

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Theatre Company to present *Hello, Dolly!* July 21-22 & 27-29 Seven shows to be performed at L.J. Williams Theater, 1001 W. Main St., Visalia

This month, the Theatre Company is preparing to perform *Hello, Dolly!* – its 20th summer production since the founding of the program. “The timing of our production couldn’t be better,” said Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The revival of *Hello, Dolly!* is on Broadway this summer and stars Bette Midler. For theater lovers who can’t make the trip to New York, we’ll offer a production equally as entertaining and perhaps even more meaningful as they watch a future generation of Broadway stars!”

Hello, Dolly! was composed by Jerry Herman and opened on Broadway in 1964, winning 10 Tony Awards – a record it held with *South Pacific* for over 30 years. The Theatre Company production will feature over 50 Tulare County students, including Redwood High School graduate Kaley McConnaughey, who plays the larger-than-life Dolly.

Hello, Dolly! will be directed by Bethany Rader, the Theatre Company’s new director. “Since this is a new show for the Theatre Company and my first show as director, I have been so impressed by the cast,” she said. “The production pace is unbelievable – with only five weeks to prepare the show, which has a tremendous amount of difficult musical, dance and character development work. Yet, the cast seems to take it all in stride, working so hard at making our vision come to life! It is truly an honor to work with these students.”

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SCHEDULE OF PERFORMANCES

L.J. Williams Theater, 1001 West Main Street, Visalia

Show Times

Evening Shows (7:30 p.m.): July 21, 22, 27, 28 and 29

Matinee Shows (2:00 p.m.): July 22 and 29

Show Ticket Information

\$15 general admission / \$25 VIP tickets

available at Visalia TCOE locations beginning July 6:

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.

Principal Characters

Dolly Gallagher Levi played by **Kaley McConnaughey**

Horace Vandergelder played by **Tristan Beck**

Cornelius Hackl played by **Michael McFadden**

Barnaby Tucker played by **Alex Rozier**

Irene Molloy played by **Carissa Gonzales**

Minnie Fay played by **Emilie Walker**

Ambrose Kemper played by **Zach Glasgow**

Ermengarde played by **Mikayla Hays**

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Ernestina played by **Hayley Nelson**

Rudolph Reisenweber played by **Javi Camacho**

Mrs. Rose played by **Deyzha Gonzales**

For information on the upcoming production of *Hello, Dolly!*, call the Theatre Company at (559) 651-1482.

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