TCOE
THEATRE COMPANY

Tulare County Office of Education
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TCOE Theatre Company presents
the **2026** Summer Production of

Big Fish

A NEW BROADWAY MUSICAL

Book by
John August
Music & Lyrics by
Andrew Lippa
Based on the novel
BIG FISH by Daniel Wallace
& **Columbia Pictures** film
screenplay by John August

July 17, 18,
July 23-25

Daily evening shows at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday matinee shows at 2:00 p.m.

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Director's Note

Thank you so much for coming.

I am so proud of this cast and the way they have tackled this material. They have come together as a wonderful group that is taking care of each other and holding each other up. When you work on a show with challenging material, it is so important that the cast can come together and unite as one to tell such an epic tale.

To the production team, thank you for all the support and tireless amounts of energy you put into this show. We do it because we want your students to grow and learn and be the absolute best they can be. This team never stops wanting every single one of your students to be their absolute best on that stage.

It's about fathers and sons, but it also starts with love. How we show it. How we feel it. How we reflect on it. We hope you can see that in this production we have shown you today. We also hope you take some of that love out into the world with you.

~Bethany

Musical Numbers

ACT ONE

"Prologue"
Edward, Will

"Be The Hero"
Edward, Ensemble

"I Know What You Want"
The Witch, Edward, Coven

"Just Take Another Look"
Josephine

"Stranger"
Will

"Two Men In My Life"
Sandra

"Ashton's Favorite Son"
Jenny Hill, Townsfolk

"Out There On The Road"
Edward, Karl, Jenny Hill, Townsfolk

"Little Lamb from Alabama"
Sandra, Friends

"Time Stops"
Edward, Sandra

"Closer to Her"
Edward, Amos, Circus Folk

"Daffodils"
Edward, Sandra

Musical Numbers

ACT TWO

"Red, White, and True"
Sandra, Edward, Ensemble

"Fight The Dragons"
Edward, Young Will

"Showdown"
Will, Edward, Ensemble

"I Don't Need A Roof"
Sandra

"Start Over"
Edward, Don Price, Amos, Karl, Ensemble

"What's Next"
Will, Edward, Ensemble

"How It Ends"
Edward

"The Procession"
Ensemble

"Be The Hero Reprise"
Will

Cast List

Edward Bloom.....Leo Paez
Sandra.....Erin McDonnell
Will.....Connor West
Young Will.....Camden Grissom
Josephine.....Diana Padilla*
The Witch.....Leah Hansen
Karl.....Nicholas Simpkins
Amos Calloway.....Matthew Cole*
Jenny Hill.....Allison Plumlee*
Don Price, Red Fang.....Dumisani Mason*
Zacky Price.....Lincoln Graves*
Alabama Lambs.....Ellie Berra,* Fiona Briggs,*
.....Elyse Johnson, Ella Marshall, Eleanor Ray, Calvary Sears
Dr. Bennett.....Catherine Weigel
Fisherman.....Eli Peters*
Mayor.....Amelia Ledgerwood
Mermaid.....Calvary Sears
General Patterson.....Carter Sullivan*
Will's Son, Scout.....Lily Gonzalez*

*indicates understudy or swing for another role

Ensemble

Precious Aguinaldo, Lottie Benton, Ellie Berra, Fiona Briggs, Jazlene Cano, Hannah Cole, Matthew Cole, Zoe Galvan, Sofia Garrett, Lincoln Graves, Elizabeth Haley, Leah Hansen, Mack Haynes, Clark Herrema, Jack Howard,* Elyse Johnson, Amelia Ledgerwood, Ella Marshall, Ella McAllister, Rachel McDonald, Emily Ogden, Diana Padilla, Karuna Perry, Eli Peters, Allison Plumlee, Charlie Ray, Eleanor Ray, Calvary Sears, Lily Simpkins, Carter Sullivan, Zoeey Vasquez, Maddox Verissimo, Catherine Weigel, Daisy Williams*

Understudy for Edward Bloom.....Matthew Cole
Understudy for Sandra.....Diana Padilla
Understudy for Will.....Eli Peters
Understudy for Young Will.....Lily Gonzalez
Understudy for Josephine.....Fiona Briggs
Understudy for The Witch.....Allison Plumlee
Understudy for Karl.....Carter Sullivan
Understudy for Amos Calloway.....Dumisani Mason
Understudy for Jenny Hill.....Ellie Berra
Understudy for Don Price, Red Fang.....Lincoln Graves
Understudy for Zacky Price.....Jack Howard
Understudy for Scout.....Daisy Williams

