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Theatre Company's production of *Newsies* opens this week



The Theatre Company's summer production of Disney's *Newsies* is based on the New York newsboys strike of 1899. Opening 120 years to the day of the famous strike that brought public awareness to the economic struggles faced by the boys who sold evening and weekend newspapers, *Newsies* is a rousing tale of the good young people can do when they work together.

During the 1890s, the most common job for city kids was selling newspapers. Some newsies were boys with no families or homes who lived in tenement houses. Most newsies, however, had homes to return to at night. They attended school during the day and sold newspapers at night and on the weekends. Although some girls also sold newspapers, the newsies were primarily boys ranging in age from 8 to 15.

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 – electing officers, forming a committee on discipline, determining a strike strategy, and sending out delegates to spread the word to newsies in other parts of the city. 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 those reasons that this story has always been so special to me. The idea of children coming together for a common goal is very close to my heart because it closely resembles my job guiding and directing students in theatre.”

Newsies features a Tony Award-winning score by Alan Menken and Jack Feldman and is based on a production script by Tony Award winner Harvey Fierstein. Featuring the now classic songs *Carrying the Banner*, *Seize the Day*, and *Santa Fe*, *Newsies* is packed with high-energy dance numbers and a timeless message, perfect for the whole family. Based on a 1992 movie of the same name, the musical version of *Newsies* premiered at the Paper Mill Playhouse in New Jersey in 2011 and made its Broadway debut in 2012, where it played for more than 1,000 performances before touring.

For more information on the Theatre Company’s production of *Newsies*, call (559) 651-1482.

SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

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

Show Times

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

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

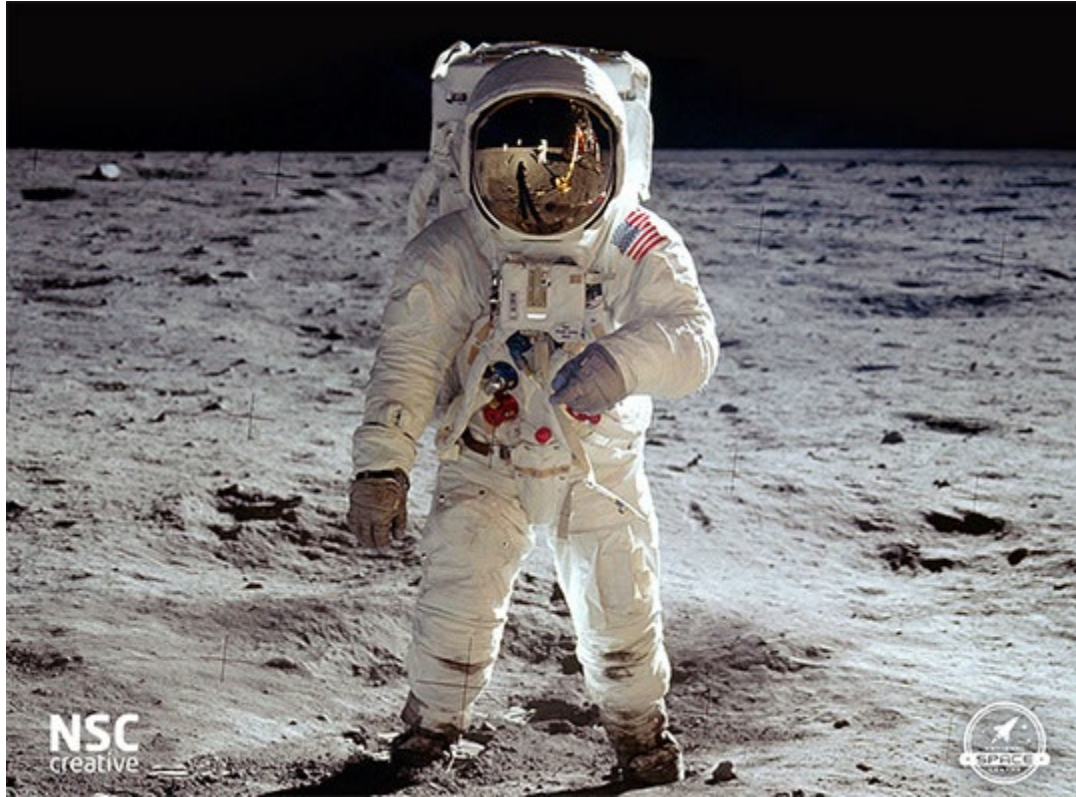
plus a special guest appearance by Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Tim Hire

Photos above:

~ Newsies is an award-winning Broadway musical based on the events of the Newsboys' Strike of 1899 in New York City.

