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Tickets on sale now for Theatre Company's summer production of *Into the Woods*



Tickets are now available online for the Theatre Company's production of the award-winning Broadway musical, *Into the Woods*.

The musical intertwines the plots of several Brothers Grimm fairy tales, exploring the consequences of the characters' wishes and quests. The main characters are taken from "Little Red Ridinghood," "Jack and the Beanstalk," "Rapunzel," "Cinderella," and other stories.

"This show felt very timely, considering the world we live in post-COVID," said Bethany Rader, Theatre Company director. "It is so important for our students - our actors - to know that despite darkness, there is always light ahead. *Into the Woods* may have dark, melancholy themes but it is a reminder that life will be OK even without a 'happily ever after' and there are people always willing to rally around you."

*Into the Woods* will be performed eight times at the Rotary Theatre in Visalia. Evening shows will be offered July 20, 21, 22, 27, 28, and 29 – beginning with a preshow at

7:00 p.m. A matinee show will be held Saturdays, July 22 and 29 – each beginning with a preshow at 1:00 p.m.

All ticket sales will be conducted online and shows are expected to sell out. Tickets are \$17.00 for general admission and \$10.00 for Tulare County students (grades 1-12) with a valid ID. To purchase tickets, visit [tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Tickets](https://tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Tickets).

## **PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS**

**Narrator** – Dean Johnson, 11th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

**Cinderella** – Ruthie Espinoza, 11th grade, Homeschool

**Jack** – Matt Cole, 9th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

**Jack's Mother** – Caitlin Plumlee, 12th grade, Harmony Magnet Academy

**Baker** – Brennan Church, 2023 graduate, Golden West High School

**Baker's Wife** – Kathy Gonzales, 12th grade, Redwood High School

**Cinderella's Stepmother** – Arianna Bedrosian, 12th grade, Tulare Western High School

**Florinda** – Katy Robles, 11th grade, Redwood High School

**Lucinda** – Ellie Fairbanks, 12th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

**Cinderella's Father** – Zion Sears, 11th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

**Little Red Ridinghood** – Leah Hansen, 10th grade, Immanuel Schools

**Witch** – Rachel Espinoza, 12th grade, Homeschool

**Cinderella's Mother** – Cara Haley, 12th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

**Mysterious Man** – Fischer Campbell, 12th grade, Golden West High School

**Wolf** – Jacob Lucio, 12th grade, Redwood High School

**Granny** – Emma Buckley, 11th grade, Redwood High School

**Rapunzel** – Angelina Nichols, 12th grade, Redwood High School

**Rapunzel's Prince** – Samuel Edwards, 12th grade, Harmony Magnet Academy

**Cinderella's Prince** – Leo Paez, 10th grade, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center

**Steward** – Joseph Da Rosa, 11th grade, University Preparatory High School

**Giant's Voice** – Jaymee Meier, 11th grade, University Preparatory High School

**Snow White** – Citlali Gomez, 2023 graduate, Golden West High School

**Sleeping Beauty** – Katie Peters, 12th grade, Redwood High School

**Milky White** – