

**Murray Avenue Theatre Arts 2011-2012**  
**Willy Wonka Jr.**  
***A musical based on Roald Dahl's 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory'***  
**Registration Form Instructions**

The Theater Arts Committee is pleased to announce that this year's Murray Musical will be Roald Dahl's *Willy Wonka Jr.* KJK Productions, led by Kevin J. Kearins, Producer and Artistic Director, along with his staff, will be casting and directing the musical. All students Grades 2-5 are welcome to participate. Space is limited to 160 children; there will be two casts, each cast capped at 80 students. Rehearsals will take place daily the weeks of 1/9-1/13 and 1/16-1/22 of 2012 (including MLK, Jr. Day); performances will take place Saturday, January 21, and Sunday, January 22, 2012.

**MANDATORY CASTING Grades 3-5:** Casting will be held on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> (snow date is Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>) in the auditorium. Cast A will meet 3:15-5:30pm; Cast B 5:45-7:45pm. Grade 2 students do not attend Casting Day.

Before casting, registered students will receive a music CD and lyric sheet that they can use to prepare for the casting date. KJK will provide piano accompaniment on casting day. All registered actors (grades 3-5) are guaranteed roles but will be evaluated on their willingness to participate, ability to follow directions, and on their singing, dancing and acting abilities. There are many great parts for both genders but children must be willing to spend the time to learn their assigned parts. Multiple students will share the major roles allowing every child to be a star!

**REHEARSALS:** Daily: Monday, January 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup> AND Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> to Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsal Times: Cast A: 3:15-5:30pm (approximate); Cast B: 5:45-7:45pm (approximate). Second graders will have shorter rehearsal times the first 7 days of rehearsal. School closures due to weather may affect the rehearsal schedule. Please mark your cast preference on the registration form. We will try to honor your preference, but cannot guarantee that your child will be placed in your first choice.

There will be rehearsal on Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> MLK, Jr. Day, even though there is no school on that day. **Attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory, no exceptions. We can not stress that enough.** Theater Arts is a "team" activity; if your child is absent, every child in their scene is negatively impacted. The two weeks of rehearsals are fun, yet demanding.

**PERFORMANCES:** Cast A: Sat. 1/21 at 2:30pm & Sun. 1/22 at 11:30am  
Cast B: Sat. 1/21 at 11:30am & Sun. 1/22 at 2:30pm

The performances will run approximately 1 hour with no intermission. Performers arrive 45 minutes before the show.

**COSTUMES:**

Costumes are generally provided by the production company, but you will be expected to provide some additional items for your child. There may be a nominal charge for certain costume items (i.e., wigs).

**SAFETY:** Your child's safety is our first concern. You will receive a code of conduct that you and your child will be asked to sign and include with the registration form. In addition, please discuss the following rules with your child:

1. Children must stay in the areas designated for rehearsal. If they need to go to the bathroom, they must be accompanied or excused by a parent volunteer. Any child found roaming the halls unattended might be dismissed from the production, without refund.
2. Any child who hits or threatens another child, or is generally disruptive or disrespectful to the staff and parental volunteers, will also be dismissed, without refund.

**COST and SCHOLARSHIPS:**

The cost to participate is \$125.00. **Please attach a check made out to Murray Avenue PTA.** Scholarships are available. Please contact Principal Monaco for more details. All scholarships will include four tickets to a show.

**REGISTRATION:**

Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. To be considered complete, each registration must (1) be mailed and postmarked on or after September 28<sup>th</sup>; (2) include a \$125 check made out to Murray Avenue PTA; and (3) include a Code of Conduct signed by parent and student. Your registration will be returned to you if any of these items are missing or if it is not postmarked as required. Registration forms must be received by October 31<sup>st</sup> to be considered. If there is still space available, we will run a "last call" registration in early December. Please complete a separate form for each child. **PLEASE REGISTER EARLY (but not before September 28<sup>th</sup>) – Historically we have filled all spots quickly!** Please note that full refunds will be given only up to the casting date. Mail the attached registration form to Sheelagh Thomson, 30 Emerson Road, Larchmont, NY 10538. **No hand-delivered forms will be accepted.** If you apply to Principal Monaco for a scholarship, you must still register by mail.

