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**SOUTH MILWAUKEE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER ANNOUNCES
Summer Youth Theatre *Willy Wonka KIDS* and *Alice in Wonderland, JR.***

(South Milwaukee, WI) – The South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center and the South Milwaukee Youth Theatre Program (SMYT) will present *Willy Wonka KIDS* and Disney *Alice in Wonderland, JR.*, fun and educational theatre programs. These programs help children and teens to be comfortable on stage and become more outgoing with their peers. To register your child, call our box office at 414-766-5049, Mon.-Thurs. 10am-4pm. Auditions are from 5-8pm, May 23rd for ages 5 through 11 and May 24th for ages 12 through 18. Pre-registration is required. For more information, visit www.southmilwaukeekeepac.org/youth-theatre.

Roald's Dahl's Willy Wonka KIDS (Actors ages 5-11)

The delicious adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Featuring the enchanting songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder and new songs by Leslie Bricusse (*Jekyll & Hyde*, *Doctor Dolittle*) and Anthony Newley. *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka* follows enigmatic candy manufacturer Willy Wonka as he stages a contest by hiding five golden tickets in five of his scrumptious candy bars. Whoever comes up with these tickets will win a free tour of the Wonka factory, as well as a lifetime supply of candy Filled with imaginative design possibilities, *Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka* will take audiences on a fantasy ride into the land of pure imagination!

Disney Alice in Wonderland, JR. (Actors ages 12-18)

Travel down the rabbit hole and join Alice, one of literature's most beloved heroines, in her madcap adventures. Featuring updated songs from Disney's thrilling animated motion picture, Disney *Alice in Wonderland, JR.* is a fast-paced take on the classic tale. The ever-curious Alice's journey begins

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innocently enough as she chases the White Rabbit. Her adventures become increasingly more strange as she races the Dodo Bird, gets tied up with Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, raps with a bubble-blowing Caterpillar and beats the Queen of Hearts at her own game!

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Ticket Information

Junior students 5-11 years of age will perform in *Willy Wonka KIDS* on July 16 at 1:00 and 6:00 pm. SMYT Senior students who are 12-18 years of age will perform in *Senior Alice in Wonderland, JR.* on July 29th at 7:00 pm, July 30th at 7:00 pm and July 31st at 2:00 pm. All performances will be held at the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, 901 15th Avenue, South Milwaukee.

Tickets are available at the SMPAC Box Office Monday-Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., by calling (414) 766-5049, or online at www.southmilwaukeekeepac.org. Tickets are general admission and \$8 for adults and \$5 for students.

About SMYT

The South Milwaukee Youth Theatre program creates a safe, respectful and collaborative environment for students to learn the values and life skills of teamwork, confidence, honesty, kindness, perseverance and responsibility through the production of high-quality performances. South Milwaukee Youth Theatre started in 1979 and has produced more than 40 musicals including , *Alice in Wonderland, Cinderella, Wizard of Oz, Sleeping Beauty, High School Musical, Robin Hood, Peter Pan, Music Man* and *Into the Woods*. SMYT hopes to bring a new variety of musicals to the community and give children a fun way to express their creativity through song and acting.



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About SMPAC

The South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center (SMPAC) provides the greater Milwaukee and southeastern Wisconsin communities with creative, innovative and diverse performing arts. Located on the South Milwaukee 6-12 campus, it serves the students of the city of South Milwaukee and provides professional services for more than 500 shows, performances, rehearsals and other events annually.

The South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center is located at 901 15th Avenue in South Milwaukee between College and Rawson Avenues. It is easily accessible from I-94 and 794. Free parking is located in the northwest parking lot. Patrons should enter door #9. For tickets or directions, call 414-766-5049. For more information about the South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center, visit southmilwaukeekeepac.org.

