loves the movie. She hopes you enjoy the show.



CLARA HAUENSTEIN This is Clara's first year with Mtvarts and she is super excited to be in Willy Wonka kids! She has danced at Patty's Dance Center in Newark for several years. Clara

is grateful for this awesome new experience !



PEYTON HAUENSTEIN-CLINE

Peyton loves dancing and singing. He has had many years of dance at Patty's Dance Studio in Newark. He has been involved for many years with MTVarts and

is super excited to be a part of Willy Wonka Jr. Peyton aspires to be an actor, director and professional dancer. He is very grateful for the support and encouragement from his family to follow his dreams.



MADELINE HELLMAN Maddie Hellman is a third grader at Wiggan Street Elementary. In

addition to her mom and dad, she lives with her older siblings - Anna and Will - and her foster

dog, Weston. She loves to read and play with her friends. This is her first production.



NATALIE HOFFMAN Natalie is a 4th grader at Twin Oak Elementary. This is her first performance with MTVArts and she is very excited for this opportunity. Natalie loves to sing

and dance as well as anything outdoors. She would like to thank her family for their support.



MADELYN JONES Madelyn is 10 years old and is in 5th grade at Wiggan Street Elementary School. She has also been in MTVArts Annie Kids. She also enjoys other

activities outside of school like basketball and tap class. Her favorite food is ramen noodles. She is excited and proud to be part of another Mtvarts production.



JENNA JURKOWITZ Jenna is a 4th grader at East Elementary and is beyond thrilled to be in Willy Wonka Kids! She is involved in Gymnastics and Hip Hop

classes at the Spotlight Dance Studio, Team Unify/SERF swim team at Kenyon, and she loves math! This is her second MTVArts appearance and she looks forward to many more! Jenna is thankful to live in a community that supports the arts and wishes to thank all the volunteers who have given so much to make children's productions like this come to life!



ELIZABETH LEBOLD Elizabeth is a 6th grader at MVMS where she plays viola. She competes as a Level 6 gymnast and is learning to pole vault. Elizabeth sings with the Knox Youth Choirs and at her church. She enjoys Hamilton, Star Wars, Dwight K.

Schrute, and reading. This is her third MTVarts production.



KATE MARHEFKA Kate is a third grader at St. Vincent . She is excited to be in her first production with MTVarts and plans on being in many more.

When she is not singing and dancing she enjoys hanging out with her friends and swimming. She wants to thank her friends and family for supporting her and hopes you enjoy the show.



ANNA MILLER This is Anna's second MTVarts production. She loved her last role as Duffy in Annie Kids. She has also been in plays at Northbend Church and is in the Knox County Youth choir.

Anna is a fifth grader at Pleasant Street. She enjoys playing with her friends and her dog Teddy. She likes to volunteer at Interchurch.

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KAYLYNNE MILLER Kaylynne is a homeschooler from Gambier. She is new to MTVarts, but not to the stage. She has acted in Orange Barrel Production Company's "Little Red Hen" and "It's a Wonderful Life" as well as Lakeholm Nazarene's "Christmas Express." She loves the stage, gymnastics, and art. Kaylynne is grateful to be part of this production and hopes you enjoy the show!



ISABELLA OSTER Isabella is 11 years old and this is her 4th production with MTVarts. The youngest of 4 sisters, she is homeschooled and loves art, crafts, singing and dancing.



ZELL PASTOR Zell Pastor is 9 years old and a 4th grade student at Pleasant Street Elementary. This is his first production and he is very excited to be a part of the show. He enjoys playing video games and playing with his sisters.



ELLIE SALVUCCI Ellie is a sixth grader at St. Vincent where she was first exposed to musicals. She was grateful for the opportunity to pursue her interest in singing & performing last year by playing Molly in Annie Jr., her first MTVarts experience. She is so excited for the opportunity this year to play Candy Man! She wishes to thank all the cast, crew, and volunteers that made Willy Wonka Kids possible.



AVERY SEARS Avery is thrilled to be in her second production with MTVarts. She loves musicals, singing, dancing, and performing. Her on-stage performances have included Annie JR (MTVarts), Tavaci Performing Arts, Knox County Choraliers, Dan Emmett Music Festival (Mt. Vernon), CATCO Kids (Columbus). Avery is in fourth grade and enjoys reading, music class, and relaxing at home with her dog Sophie.



