

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Young People's Concerts begin October 24**

Limited number of seats remain for students to attend Visalia, Tulare and 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. Over 8,000 students from across the area attend each year. Spanning seven separate concerts and three different venues – 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. The Visalia concerts are offered October 24, the Tulare concerts are offered October 30, and the Porterville concerts will round out the event on November 1. This year, the symphony will perform *Musical Adventures*, with selections from film and television scores highlighting the program. Special classroom curriculum has been created for the program and seats are still available for each venue.

**WHO:** Over 8,000 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 to live symphonic music and the string, percussion, wind and brass instruments they could play. Before each piece, students are told about the composition

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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 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 24 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 30 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, November 1 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 the Visalia, Tulare or Porterville concerts are encouraged to contact Kate Stover, visual and performing arts staff development & curriculum specialist, for the Tulare County Office of Education, at (559) 741-0809.

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