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**For Immediate Release**

**GARETH SNOOK**

**TO PLAY WILLY WONKA**

**IN THE UK AND IRELAND TOUR**

**OF THE NEW PRODUCTION OF THE SMASH HIT**

**ROALD DAHL'S**

**CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY**

**THE MUSICAL**

**Gareth Snook** will play 'Willy Wonka' in the forthcoming UK and Ireland tour of the new production of the West End and Broadway smash hit *Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - The Musical*.

The tour opens at **Milton Keynes Theatre** on **9 February 2023** following a Christmas season at **Leeds Playhouse** from **18 November 2022 – 28 January 2023**. The show is **coming to Theatre Royal Plymouth** from **07 – 17 June 2023**.

**Gareth Snook's** many West End theatre credits include Monsieur André in The Phantom of the Opera at Her Majesty's Theatre and also the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary production at the Royal Albert Hall, Les Misérables at the Palace Theatre, Sunset Boulevard and Made in Dagenham, both at the Adelphi Theatre, Aspects of Love at the Prince of Wales Theatre, My Fair Lady at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane and Assassins and Company at the Donmar Warehouse and Noel Coward theatre. He most recently appeared in Wise Children and Bagdad Café at the Old Vic. His other credits include



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the national tours of *The Full Monty* and *Martin Guerre*.

***Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – The Musical*** tells the devilishly delicious tale of young golden ticket winner Charlie Bucket and the mysterious confectionary wizard Willy Wonka.

When Charlie wins a golden ticket to the weird and wonderful Wonka Chocolate Factory, it's a chance of a lifetime to feast on the sweets they've always dreamed of. But beyond the gates astonishment awaits, as down the sugary corridors and amongst the incredible and edible delights, the five lucky winners discover not everything is as sweet as it seems.

Featuring memorable songs from the iconic 1970s film including 'The Candy Man' and 'Pure Imagination' as well as a host of new numbers, this sensational musical is choc-full of fantastical treats to dazzle your senses taking you to a world of pure imagination.

Based on the novel by Roald Dahl and the Warner Bros. film, **Charlie and Chocolate Factory - The Musical** has a book by **David Greig**, music by **Marc Shaiman** and lyrics by **Mark Shaiman** and **Scott Wittman**. It is directed by **James Brining** and designed by **Simon Higlett**.

The **Leeds Playhouse** production of **Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – The Musical** is produced by **Neal Street Productions & Playful Productions**.

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