

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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### **Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Young People's Concerts begin tomorrow**

Visalia and Tulare events sold out; seats remain for students to attend Porterville concerts

**WHAT:** Since 1959, the Tulare County Office of Education and the Tulare County Symphony have partnered to bring symphonic music to the students of Tulare County. During the annual Young People's Concerts, students are treated to a live orchestral performance, coupled with lessons in music history and concert etiquette. Spanning seven separate concerts in Visalia, Tulare, and Porterville, the Tulare County Young People's Concerts are one of the oldest and largest youth concert programs in the nation. The Young People's Concerts are open to students in grades 3-8. This year, the symphony will perform a program entitled *Rodeos and Roundups* with music from composers Elmer Bernstein, John Williams, Aaron Copeland and others. Special classroom curriculum has been created for the program and seats are still available for the Porterville concerts on October 26 only.

**WHO:** Nearly 9,000 students from throughout Tulare County have registered to see the Tulare County Symphony perform one of seven concerts in Visalia, Tulare and Porterville. The Young People's Concerts program is designed to introduce students in grades 3-8 to live symphonic music and the string, percussion, wind and brass instruments they could play. Before each piece, students are told about the composition and some of the instruments or passages in the arrangement. Students also learn about proper concert etiquette. "It's a pleasure to support this important music education program," says

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Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “We appreciate the time and effort the Tulare County Symphony dedicates each year to introducing students to the wonderful world of musical instruments and live performances!”

## **Young People’s Concerts Schedule of Performances**

Visalia Area Schools: Tuesday, October 18 at 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

L. J. Williams Theater, Redwood High School, 1001 W. Main, Visalia

Tulare Area Schools: Monday, October 24 at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Tulare Community Auditorium, Tulare Union High School, 755 E. Tulare Ave., Tulare

Porterville Area Schools: Wednesday, October 26 at 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Buck Shaffer Theater, 415 W. Olive Ave., Porterville

Teachers interested in having their students attend either of the two Porterville concerts on October 26 are encouraged to contact Kate Stover, visual and performing arts staff development & curriculum specialist, for the Tulare County Office of Education, at (559) 651-1482.

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