

# Tulare County Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*

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## **For Immediate Release**

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### **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Theatre Company Holds Enrollment for Spring Workshops And Auditions for Performing Troupe December 10, 2001**

Tulare County Office of Education's Theatre Company is pleased to announce enrollment for its next series of performance workshops. Several after-school workshops are offered to teach students the basic elements of theatre arts. A beginning tap-dance class is also offered for students in grades 6-12, who may be interested in auditioning for the Theatre Company's summer 2002 musical *Me and My Gal*. The Theatre Company is also holding auditions for its Performing Troupe, which will represent the group at community functions!

#### **After-School Musical Theatre Training Workshops**

The new after-school workshops are designed to teach students, grades 1-12, the basic elements of theatre arts, including singing, dancing and acting as well as some theatre history and elements of technical theatre. This program is open to all Tulare County students; there is no experience or audition necessary. Students will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis. To obtain a copy of the registration form, or for more information, please contact the Theatre Company at 651-1482. Workshop classes will begin the second week of January for the following student groups:

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## **WORKSHOP SCHEDULE**

Age Group	Class Day/Time
1 <sup>st</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade	Thursdays 4:15 - 5:15 pm
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Fridays 4:00 - 5:30 pm
7 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> grade	Thursdays 5:30 - 7:00 pm
6 <sup>th</sup> - 12 <sup>th</sup> grade Beginning Tap	Thursdays 7:00 – 8:00 pm

## **Performing Troupe**

The Theatre Company is seeking students interested in auditioning for its performing troupe. Auditions will be held Monday, December 10, at 3:30 in the Elderwood room at the Office of Education's Doe Avenue Complex in Visalia. Ten to twenty-five students from throughout Tulare County will be chosen to represent the Theatre Company at various community and statewide events. Students selected for the troupe should be prepared to make a one-semester commitment. Rehearsal for the troupe is tentatively scheduled for Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 pm, depending on the schedules of the students selected.

Students, grades 1 – 12, who want to be considered for the Performing Troupe, should prepare a piece of music for a vocal audition. Students are encouraged to wear dance or athletic shoes and comfortable clothing. Please contact the Theatre Company at 651-1482 before the audition for sheet music, as an accompanist will be provided. As an option, students may bring their own sheet music.

“These workshops and the new Performing Troupe have expanded the opportunities for Tulare County students to participate in theatre arts,” says County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “I’m pleased we can offer both learning and performance opportunities to students of all ages and levels of expertise!”

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The Theatre Company of the Tulare County Office of Education is also pleased to announce that it will be holding a "Winter Showcase" on Sunday December 2nd, 6:00 p.m. at the Rotary Theatre in Visalia. The Winter Showcase is a recital of the collected works of the various workshops that the Theatre Company has taught this semester. Students from throughout the county will perform musical numbers, narration and monologues to illustrate some of the techniques they have learned in their classes. The performers range in age from 5 to 18 years old. Tickets are \$5 and seating is very limited. For more information call Nicole Zweifel at 651-1482.

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