Jonathan Slinger Named As New Willy Wonka

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Jonathan Slinger will play Willy Wonka in the West End production of Roald Dahl's *Charlie And The Chocolate Factory*, the role currently played by Alex Jennings.

Slinger's first performance will be on Monday 4 May 2015.

Roald Dahl's *Charlie And The Chocolate Factory* has quickly become one of the West End's most popular and successful stage musicals. It has broken multiple records at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, where it has been seen by over 1.25 million people since it opened in June 2013. It is currently taking bookings until 4 June 2016.

In a stage career spanning two decades, Jonathan Slinger has cemented his position amongst the foremost Shakespearean actors of the age. His extensive appearances with the Royal Shakespeare Company include the title roles in recent productions of *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Richard II* and *Richard III*; Malvolio in *Twelfth Night*, Prospero in *The Tempest* and Dromio and Puck in *The Comedy Of Errors*and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* respectively. His credits at The Globe include *The Maid's Tragedy* and *The Winter's Tale*.

Jonathan Slinger first appeared on the National Theatre stage in *Richard II* 20 years ago with subsequent credits there including *Power*, *The Duchess Of Malfi*and *The Coast Of Utopia*. Other theatre includes *Yes, Prime Minister* at Chichester Festival Theatre, *Uncle Vanya* at the Young Vic and *As You Like It* at the Royal Exchange Theatre. Last year, Jonathan made his musical theatre debut playing the role of Officer Lockstock in Jamie Lloyd's acclaimed production of *Urinetown* in London's West End.

Charlie And The Chocolate Factory is directed by Sam Mendes. Featuring ingenious stagecraft, the wonder of the original story that has captivated the world for 50 years is brought to life with music by Marc Shaiman, and lyrics by Scott Wittman and Marc Shaiman, a book by award-winning playwright and adaptor David Greig, set and costume designs by Mark Thompson and choreography by Peter Darling.

The Official Cast Recording album is available on Sony Records, on CD and download.

This world premiere musical is produced by Warner Bros. Theatre Ventures, Neal Street Productions and Langley Park Productions.

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Booking until 4th June 2016

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