~ Newsies features high-energy dance numbers integrated into a story about the positive change young people can accomplish when they work together.

Planetarium premieres Apollo space program documentary to celebrate the 50th anniversary of man's first walk on the moon



To celebrate the 50th anniversary of NASA putting a man on the moon, the Peña Planetarium will premiere a new program, ***CAPCOM GO! The Apollo Story***, on **Friday, July 19**, at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. *CAPCOM GO!* is an immersive, historical documentary that showcases the achievements of the Apollo program and what it took to put the first human on the moon. The program introduces a new generation to the immense challenges NASA engineers and scientists overcame, inspiring audiences to become the explorers, designers, engineers, thinkers and dreamers of the future.

CAPCOM GO! is suitable for audiences ages 6 and up, and runs 40 minutes. The planetarium is a 70-seat theater located in the TCOE Planetarium & Science Center at 11535 Avenue 264 in Visalia. Tickets are only available for purchase on the day of the show through the box office, which opens at 5:00 pm. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 11 and under. For more information, call (559) 733-6433.

California Center on Teaching Careers receives Technology Innovation Award



TCOE's **California Center on Teaching Careers (The Center)** has been given the **Technical Innovation Award** from the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association (CCSESA) as part of the organization's annual awards program. CCSESA recognized The Center for its work in developing numerous virtual job fairs during the 2018-19 school year and for creating an online application that matches teachers and interns with districts, county offices and/or credentialing programs based on the users' profiles and preferences. The Center provides teacher development and recruitment support through its lead center in Tulare County and satellite centers in Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Shasta, Sonoma, and Ventura counties. The goal of The Center is to increase California's teacher workforce, particularly in the recruitment of ethnically diverse and bilingual math, science, and special education teachers. To create a profile or learn more about an upcoming virtual job fair, visit CaliforniaTeach.org.

Photo above:

~ The California Center on Teaching Careers received a Technical Innovation Award partially for its work in developing virtual teacher recruitment fairs. The award was given by the California County Superintendents Educational Services Association.

New Leadership

Tulare County school districts welcomed several new superintendents for the 2019-2020 school year. Following the retirement of Randy DeGraw, **Dr. Paul Sevillano**, was promoted to lead the Farmersville Unified School District. **Heather Pilgrim** has moved from Pixley Union to Oak Valley Union School District to take the place of **Dr. Fernie Marroquin**, who became assistant superintendent of Business Services at the Tulare County Office of Education. The Pixley Union School Board has selected **Montgomery Dunbar** as the district's interim superintendent. **Courtney Castle** will lead the Saucelito School District and **Brian Hollingshead** has been promoted to superintendent at Tulare City School District following Dr. Clare Gist's retirement. **Dr. Tamara Ravalín** now leads the Visalia Unified School district as interim superintendent. At Waukena Joint Union School District, **Dr. Deanna Cardoza** takes over as superintendent following Terri Lancaster's retirement. **Dr. Donya Wheeler** has assumed leadership of The Academies Charter Management Organization, which operates Blue Oak Academy and Sycamore Valley Academy.

The board of directors of **ProYouth** has named **Dr. Marie Pinto** its permanent chief executive officer. Dr. Pinto, who retired as an assistant superintendent with the Tulare Joint Union School District last year, has been serving as the interim chief executive officer of the youth-serving organization since June. ProYouth operates expanded learning and STEM education programs for school-age youth in elementary, middle and high school at 48 school sites and community centers countywide.

Coming Up!

- **Newsies tickets on sale**
Tickets are available at TCOE offices on Mooney Blvd. and Doe Ave. for Theatre Company's summer musical, playing July 19-27.
- **July 19**
CAPCOM GO! The Apollo Story
Premiere showing at Peña Planetarium at 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.. Read the story above for details.

View more events at tcoe.org/CalendarofEvents.

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