

Tulare County Office of Education

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Media Advisory

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tickets now available for Theatre Company production of *Once on This Island JR* with shows April 11-13

Four shows to be performed at Rotary Theater, 330 S. Dollner St., Visalia

This month, Tulare County theatergoers have the opportunity to visit the Caribbean through a touching story of love and loss as told in the musical *Once on This Island JR*. The production is an original adaptation of Hans Christian Andersen's popular fairy tale, *The Little Mermaid*. Through almost nonstop song and dance, this full-hearted musical tells the story of Ti Moune, a peasant girl who rescues and falls in love with Daniel, a wealthy boy from the other side of her island. When Daniel is returned to his people, the fantastical gods who rule the island guide Ti Moune on a quest that will test the strength of her love against the powerful forces of prejudice, hatred, and even death.

In the opening number, the peasants describe their world – a world that is ruled by powerful gods and an island ruled by the wealthy "grand hommes." They explain that the peasants and the grand hommes belong to "two different worlds, never meant to meet."

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Last year, *Once on This Island* enjoyed a revival on Broadway, winning eight Tony awards.

The musical was created by the legendary Broadway writing team of Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty.

SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

Rotary Theater, 330 S. Dollner St., Visalia

Show Times

Evening Shows (7:00 p.m.): April 11, 12, and 13

Matinee Show (2:00 p.m.): April 13

Show Ticket Information

\$10 per person available now at:

6200 S. Mooney Blvd, and 7000 Doe Ave.

Monday through Friday during normal business hours. Cash or check only.

Tickets can also be purchased at the door or by phone by calling (559) 651-1482, ext. 3329.

Principal Characters

Ti Moune – Allison Hart, Redwood High School

Daniel Beauxhomme – Ali Pullom, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

Mama Euralie – Morgan LaLanne, El Diamante High School

Ton Ton – Job Whetstone, Mt. Whitney High School

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Little Ti Moune – Elle Pinheiro, St. Aloysius School

Asaka – Allison Martin, El Diamante High School

Agwe – Parker Chalabian, Redwood High School

Erzulie – Emilie Walker, Redwood High School

Pape Ge – John Piper, El Diamante High School

Andrea – Jessica Peters, Redwood High School

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