ELIZABETH SHULL Elizabeth is 11 Years Old and is in 5th Grade at Pleasant Street Elementary. This is Lizzie's 3rd show with MTVarts (Beauty & the Beast, Annie Jr.). She started dance at

age 3 with ballet and tap. She won a chance to see and even get on stage with Idina Menzel (Elsa/Frozen) in a Singing contest 5 years ago. Lizzie wants to wish good luck to everyone and that we wish her good luck too.



JILLIAN SNOW Jillian is a fourth grader at Twin Oak Elementary and she is excited to be performing for you today! She previously portrayed the roles of July in Annie Kids (MTVarts), munchkin and poppy Wizard of Oz (Orange Barrel Production Company's Encore program) and, the Lullaby League Wizard of Oz (MTVart). Jillian enjoys gymnastics, playing with her many pets, and being with her family. Jillian wishes to thank her family and friends for their enthusiastic support.



GWEN STEIN Gwen is a 6th grader at St. Vincent De Paul. She loves singing, sports, reading and having fun with her friends. This is her third year with MTVarts and she is thrilled to be part of the Willy Wonka Kids production. She is excited to perform and really looks forward to her role this season.



KAITLYN STULKA Kaitlyn Stulka is 9 years old in fourth grade and attends East Elementary School home of the eagles. She enjoys all-star competitive cheer-leading and various types of dance. She was also a Miss Ohio Princess 2018 and current americheer national champion 2019. Kaitlyn's favorite activities are boating, riding bikes, crafting and playing with her friends.



BRIGGS SWALLOW This is Briggs Swallow's first production with MTVarts, and he is thrilled for the opportunity to see what it's like to perform on stage. In addition to his interest in the theater, Briggs enjoys reading, building Lego sets, drawing comics, swimming, and being goofy with his friends. He says this experience with MTVarts has been "so epic" and he thanks all the volunteers who have helped to make Willy Wonka Kids happen.

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AINSLEY SWEENEY Ainsley Sweeney is a fourth grade student at Dan Emmett Elementary. She is super excited to be part of MTVarts and Willy Wonka Kids this year. This

summer she danced her heart out with The Dance Depot. Ainsley loves singing, dancing and just being her crazy silly self.



EVAN SWEENEY Evan Sweeney is a seventh grade student at Mount Vernon Middle School. He loves being on the stage and working with MTVarts. Evan has been in The Jungle Book, Alice in

Wonderland, The Lion King and Annie Jr. This summer he danced his heart out with The Dance Depot. He is super excited about being part of Willy Wonka Kids. Evan loves to draw, sing, dance and be creative.



RYDER WITT Ryder is a fifth grader at Wiggin Street Elementary. His favorite subjects are science and art. He loves playing golf, participating in 4-H, being with his best friends, and

Godzilla. This is Ryder's third MTVarts performance, seen last year as Sandy the dog in Annie Kids. He is so excited and very thankful for this opportunity!



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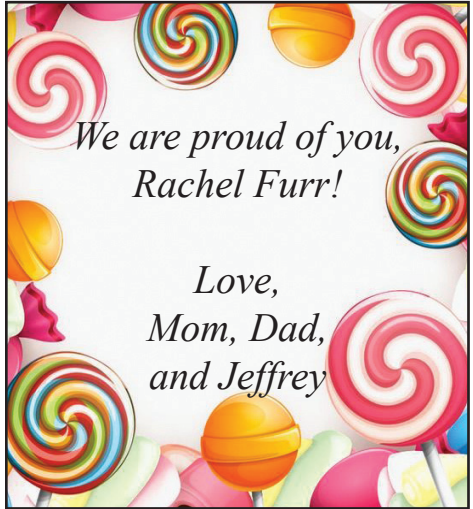
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Sorry we'll miss your
performance. We know
you'll be amazing.*

*With heartfelt love,
Grandpa Dan
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*We are proud of you,
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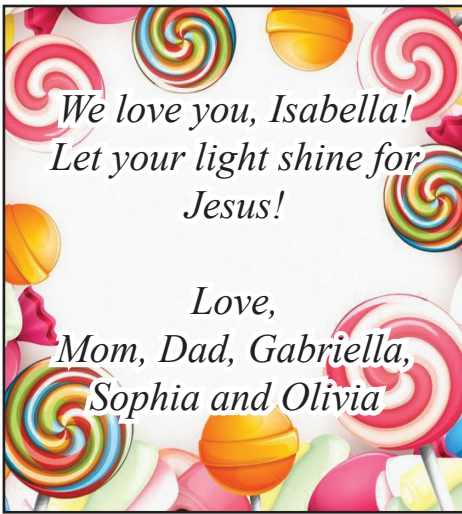
*Love,
Mom, Dad,
and Jeffrey*



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"Little Gussie", Kieran.*

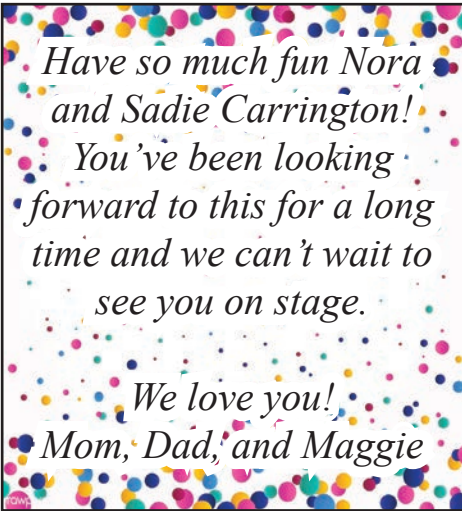
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Mom, Dad, and Miranda*





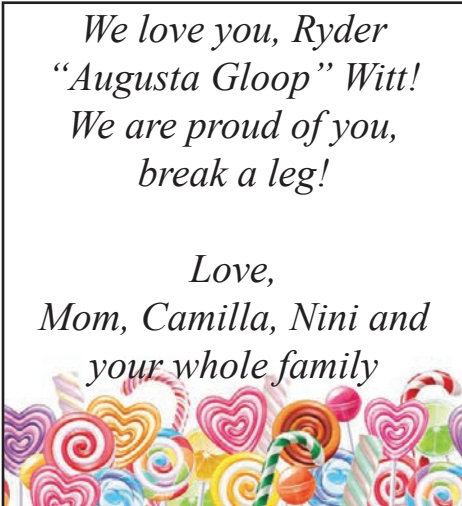
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Let your light shine for
Jesus!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad, Gabriella,
Sophia and Olivia*



*Have so much fun Nora
and Sadie Carrington!
You've been looking
forward to this for a long
time and we can't wait to
see you on stage.*

*We love you!
Mom, Dad, and Maggie*



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JACKSON BARRETT Jackson is a freshman at Mount Vernon High and this is his first show with MTVarts. He was the Page Boy in “Antigone” when he was 10 years old, and he is excited to return to the stage for his first musical!



JOSELYN BATES Joselyn Bates is a recent high school graduate from Apple Valley. She has worked with MTVArts, Fredericktown High School, Orange Barrel Productions, The Footlight Players, and The Chancel Players. She was most recently seen tap dancing away in MTVart’s production of The Wizard of Oz. Her favorite recent productions are Annie Jr., The Addams Family Musical, and Sweeney Todd. Joselyn wants to thank her friends and family for always supporting her and hopes that you enjoy the show!



JOSH CALLAHAN-FOLEY Josh Callahan-Foley attends Mount Vernon High School and has had a love of acting since elementary school. Along with acting, he is involved in marching band, active in school clubs and a big brother. He was seen in the MTVarts production of Bye Bye Birdie. Josh looks forward to more roles with MTVarts and more time on the stage.



NORA CARRINGTON Nora is 12 years old and recently started 7th grade at Granville Middle school. This is her first performance with MVarts and she is excited to be a part of the show. She has performed in several school plays; her favorite role being Jasmine in the play Aladdin. Outside of school Nora enjoys reading, drawing, swim team, and singing with her church choir.



SADIE CARRINGTON Sadie is a 4th grader at Welsh Hills School. She loves to read, draw, sing, and climb trees. She enjoys singing with her school and church choirs and has had fun acting in her school plays. Her favorite rolls were young Nala in the Lion King and the Sour Kangaroo in Seussical. This is her first performance with MVarts and she is excited to be a part of the show!



MCKINLEY FIGURSKI McKinley, an 8th grader at MVMS, was born to perform! This includes: on stage, in the classroom, and on the ball field. Her dream is to make it to Broadway and her hobbies include dancing and singing, Harry Potter, and Star Wars. This is McKinley’s fifth play. She has performed in three High School plays (The King and I, Elf Jr. and Junie B Jones) and this is her second play with MTVArts (Kate in Annie Jr.)



ISABELLA FONTAINE Isabella is a 10th grade homeschooler. She has participated in several plays over 6 years with MTVArts, most recently wizard of Oz and Annie Jr. She loves all kinds of theater, art, and dance. She participates in Contemporary, Hip Hop and Ballet classes at The Spotlight Dance Studio. And volunteers as a student dance teacher for the younger kids classes.



RACHEL FURR Rachel is a homeschooled sophomore who enjoys music, drawing, dancing, sign language and being with loved ones. This is her fourth MTVarts production and she’s extremely thankful for all the amazing experiences, and for all the wonderful people that make these experiences possible!



KAITLYN HALL Kaitlyn Hall is a homeschooled sophomore. This is her fifth MTVArts production and is very grateful and excited to be apart of Willy Wonka Jr. She loves to read, dance, draw, play video games, and spend time with her friends and animals. Kaitlyn would like to thank her family and friends for all of their support.



EMILY HAMMOND Emily is a freshman at MVHS. She is a member of marching band and participated in Power of the Pen last year. Among her favorite roles have been the Apple Seller in Annie Jr and a munchkin and ozian in the Wizard of Oz. Emily is thrilled to be back with MTVarts and hopes you enjoy the show!

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JARELL (JJ) HOUSE JJ is a 17 year old who has loved theatre ever since he saw his first play in 2009 and became involved with MTVarts soon after! His favorite role was the Cheshire Cat in Alice in Wonderland Jr. The JJ Project-JJ's Story has been entered into independent film festivals across the US and has won several awards. JJ has also written and directed a youtube series called The Bolts, a family of superheroes.



KIERAN KARLOVETZ Kieran is an eighth grader at East Knox Jr. High. Willy Wonka Jr. is his seventh production with MTVArts and he is excited to be playing the role of Augustus Gloop. He enjoys playing video games, acting, and hopes to be a neurosurgeon when he grows up. Kieran wants to thank everyone who helped with the production.



HAYDEN LEE Hayden enjoys singing, drawing and spending time with her friends. This is her fourth year with MTVarts and is looking forward to participating in years to come.



ESME MCDONALD Esme was in the MTVarts production of Little Mermaid, Jr. and Aladdin Jr. She loves writing, reading, singing, everything, geeky and creative! When not on stage she watches Youtube, swims laps, and plays video games. Esme is excited about being a part of Willy Wonka Jr. and having the chance to work with her MTVarts friends!



LUNA MORELAND Luna is a Freshman in High School who loves theater, art, singing, and playing violin. She has been in many MTVarts productions. Some of her favorite roles have been the Caterpillar in Alice in Wonderland Jr and A Star to be/Boylan Sister in Annie Jr. She is very happy to be playing Veruca Salt in Willy Wonka jr. She hopes you enjoy the show!



MAGGIE RICHARDSON This is Maggie's second production with MTVarts, and she is so excited to be a part of it! She is a 7th grader at St. Vincent de Paul school where she enjoys sports,

reading and all of the fun activities associated with school. She hopes you enjoy the show!



AIDAN SCOTT Aidan Scott is a Junior appearing in his sixth MTVarts production. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, board games, spending time with his family and friends, and, of course, eccentrically managing his fantastical chocolate factory.



ANNELIESE SCOTT Anneliese Scott is a fourth grader who is thrilled to be in her second MTVarts production, once again with her older brother and sister and many friends. She enjoys music, books, games, and movies. And candy. Lots of candy.



ASHLYNN SCOTT Ashlynn Scott is a homeschooling ninth grader appearing in her seventh MTVarts production. She enjoys reading, basketball, and being outdoors, and loves being on stage once again with so many of her best friends.



CHLOE SKILLMAN Chloe is a senior at the Knox County Career Center. This will be her eighth production with MTVarts. She was honored to be part of Little Mermaid Jr, Aladdin Jr, Alice in Wonderland Jr, and Lion King Jr. She has also been a spotlight operator for Beauty and the Beast, Bye Bye Birdie and the Wizard of Oz. She wants to thank you all for coming and hope you enjoy the show!



ROSIE STEMEN Rosie is entering the 4th grade. She does most of her school at home but enjoys music, art, & gym class at East Elementary. She has performed in other community shows and is excited for her first experience with MTVarts! She loves drawing, playing piano, baton twirling and gymnastics! She hopes you love watching Willy Wonka Jr!



WILL STEMEN Will Stemen is a 13-year-old homeschooler from Mount Vernon. This is his second performance with MTVarts. He enjoyed being in Alice in Wonderland and some Orange Barrel Productions. He has loved his previous

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experience with community theater and is excited to be a part of Willy Wonka Jr! He enjoys basketball, League of Legends and is an excellent sushi chef.



SAGE SZUCS Sage Szucs is an eighth grader at St. Vincent de Paul school. This is her third year with MTVarts and she's very excited to be a part of this show! Her favorite things to do are sing, dance, and play piano. She hopes you have a wonderful time traveling through the mysterious and magical world of Willy Wonka!



CARLY TRACEY Carly Tracey is going into 8th grade at Mount Vernon Middle School. This will be her 4th production with MTVarts. She loves to play the cello, video games, and watch Youtube videos. Carly's main hobby is to annoy her sister, Mia, who is also in the production. She loves school and is excited to be Grandma Georgina. Carly hopes that you enjoy the show just as much as she does.



MIA TRACEY Mia Tracey is a senior at Mount Vernon High School and is planning to be an art major. She has previously played Shenzi in The Lion King jr. She is very excited to play Candyman and step out of her comfort zone to sing and dance more than usual. Mia is often found drawing outside, swinging in her hammock or hanging out with her friends in her downtime. She hopes you enjoy the show! :)



SAMUEL WOLF This is Sam's second production with MTVarts and sixth show overall. This summer, you may have seen him flying around the Memorial Theatre as Nikko and a crow in The Wizard of Oz. In his free time, he likes to listen to music and hang out with friends. Sam is so excited to be performing with such a fun group of people and wants to thank his friends and family for their support. He hopes you enjoy the show!



AURALIE YODER Auralie is excited to be performing in Willy Wonka Jr! She is a freshman, at Mt. Vernon High School, who enjoys reading, dancing, singing, acting, and playing with her younger siblings. Her stage experience includes

school plays and appearances with MTVarts in Jungle Book Kids, Beauty and the Beast, Lion King Jr., and Annie Jr. Auralie wants to thank her parents and she hopes everyone enjoys the show!



ETHAN YODER Ethan is a 3rd grader at Temple Christian Academy. He is very excited to be in his 2nd MTVarts performance. Ethan's previous stage experience includes Red vs. Wolf, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and The Selfish Giant at TCA as well as Beauty and the Beast with MTVarts. Ethan likes baseball, piano, origami, Minecraft, and Harry Potter. He hopes that you enjoy the show!



KALYN ZAK Kalyn is an 8th grader at Mount Vernon Middle School. She has previously acted in Annie, Lion King, Little Mermaid, The King and I, Aladdin, The Miracle Worker, Alice in Wonderland, and Jungle Book. She also participated for five years in TaVac. Kalyn loves to write stories, make videos, and spend time with her friends. She is very happy to be part of this production and sends a big thank you to those who encourage her "dramatic" side.



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SERRA BARRETT Serra Barrett has a Master of Arts in Theatre and is enjoying working on her second MTVarts show, the first being The Wizard of Oz. She has also recently directed "Freaky Friday" and "The Lion, the Witch, and The Wardrobe" for MVNU.

