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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tickets now available for Theatre Company production of *Aladdin JR* with shows November 15, 16 & 17

Four shows to be performed at LJ Williams Theater, 1001 W. Main, Visalia

This month, the Tulare County Office of Education will perform *Aladdin JR*. The musical is based on the 1992 Academy Award-winning film and the 2014 hit Broadway show about Aladdin, a street performer and thief who learns a moral lesson that his true worth lies deep within. Aladdin and his three friends, Babkak, Omar, and Kassim, are down on their luck until Aladdin discovers a magic lamp and the genie who has the power to grant three wishes. Wanting to earn the respect of Princess Jasmine, Aladdin embarks on an adventure that will test his will and his moral character. With expanded characters, new songs, and more thrills, *Aladdin JR*. is sure to delight Tulare County audiences this month.

The production has a huge cast of 100 students with another 40 young performers in a preshow production. The production also features a flying character. “Directing this show has always been a dream of mine,” said Theatre Company director Bethany Rader. “I loved the idea of picking a show where one of the lead characters is a strong woman who knows what she wants,” she said. “Jasmine is a good example for girls these days.”

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Mt. Whitney High School student Job Whetstone plays Aladdin, Allison Martin of El Diamante High School plays Princess Jasmine, and Redwood High School student Parker Chalabian plays Genie.

SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

L.J. Williams Theater, 1001 W. Main St., Visalia

Show Times

Evening Shows (7:00 p.m.): **November 15, 16, 17**

Matinee Show (2:00 p.m.): **November 17**

Show Ticket Information

\$10 preshow "Meet the Characters" passes

\$12 general admission

\$20 reserved seating

Tickets available at Visalia TCOE locations:

6200 S. Mooney Blvd. and 7000 Doe Ave.

Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

Cash or check only.

Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

Meet the Characters!

Children are invited to a preshow backstage experience that includes a visit with the fortune teller of Agrabah to learn the secret reason that the magic lamp ends up hidden in the Cave of Wonders! Children will meet Aladdin, Jasmine, and many others on their special visit. The cost is \$10 per child and includes a gift from the

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fortune teller's collection. Tickets for this separate backstage experience are available where general admission tickets are sold.

For information on the upcoming production of *Aladdin JR*, call the Theatre Company at (559) 651-1482.

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