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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:
Theatre Company To Present *Rodgers & Hammerstein's
Cinderella* at El Diamante High School Theater in Visalia
Three Showings, Saturday and Sunday, February 25 – 26, 2006**

Visalia –The Tulare County Office of Education's Theatre Company will present a full-length musical production of Rodgers and Hammerstein's classic fairy tale *Cinderella*. The enchantment of this magical production has been adapted for the stage based on one of Rodgers & Hammerstein's hallmarks of originality and charm. Originally presented on television in 1957 – and starring Julie Andrews – Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* was the most widely viewed program in the history of the medium. The stage adaptation – with its great warmth and more than a touch of hilarity – will make the hearts of children and adults soar when the “slipper fits.”

The cast of *Cinderella* is comprised of middle and high school students from throughout Tulare County, who participate in annual Theatre Company workshops. The cast will perform three shows on February 25 – 26. Matinees will be shown Saturday, February 25, at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 26, at 2:00 p.m. Doors for the matinee shows open at 1:30 p.m. The evening show will begin Saturday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m., with doors opening at 7:00 p.m.

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“Our Theatre Company offers great opportunities for young people interested in all aspects of theater arts – singing, acting, dance and set production,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “Under the direction of Brian Roberts and choreographer Nicole Zweifel, these students achieve phenomenal results. Just as with our big summer productions, until you’ve seen one of these performances, it’s tough to describe just how amazing they are.”

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance from either the Theatre Company at 7000 Doe Avenue, Building 300, Visalia, or at the Tulare County Office of Education at 2637 West Burrel in Visalia. General admission tickets are \$5 per person. The El Diamante Theatre is located on the high school campus at 5100 Whitendale Avenue in Visalia. For information, call the Theatre Company at 651-1482.

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