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Nick Spinelli (L) and Jason Jani (R), part of Wonka's The Golden Ticket on Netflix

FREEHOLD, NJ, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- DJ Jason Jani, owner of New Jersey-based SCE Event Group, joins the cast of Wonka’s The Golden Ticket, premiering on Netflix September 23. Jani and DJ Nick Spinelli form one of 12 teams competing for what the show calls a “lifetime supply of money.”

Spinelli worked with Jani for 10 years at SCE Event Group. While many applied to join the series, only 12 people received the Golden Ticket, and each could bring one partner. Says showrunner Alison Holloway, “The contestants received a chocolate bar, but they didn’t know until the point at which they opened it whether there was a golden ticket inside.”

While Jani was DJing a wedding at Tillinghouse at Suneagles in Eatontown, NJ, Spinelli surprised him with the Golden Ticket and invited him to be his partner in the competition. “I’ve played over a thousand weddings,” recalls Jani. “Every one of them was somebody else’s moment. That was the first time in fifteen years the thing happening on the floor was happening to me.”

In this high-stakes reality competition, contestants navigate a series of temptations designed to challenge them physically, mentally, and morally. “As a team, we balance each other out, and we have the ability of working through anything presented and have a great time regardless of the situation,” says Jani.

Wonka’s The Golden Ticket features the recreated voice of Gene Wilder as Willy Wonka. With the consent of Wilder’s estate, the series honors the actor’s legendary performance that has

enchanted generations since the movie's release in 1971. The show also welcomes back Rusty Goffe to the Chocolate Factory in his reprised role as an Oompa Loompa.

Jason Jani: Distinguished DJ and Industry Educator

Jani is a high-profile event DJ and founder of SCE Event Group. His approach to entertainment is known for building intentional weddings, one-of-a-kind celebrations designed around a couple's story. "My job starts when the couple and I question everything. Why that entrance? Why that song? Why is that tradition on the list at all," explains Jani. "What stays, stays because it means something to you. What goes, goes without apology."

Continues Jani, "Then I build the night around what is left. Your story, your taste, your people, the music you actually love. The arc of the evening comes from who you two are, not from a running order somebody printed in 2011. The result is a wedding that could not be lifted and repeated somewhere else. Nobody else could have had your night, because it was built out of you."

Jani has entertained at more than 2,500 weddings, corporate events, and private events, sharing the stage with Cardi B, Diplo, Paul Oakenfold, DJ Jazzy Jeff, and DMC. His work includes the Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl party, Saturday Night Live pre-parties, and events for Martha Stewart, Jimmy Kimmel, and Nestlé. He has toured the world providing soundtracks for celebrities, companies, organizations, industry events, and weddings.

Since founding SCE Event Group in 2009, Jani has built it into one of the most recognized entertainment brands in the industry. He is credited with coining popular event industry terms like lightscaping. His YouTube channel is a prime education resource for DJs across the country, with over 100,000 subscribers. Jani is also a co-founder of The DJ Collective, an exclusive annual conference for top private-event DJs.

Cast details for Wonka's The Golden Ticket are on Netflix Tudum.

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