LACEY BLUBAUGH Lacey has been singing and performing locally since the age of eight. She has participated in six MTVarts productions, and six MVCS musicals. Lacey is an Elite member and assistant teacher at TaVací School of Performing Arts where she helps teach vocal, choreography and stage presence. Lacey is a senior at KCCC and is dual enrolled at COTC where she is studying business.

FREDI BOCKOVER Fredi Bockover is a junior at the Columbus College of Art and Design where she studies Advertising and Graphic Design and Illustration, gives campus tours, and is an RA. She has loved being onstage for as long as she can remember, and some of her favorite past roles include Ursula Merkle in Bye Bye Birdie, Scuttle in the Little Mermaid Jr, Winifred in Once Upon A Mattress, and Iago in Aladdin Jr. When not onstage, Fredi adores listening to records, all things artistic & vintage, funky socks, puns, and wearing a hairflower every single day. She hopes you enjoy the show!

KRISTEN CAMPBELL Kristen is a first grade teacher at Twin Oak. This is Kristen's 6th production being part of the production team for MTVarts. She enjoys helping with the organizational tasks, but her real love is working with all the kids. She says she is always impressed with the talent of everyone involved and their excitement is contagious. She loves being part of the entire theater family!

RODNEY CHEEK Rodney has been seen on stage as Maude in Bye, Bye, Birdie, Juror #9 in 12 Angry Men, & Maurice (Belle's father) in Beauty and the Beast. He has also had roles in Patsy Cline, Lizzie Borden, and Sweeney Todd. Rodney has worked tech crews for many productions and events and currently serves as Promotions Director & Sound Coordinator for MTVarts and Bruce Jacklin Productions. He organized and traveled for 18 years in southern gospel quartets. He is also the stadium announcer for Mount Vernon High School football and girls basketball games.

YI-LIN ELI CHUNG Yi-Lin Eli Chung is a newcomer in Mount Vernon. Eli was born and raised in Taiwan. He came to the US in 2011 and received his Theatre M.A. from San Diego State University in 2018. Eli relocated to Mount Vernon, Ohio, shortly after graduation and was fortunate to be taken in by MTVarts as the Resident Dramaturg and Education Coordinator. Eli wants to thank his family and his partner, Christina, for supporting his dream of storytelling as a medium to foster understanding. His biggest dream is to one day tell Taiwanese stories to American audience, whose choices and attitudes influence the fate of his country.

IAN ERNSBERGER Ian is delighted to be back working with the ArtsIQ program! He has greatly enjoyed working with the Kids and Jr Productions as their acting coach. Ian would like to thank the cast and crew as well as his costar for life, Kate, for all of their work and support!



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KATE ERNSBERGER Kate loves living the theater life and working on the Arts IQ shows. She's grateful for MTVArts allowing her to indulge her theater habit. Favorite roles include Alice in Addams Family, Sister Amnesia in Nunsense, Mrs. Brill in Mary Poppins, Frenchy in Grease, Janet in Wally's cafe and Sunny in The Last Night of Ballyhoo. She'd like to thank the cast and crew for their hard work. Also, thanks to her family for their support, and to Ian for putting up with her. Enjoy the show!

RUTH FRADY Ruth Frady (Wig Mistress) is proud to be wig and hair advisor for the talented casts of "Willa Wonka Kids" and "Willie Wonka Jr." She is the wig mistress for MTVArts, managing an inventory of over 400 wigs and hair pieces. Ruth has worked as an actor on stage and film, as well as wig and hair designer, makeup artist, and costume dresser for numerous local productions over the years. Ruth was also drama director of ENCORE Teen Drama Ministry (Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene) for ten years and is a member of the Heritage Singers acapella group (Right Brain Productions) She and her musician husband, Jim Frady, reside in Mount Vernon.

HANNAH CHELLE FRYE Hannah "Chelle" Frye is a junior from MVNU where she studies Graphic Design. This is her third show with MTVArts having previously been Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz as well as an ancestor in The Addams Family. This is Hannah's first time Assistant Stage Managing.