CAST PHOTOS



Precious Aguinaldo
2026 Graduate
University Preparatory



Lottie Benton
8th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Ellie Berra
11th grade
Porterville High



Fiona Briggs
11th grade
University Preparatory



Jazlene Cano
11th grade
El Diamante High



Hannah Cole
8th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Matthew Cole
11th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Zoe Galvan
8th grade
Ridgeview Middle School



Sofia Garrett
8th Grade
Ridgeview Middle School



Lily Gonzalez
3rd grade
Elbow Creek Elementary



Lincoln Graves
2026 Graduate
University Prep High



Camden Grissom
4th grade
Garden Elementary



Elizabeth Haley
11th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Leah Hansen
2026 Graduate
El Diamante High



Mack Haynes
9th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Clark Herrema
8th grade
St. Paul's School



Jack Howard
9th grade
Homeschool



Elyse Johnson
11th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Amelia Ledgerwood
11th grade
Homeschool



Ella Marshall
8th grade
Ridgeview Middle School



Dumisani Mason
2026 Graduate
University Preparatory



Ella McAllister
8th grade
Sundale Elementary



Rachel McDonald
8th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Erin McDonnell
2026 Graduate
Redwood High



Emily Ogden
2026 Graduate
Homeschool



Diana Padilla
2026 Graduate
El Diamante High



Leo Paez
2026 Graduate
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Karuna Perry
2026 Graduate
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Eli Peters
11th grade
Redwood High



Allison Plumlee
2026 Graduate
Harmony Magnet



Charlie Ray
6th grade
Oak Grove Elementary



Eleanor Ray
8th grade
Ridgeview Middle School



Calvary Sears
9th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Lily Simpkins
6th grade
Mission Valley Elementary



Nicholas Simpkins
11th grade
University Prep High



Carter Sullivan
8th grade
Ridgeview Middle School



Zoeey Vasquez
8th grade
Valley Life Charter



Maddox Verissimo
8th grade
Ridgeview Middle School



Catherine Weigel
2026 Graduate
University Prep High



Connor West
11th grade
Redwood High



Daisy Williams
6th grade
Annie R Mitchell Elementary

Production Staff

Director.....Bethany Rader
Vocal Director.....Charlotte Garcia Da Rosa
Choreographer.....McKenna Friend-Hoffman
Stage Managers.....Cade Gann, Katie Peters
Costume Designer.....Mandy Marshall
Scenic Designer and Construction.....Ryan Anders, Montserrat Lopez
Technical Director and Special Effects.....Conan Palmer
Media and Projection Designer.....Craig Alameda
Conductor.....Kevin Odell
Rehearsal Accompanist.....Rod Henczel
Lighting Designers.....Josh Jimenez, Wyatt Hartman
Sound Designer.....Nels Herring
Projections Operator.....Rebecca Acevedo
Hair and Makeup Design.....Abigail Cantu, Charlotte Garcia Da Rosa
Stunt and Combat Consultants...Becca Coffey-Godfrey, Cade Gann
Wardrobe Assistants.....Wendy Culbreth, Allison Gonzalez,
.....Debbie Howison, Will Marshall, Racheal Ray
Props and Decorations.....Cade Gann, Katie Peters
Lighting Board Operator.....Katy Robles
Spotlight Operator.....Joseph Da Rosa
Student Spotlight Operator.....Isabella Barycki
Student Prop Master.....Fiona Briggs
Student Dance Captains.....Ellie Berra, Dumisani Mason
Student Section Leaders.....Matthew Cole, Lincoln Graves,
.....Emily Ogden, Diana Padilla
Student Costume Assistant.....Amelia Ledgerwood
Student Social Media Ambassadors...Elizabeth Haley, Allison Plumlee
Student Production Assistant.....Eli Peters
Lobby Design.....Salma Gill, Tulare County Theatre Boosters
Publicity.....Robert Herman, Nayirah Dosu

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Big Fish Orchestra

Conductor
Kevin O'Dell

Keyboard/Rehearsal Piano.....Rod Henczel
Keyboard.....Adam Long
Reeds.....Michelle Donald
Reeds.....Mario Marquez
Horn.....Robert Whitfield
Trumpet.....Dan Pena
Violin.....Ricky Avila
Violin.....Elijah Avila
Viola.....Chris Allen
Cello.....Zach Glasgow
Guitar.....Trevor Kubose
Bass.....Cheryl Buckley
Drums.....Joey Hernandez

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- Classes in acting, singing, and dancing,
- Auditions and performance opportunities,
- Our traveling *OnStage* program,
- Student scholarships and college preparation,
- Educational resources for districts and teachers,
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