

# **Production Meeting Notes**

Date: 4/8/16 Time: 11:30a-12:15p Location: Greene Theater

## General:

- 1. This year is the 100 year anniversary of Roald Dahl's birthday.
- 2. Content of this show is a little more on the lighter side, with light and engaging themes—a bit more warm and playful as opposed to past TYA productions.
- 3. The approach should be bright, sharp-edged, uptown, classy, and intelligent.
- 4. One of the themes is finding home, and developing a sense of community and family amongst the characters as they journey together.
- 5. Using the idea of scale across all design disciplines—possibly using a roll of turf, a volley-ball sized peach, and person-sized animals.
- 6. Using little toys and manipulating them onstage, similar to the toy theater tradition.
- 7. Time period is roughly 1950s.
- 8. Aiming to cast 9 actors.
- 9. Complete script (including p. 17) is available in the DropBox.
- 10. First Budget Meeting is scheduled for April 29.

#### Director:

1. Thank you for chatting with everyone about design ideas!

#### Scenic:

- 1. What is on the stage should serve a purpose—would rather have fewer things done well than lots of elements done halfway.
- 2. Potentially drawing from a production of "A Wrinkle in Time."
- 3. Please stay in close communication with Costumes and pass along renderings from "A Wrinkle in Time" to Emily.
- 4. Please see Production Mangement Note #3.

### Lighting:

- 1. Looking at circuses for inspiration—rotation and irising effects.
- 2. Please see Production Management Note #4.

#### Costumes:

- 1. No prosthetics at this point in time—all makeup.
- 2. Genders should be worn like costumes.
- 3. A body suit may be built for the actor playing Sponge.
- 4. Spiker and Sponge will have a more mod-60s vibe.
- 5. Insects will have a more wholesome 50s vibe.
- 6. Costuming Willy Wonka and Oompa-Loompas in a manner in which it is evident who they are, even though they have little stage time.
- 7. Wigs will be used.
- 8. Potentially using Sergeant Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band as inspiration for insects.
- 9. Please see Production Management Note #3 and Props Note #6.

#### Props:

- 1. Production Management is on the hunt for finding a puppet rental.
- 2. Possibility of having the puppets build in-house over the summer.
- 3. Maybe using a projector and 2D shadow puppets.
- 4. Puppets having a Bunraku style.
- 5. Puppets may be partially worn by the actors.
- 6. Puppets will have its own budget.

#### Sound:

- 1. Squishes of people getting rolled over by the peach.
- 2. Band will most likely not be visible.
- 3. Still working to nail down how many musicians in the band.
- 4. Discussed how sound changes as scale and perspective changes.



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- 1. Please stay in close contact with Stage Management regarding the scripts and CDs.
- 2. Please keep Stage Management in the loop regarding scheduling Designer Meetings.
- 3. Scenic and Costume prelims are due April 25.
- 4. Prelims are due August 12.

## Stage Management:

- 1. Please keep Costumes updated for when dance auditions are held so they can attend if so desired.
- 2. Please stay in communication with General Management regarding printing scripts before summer.

# **General Management:**

1. Please see Stage Management Note #2.