SARAH GRATZ Sarah Gratz is a retired teacher, spending the better part of 35 years at Mount Vernon Middle School. Other interests are tending her gardens, classical music concerts, and participating in her grandchildren's activities. It has been a pleasure working with these fine young actors.

JOE JANCURA Joe is excited to join the MTVArts family. He has been the choral director at Clear Fork Valley Local Schools for three years as well as the music director/pianist for six of their musicals. Joe also performs locally with the Heritage Singers a capella group and as the pianist for the Knox Community Jazz Orchestra.

NANCY KEPHART Nancy Kephart (Technical Theatre Education) joined MTVArts last Autumn. She is Professor Emeritus in Theatre at Columbus State Community College where she served as Lead Instructor of Theatre for more than ten years and directed twenty-two plays for Theatre Columbus State. She was awarded Excellence in Directing by the Central Ohio Theatre Roundtable for Hellcab and again for Romantic Fools. She also was the recipient of the 2012 Harold Award for her contributions in promoting theatre in Central Ohio. At Columbus State, she taught theatre, playwriting, both the acting and technical practicums, script analysis, oral interpretation, communication and English courses. Now she's enjoying her retirement in beautiful Mount Vernon, working with the tech kids in Willy Wonka.

MARY KEPPLER Mary is excited to be helping with her first MTVArts production. Mary is a graduate of OSU and is a retired elementary music teacher with Mount Vernon City Schools. She has been part of the music ministry of Gay Street UMC for almost 40 years. Hobbies include reading, knitting, and sewing.

KERRI MAHAN Kerri Mahan is delighted to be performing on stage with her husband and her youngest son this summer. Her recent shows include The Addams Family, Bye Bye Birdie, How I Became a Pirate, Rooted: Stories of Knox County, and her dinner theater debut as the mischievous Sister Robert Anne in Nunsense. When not on stage, Kerri enjoys teaching math to 5th graders at Pleasant Street Elementary School. She is grateful to her family for their love and support.

SUSAN MORELAND Susan is happy to be back working with the ArtsIQ students this year. She serves as President of MTVArts and is Grandma to five fabulous grandchildren. Love and thanks to my husband Bob who puts up with all of my theater madness.



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KURT MUELLER This is Kurt's second show for MTVarts. His work was last seen in their production of A Raisin in the Sun. His work has also been seen in Newsies (Gallery Players), Into the Woods (Imagine), Matilda (Star Performance Academy) and Nighthawks (Red Herring.) He won a Theatre Roundtable award for light design in 2016 for Theatre Columbus State's The Diviners. He would like to thank everyone at MTVarts for such another fun and creative experience!

JESSICA SMARRELLA Jessica Smarrella is a fourth year Family and Consumer Science teacher at Danville Local Schools. In college, Jessica worked in the University of Akron Costume Shop where she was the student assistant wardrobe mistress for all of the Theatre and Opera productions. At Danville, Jessica is the costume mistress for all of the fall plays (Pride and Prejudice, Flowers for Algernon, Harry's Hotter at Twilight, Caf Murder, and Your Brain on Social Media) and spring musicals (Little Shop of Horrors, Aladdin, Bring It On, Wizard of Oz). Jessica currently worked with MTVarts last summer on their production of The Addams Family and the IQArts production of Annie Jr. and Annie Kids. Jessica would like to wish good luck to the cast and crew.

JANIS STONE Janis Stone has been the Volunteer Business Director for MTVarts since its inception in 2007. Her responsibilities include operational oversight to ensure stability and sustainability, a fancy way of saying pay the bills. Show people are her favorite kind of people and contributing to a thriving community is a dream come true. She lives in Mount Vernon with her husband Steve.

LAURA WEBSTER Laura Webster is a Knox County native who enjoys dance and has over 20 years experience. She has also won platinum and several gold awards during her dance career. Laura enjoys her theater family at MTVarts and she loves being part of an awesome group of volunteers. Laura has previously choreographed "Lion King Jr.", "The Addams Family", "Annie Jr.", "Annie Kids", The Wizard of Oz for MTVarts and "Nunsense" for Bruce Jacklin & Company. Laura is the 911 Operations Director for Knox County and resides in Mt. Vernon. Laura enjoys spending time with her family, and spoiling her dogs.



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