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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Theatre Company to Perform *Cats* at L.J. Williams Theater This Month Seven Shows Offered July 20-21 and 26-28, 2007

Visalia – This month, the Tulare County Office of Education's Theatre Company will present a major production of *Cats*, the award-winning musical composed by Andrew Lloyd Webber and based on *Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats* and other poems by T. S. Eliot. The show has been performed around the world in numerous productions and has the distinction of being one of the longest-running shows to play on Broadway.

Seven performances of this ambitious musical will be held at the L.J. Williams Theater in Visalia — two Saturday matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. July 21 and 28, and five evening performances at 7:30 p.m. on July 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28. The production of *Cats* marks the tenth summer musical performed by the Theatre Company since its creation by Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

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“We are so very proud of the Theatre Company’s growth over the past ten years and the experience the program affords young performers throughout the county,” says Mr. Vidak.

“Students grow tremendously through their involvement in these extraordinary productions – whether they are dancing, acting and singing or building the sets, helping with costumes or marketing the show.”

Currently, Theatre Company students are involved in afternoon rehearsals at the Tulare County Office of Education’s Doe Avenue Complex in Visalia.

Tickets are available for \$8 for general admission seating and \$20 for VIP seating at either Tulare County Office of Education facility in Visalia: 2637 West Burrel (near the Tulare County Courthouse), or 7000 Doe Avenue (north of Goshen Avenue on Shirk). Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

For information about the Tulare County Office of Education, please call the Public Information Office at (559) 733-6606 or visit www.tcoe.org. For additional information about Theatre Company and the summer musical production, *Cats*, call (559) 651-1482.

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