

Theatre Company announces virtual spring programs



Last week, the Theatre Company announced its spring programs, including a variety of virtual workshops for dance, acting, and monologues. The Theatre Company also announced registration for two spring online musicals, *Our Father's Dragon* and *Dream Roles*.

Our Father's Dragon is an adaptation of the beloved children's fantasy book, *My Father's Dragon*, written by Ruth Stiles Gannett. *Our Father's Dragon* was written and will be directed by Theatre Company Choreographer Nicole Zweifel and will be performed by individuals and family groups of students recording videos at home. The individual videos will be edited into a final production to be broadcast on TCOE's YouTube channel in May. The production is open to Tulare County students in grades 2-12.

Dream Roles is an auditioned cabaret-style musical offered to Tulare County students in grades 6-12. Directed by Theatre Company Vocal Director Charlotte Garcia Da Rosa, this project gives participants the opportunity to perform the role of their dreams. Students will have the chance to sing, dance, and act moments from their favorite Broadway musical numbers, plus possibly direct, write, and choreograph their scene with guidance from the director.

Students are encouraged to register for the various workshop and performance opportunities soon as classes will fill up quickly. Visit tcoe.org/TheatreCo for complete registration information.

Educators invited to submit student work to expanded arts month program



March is California Arts Education Month and traditionally a time when the Mooney Boulevard administration building is full of hundreds of pieces of artwork and sculpture selected for the Best of Show art exhibition. Undeterred by the COVID-19 pandemic, event coordinators moved the annual Student Art Exhibition online (tcoe.org/ArtGallery) last fall.

To expand on Arts Education Month (AEM) in this unique year, Kate Stover, visual and performing arts curriculum specialist, has envisioned a virtual event that celebrates all of the arts that blossomed during the 2020-21 school year. Teachers are invited to submit examples of their students' work as actors, artists, dancers, filmmakers, musicians, and poets to be added to the online exhibition of 2D and 3D works.

"We are looking for photos, videos, audio recordings, films, poetry, and stories to highlight teaching and learning in all of the arts disciplines," Kate said. "Solo, group, and whole class work is welcome in dance, media arts, instrumental and vocal music, theatre, visual arts, and literary arts." In March, submitted artifacts will be showcased on a special TCOE Arts Education Month webpage at commoncore.tcoe.org/arts.

Teachers are encouraged to visit bit.ly/2021AEMCelebration for guidelines on registering and uploading their students' work. All submissions are due by February 17. For more information on the AEM project, contact Kate Stover at kate.stover@tcoe.org.

Distance Learning Resources

- [Arts All Around Us](#)
- [TCOE Learning at Home](#)
- [TCOE's Educational Resource Services Library](#)

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