**COMMUNICATION:**

You will be notified by November 4<sup>th</sup> via email if your child is registered, and into which cast your child or children have been placed. Please provide your email address! Communication will be via email; if you don't have email, please check the PTA bulletin board and PTA website during the school year and note that on your form. **Have questions or want to help? Contact Sheelagh Thomson at [sheelaghtomson@msn.com](mailto:sheelaghtomson@msn.com).**

**Murray Avenue Theater Arts – Willy Wonka Jr.  
Registration and Release Form**

Register by MAILING this form to:  
Sheelagh Thomson, 30 Emerson Road, Larchmont, NY 10538

**In addition to this form, please include: (1) \$125 payment (check payable to Murray Avenue PTA); and (2) Code of Conduct signed by parent and student. Registration forms must be mailed and postmarked on or after September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011, to be considered. All applications postmarked before September 28<sup>th</sup> will be returned to you unopened. No hand-delivered forms will be accepted.**

**No other method of registration will be accepted. Registration is first-come, first served; space is limited, so register early (but not before September 28<sup>th</sup>). Please send your registration even if you are also applying for a scholarship. Please complete a separate registration form for each of your children.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ M or F (circle) Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade/Teacher in Fall 2011: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C/W) \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C/W) \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (C/W) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you do not provide emergency contact information your registration will be returned.**

Doctor's Name and Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Any allergies/medication/behavioral/health issues we should know about? (food allergies; needs inhaler, etc.)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Cast Preference:**     \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer my child to be in Cast A (afternoon rehearsals)  
                          \_\_\_\_\_ I prefer my child to be in Cast B (evening rehearsals)

*We will try to honor cast preferences, but cannot guarantee that your child will be placed in your first choice. Attendance at casting day and all rehearsals is mandatory.*

**T-Shirts:** All participants will receive a **FREE Willy Wonka Jr.** T-Shirt. Please note desired size:  
      \_\_\_\_\_M Child 10-12    \_\_\_\_\_L Child 14-16    \_\_\_\_\_S Adult    \_\_\_\_\_M Adult    \_\_\_\_\_L Adult

**DVD's:** Orders for DVD's of Cast A & Cast B performances will be taken in January.

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I have read and understood the above. I hereby give my child \_\_\_\_\_  
permission to participate in **Willy Wonka Jr.** and I release Murray Avenue, the Murray Avenue PTA, KJK  
Productions, Kevin Kearins and staff, and the parent volunteers from any and all claims from my child's  
participation and performance in **Willy Wonka Jr.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent signature)

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**No hand-delivered forms will be accepted; registration must be mailed and have a postmark on or after September 28<sup>th</sup> to be considered. Please make a copy of this registration form for your records.**

**Murray Avenue Theater Arts  
Code of Conduct  
and  
Agreement of Commitment**

We are pleased that your child will be participating in our Theater Arts program this year. In order to ensure that your child and their friends have a safe and fun experience, we are addressing this letter to the children and their parents and ask that you read it together in order to clarify the guidelines of the program.

Murray Avenue PTA makes this program possible through a contract with KJK Productions to direct and produce the show. In addition, parent volunteers help throughout the entire process to allow the rehearsals and show to run smoothly. This program would not be possible without the help of many parent volunteers. So, we ask that all parents explain to their children the importance of good listening. All children are required to demonstrate appropriate behavior at all times.

Agreement of Commitment

All participants must agree to attend EVERY rehearsal for the entire time (no exceptions) except in the case of illness.

Our conduct policy is as follows:

1. Children will receive a warning about inappropriate behavior by the Theater Arts coordinator.
2. Parents will receive a telephone call if the behavior or issue does not improve.
3. If the issues do not abate, the parent must agree to attend all rehearsals and performances or the child will be asked to leave the program.
4. If the child misses rehearsal for reasons other than illness, then KJK has the right to place another child in the part.
5. Children are asked to make every effort to have a working knowledge of their given lines, plus all songs including chorus numbers prior to the beginning of rehearsal and to have completely memorized all given lines and songs by Thursday of the first week of rehearsals.

We all recognize that these guidelines are for the protection and benefit of all in the community. Our signatures below indicate that we have read and accept the guidelines. We do understand that any breach of these guidelines will lead to the stated consequences.

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Student Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

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Date