

THEATRE COMPANY

Tulare County Office of Education

Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools



Start preparing now for West Side Story Auditions

We hope you've heard by now that we have selected West Side Story to be our seventh annual summer musical. Auditions will be held in April, but it is never too late to start preparing. We are offering all interested students, grades 6-12, the opportunity to take part in two workshops. Read on...

Accelerated Dance Workshop

If you have little or no dance experience, taking this class will greatly improve your chances of being cast. Our goal is to take beginning and intermediate dancers quickly through basic ballet and jazz techniques and then to move into a more difficult and fast-paced class. We intend to progress beyond the levels of our past dance workshops.

This class will **not** culminate in a performance. It is merely intended to give new and returning students an opportunity to become better dancers. So why not give it a shot?

This class is free. Dance shoes are recommended (jazz shoes, lyrical sandals, ballet slippers). It will begin February 9, 2004, and will meet on Monday nights, 5:30 – 7:30, TCOE Elderwood Room, 7000 Doe Avenue, Visalia. The class will end on April 26, 2004. We have a large room and space for many more students to enroll.

The class will be taught by Nicole Zweifel. Nicole is the Theatre Company's Choreographer and has over twenty-five years of experience in dance and musical theatre. To sign up to be in the workshop, contact Nicole at the Theatre Company at 651-1482.

West Side Story – General Audition Workshop

As in years past, we are planning a workshop for interested students grades 6-12, in preparation for auditions for West Side Story. Please join us, for one night only:

Friday, March 26, 2004

5:30 p.m.

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7000 Doe Avenue

(Corner of Doe/Shirk)

Sycamore Room

Students will meet the director, Brian Roberts, and learn about the characters and become familiar with our audition procedures. They will be given the opportunity to ask questions.

This is the best way for any new and/or returning students to gain valuable knowledge, which will help them, give their very best audition.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Brian or Nicole at the Theatre Company, 651-1482 during normal business hours.

Announcing the Cast of “The Wizard of Oz”

Over forty students attended a three night workshop and a two day audition for the leading roles in our Spring workshop production of The Wizard of OZ. The directors were amazed at the level of talent displayed throughout the process. When adding these students to the kids who signed up to be Munchkins, Winkies and Emerald Citizens, we have come up with a cast of 85 youngsters from all over the County. We are glad to announce that the following students were cast in leading roles:

Dorothy – Kaitlin Loeb (Three Rivers)
Scarecrow – Jeff Prosser (Visalia)
Tinman – Ian Forsyth (Visalia)
Lion – Brad Boeve (Visalia)
Glinda – Lindsey Griffith (Visalia)
Wicked Witch – Teddy Oldenbourg (Lemon Cove)
Uncle Henry – Justin Barton (Visalia)
Auntie Em – Alexandria Aiello (Exeter)
Madame Marvella – Kaytee Smith (Tulare)
Emerald City Guard – Quinn Mainwaring (Exeter)
Wizard – Josh Cox (Visalia)

At this time, the casting is complete; however, we are taking a waiting list for students who wish to be considered should a position in the chorus become available. We are also signing up students who would like to be part of a “Behind the Scenes” workshop to help with props, sets, costumes etc.

The show will be performed during Memorial Day Weekend, May 28-30. Performance times are still to be determined. We hope you will join us.

The Callboard is a publication of the Theatre Company of the Tulare County Office of Education, under Superintendent Jim Vidak, and Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services Division, Pansy Ceballos. The Theatre Company is a program directed by Visual and Performing Arts Consultant, Brian Roberts. This publication is edited by Nicole Zweifel, Theatre Company Choreographer. If you have questions, comments or concerns about its content, contact Nicole at 651-1482

KNOW YOUR STUFF

Test your knowledge of trivia

This word literally means “goat song” because the ancient Greeks put on plays when they sacrificed goats.

Which leading role in the film version of the Wizard of Oz was originally to be played by Buddy Ebsen until he had an allergic reaction to the makeup?

Answers to last issue's questions, a jet fighter plane, ladies silk stockings, slap-stick

Welcome Our New Workshop Vocal Director

We feel very lucky to be adding Jonathan Hendrickson to our staff. This semester, he will act as our vocal director for the Theatre Company Performing Troupe, and the workshop production of the Wizard of Oz. In addition we are thankful to have him teaching an after-school vocal workshop in Exeter. Jonathan is a past performer with our program; he was featured in the barbershop quartet in our production of The Music Man in 2001. You may also remember him from his unforgettable performance as Monsieur Thenardier (*Master of the House*), in Golden West High School's production of Les Miserables, last year.

In addition to the work he is doing for our programs, Jonathan attends College of the Sequoias and plans to transfer to Fresno State to study computer engineering in a year or two. He is the workshop music director for Covenant Community Church and teaches private music lessons in (voice, piano, drums, guitar and bass).

He was recently cast as Francis in a production of Forever Plaid. You won't want to miss this one. The show is filled with quartet music from the 50's and 60's and Jonathan's role sings lead in the group. The production will run February 10-14, 2004 at the Fox Theatre and is produced by Harlan Hutson Productions. It is directed and choreographed by David Rosales and J.P. Christensen, owners of “The City” Performing Arts Academy.

THEATRE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ENCORE THEATRE CO
 324 South “N”, Tulare
 686-1300

Paint Your Wagon
 February 13 - 28

ENCHANTED PLAYHOUSE
 307 E. Main, Visalia
 739-4600

The Snow Queen
 February 6-21

**REDWOOD H.S.
 DRAMA DEPARTMENT**
 730-7735

Smokey Joe's Cafe
 January 29-31

**GOLDEN WEST H.S.
 DRAMA DEPARTMENT**
 730-7818 ext 127

Anything Goes
 April 22-24