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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Theatre Company to perform *Anything Goes* at L.J. Williams Theater this month Seven Shows Offered July 17-18 and 23-25, 2009

Visalia – The Tulare County Office of Education’s Theatre Company will present seven performances of Cole Porter’s classic musical *Anything Goes* beginning July 17. *Anything Goes* will star Central Valley Christian graduate Anthony Vander Schaaf as Billy Crocker and Mt. Whitney High School junior Makenda Bickmore as Hope Harcourt. Familiar songs from the 1934 musical include *Delovely*, *You’re the Top*, *I Get a Kick Out of You* and *Anything Goes*. The production of *Anything Goes* is the Theatre Company’s 12th annual summer production.

Cast members are currently rehearsing each afternoon at the Theatre Company’s facility at 7000 Doe Avenue in Visalia. “We strive to give students the widest variety of experiences,” says Theatre Company Director Brian Roberts. “In contrast to some past summer musicals, *Anything Goes* is a lighthearted romp which helps our actors build their comic skills.” Prior to rehearsals, many students also assist in constructing and painting the sets. At the shop operated by the Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education (TCOVE), teams work to build the many set pieces

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for the musical. “There is a tremendous amount of work that goes into these productions,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The great thing is that students participate in every facet. From acting, wardrobe and makeup, to set construction and production management, it’s a wonderful experience for them.”

Seven performances of *Anything Goes* will be held at the L.J. Williams Theater in Visalia. The theater is located at 1001 W. Main St., Visalia on the Redwood High School campus. Matinee performances will be performed at 2:00 p.m. on July 18 and 25. Evening performances will begin at 7:30 p.m. on July 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25. General admission tickets are \$10 per person and VIP seating is \$20 per person. Tickets are available at either of the Tulare County Office of Education’s Visalia facilities: 2637 W. Burrel Avenue (near the Tulare County Courthouse), or 7000 Doe Avenue, Suite A, (north of Goshen Avenue on Shirk to Doe Avenue), Monday – Friday, 8:45 a.m. - 4:45 p.m. Tickets will also be available at the L.J. Williams Theater box office one hour before each performance.

For information about the Theatre Company and the summer musical production, *Anything Goes*, call (559) 651-1482.

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