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Top: Alex Heying stars as Willy Wonka in the Lewis and Clark Theatre production of Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory. Heying also took on the additional role of designing and with the help of several assistants, constructing the set for the show. Bottom: Members of the squirrels (Carley Lafrentz, Aziah Clough, Lucky Miller, Willa Reimler, Colby Clouse, Bryn Kolborg, and Leila Schumacher) will be testing all the nuts in the show to make sure they are good enough for Wonka's candy.

The Candy Man Can!

Sweet News! 'Willy Wonka' Sets Up Shop At The Dakota Theatre Next Week

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"Who can take a sunrise, sprinkle it with dew, cover it in chocolate and a miracle or two? The candyman can."

LYRICS FROM THE CANDYMAN, WILLY WONKA AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY.

With sweet treats set to tickle the tastebuds of everyone, the Lewis and Clark Theatre's performances of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" are ready to take you on a fantastic journey into the world of Willy Wonka and Charlie Bucket.

Opening Thursday, July 28, the show will run the following three weekends, July 29-31, Aug. 5-7 and 12-14, with Friday and Saturday evening performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

"This is a fabulous musical that everyone will recognize from the movies," said director Keith Goeden. "To my mind, it is kind of a mix of the two movies — the original and the more recent Tim Burton version. No matter which version you prefer, you will see elements from both in the musical."

Originally written as a book by Ronald Dahl, the first movie premiered in 1971. It wasn't until after Burton's version came out that a stage version was written. "It is just a very fun produc-



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Maggie Downing (Veruca) sings about wanting everything now, during the LCTC Performance of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory."

tion," Goeden said. "We have a huge cast with 40 or so people on stage throughout the show. People will recognize the songs, and there are a few new ones as well."

Taking a huge role in the production is Alex Heying, who has a double role, both as Willy Wonka and set designer.

"This will probably be my last show at Lewis and Clark," Heying said. "So, I wanted to make sure it was a great one."

Heying is moving to San Francisco, Calif., where he will be attending the San Francisco Art Institute to study film production.

"It has been exhausting," he said. "Since 2004 I have been in shows every summer down here. This is the first time that I have been here volunteering during the day, putting the set together and then being here again for three hours at night rehearsing. It was a big time commitment, but I wanted to go out with a bang."

Heying said that while he has always enjoyed being in the LCTC productions, he wanted more creative control over this

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