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**The Music Man opens Friday at L.J. Williams Theater**



The TCOE Theatre Company's summer production of Meredith Willson's *The Music Man* opens Friday for a two-week run with seven performances.

*The Music Man* follows fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa, into buying instruments and uniforms for a children's band that he vows to organize. His plans to skip town with the cash are complicated when he falls for Marian, the librarian.

Once his con is uncovered, Harold faces being tarred and feathered by the townsfolk. Marian comes to his defense, reminding the angry citizens of River City how he gave their drab town a vision of a colorful future.



The mayor reminds the crowd of Harold's promise to teach the children to play, and as he demands to know where the band is, the children enter in uniform and line up with their instruments. Under Harold's direction, they begin to play a crude version of "Minuet in G." The townspeople, including the mayor, are all thrilled.

*The Music Man* is a six-time, Tony Award-winning musical comedy that has been entertaining audiences since 1957.

For more information about *The Music Man*, call the Theatre Company at (559) 651-1482 or visit [tcoe.org/TheatreCo/CurrentProductions](http://tcoe.org/TheatreCo/CurrentProductions).

### **SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES**

L.J. Williams Community Theater  
1001 W. Main Street in Visalia

### **Show Times**

Evening shows (7:30 p.m.): July 22, 23, 28, 29, 30  
Matinee shows (2:00 p.m.): July 23, 30

### **Show Ticket Information**

\$15 general admission / \$25 preferred seating  
Tickets available at Visalia TCOE locations:  
6200 S. Mooney Blvd. and 7000 Doe Ave.  
Monday through Friday during 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Cash or check accepted at Mooney Blvd. location

Cash, check, or credit cards accepted at Doe Ave. location  
Tickets may also be purchased by phone by calling (559) 651-3041

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## The Dream Center provides childcare support, Foster Youth wins state award

This month has been a busy one for TCOE's Foster and Homeless Youth Education Services.

In early July, The Dream Center hosted its first event that utilized the newly redesigned preschool area. Children of parents attending a Tulare County Child Abuse Prevention Council (CAPC) training used the preschool to work on social and emotional learning activities, fine motor skills, and interactive learning. They participated in activities designed to promote social skills such as sharing. The children also practiced mindfulness.

Last week, TCOE's Foster Youth Services Coordinating Program was recognized as one of four county offices of education to claim the top prize for highest completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) in the fifth annual California Foster Youth FAFSA/CADAA Challenge. Counties won based on their application completion rating within their size category.

In the final round, Santa Barbara County won for the very small county category with 88.9% of its high school seniors in foster care completing the FAFSA or CADAA, followed by Tulare County, which achieved a 100% completion rate in the small county category. Fresno and Riverside won the medium and large county categories, with 93.8% and 72.0% completion rates, respectively. Los Angeles County had the highest number of applications submitted, with 625 foster youth completing a FAFSA or CADAA.

Tulare County was awarded a total of \$1,000 after winning an [earlier round](#) of the challenge.



This year also marked the second time since the start of the Challenge that California foster youth have completed financial aid applications at a higher rate than their non-foster youth peers. In 2021-2022, 62.6% of high school seniors in foster care submitted the FAFSA or CADAA, exceeding the 57% rate for all high school seniors. This is a significant improvement from last year, in which only 55% of foster youth submitted federal and state aid applications, due mainly to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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