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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Tickets now available for Theatre Company's production of Disney's *Newsies*

Seven performances July 19-27, L. J. Williams Theater, 1001 W. Main St., Visalia, CA

Tickets are now on sale for the acclaimed TCOE Theatre Company's summer production of Disney's *Newsies*. Based on the New York newsboys strike of 1899, *Newsies* is a rousing tale of the good young people can do when they work together. The Theatre Company will offer seven performances July 19-27 at the L.J. Williams Theater in Visalia.

In 1899, Joseph Pulitzer of *New York World* and William Randolph Hearst of *New York Morning Journal* raised the cost of the papers charged to the newsies without increasing the price paid by the public, thus greatly reducing newsies' profits. On July 19, newsies gathered in New York's City Hall Park where they announced their strike. With the help of Katherine, a young reporter who shared their story, the newsies' cause received the attention of New York Governor Teddy Roosevelt.

"The newsies strike of 1899 shows the spirit, courage, and strength of young people who band together for a common cause," said Bethany Rader, Theatre Company director. "I believe it is for this reason that this musical has always been so special to me."

Newsies was a 2012 smash Broadway musical featuring a Tony Award-winning score. The production, which stars nearly 40 Tulare County students, is packed with high-energy dance numbers and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family.

SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

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

Evening Shows (7:30 p.m.): July 19, 20, 25, 26, and 27

Matinee Shows (2:00 p.m.): July 20 and 27

Show Ticket Information

\$15 general admission / \$25 VIP tickets available at Visalia TCOE locations: 6200 S. Mooney Blvd. and 7000 Doe Ave., Monday through Friday during normal business hours.

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Cash or check only.

Principal Characters

Jack Kelly played by Job Whetstone, Mt. Whitney High School

Davey played by Andrew Haagensen, Golden West High School graduate

Les played by Shane Bauer, Golden West High School

Katherine played by Jessica Peters, Redwood High School

Medda Larkin played by Allison Martin, El Diamante High School

Crutchie played by Solomon Stahl, Redwood High School

Joseph Pulitzer played by John Piper, El Diamante High School graduate

Governor Teddy Roosevelt played by Ryan Anders, Theatre Company alumni

plus a special guest appearance by Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Tim Hire

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

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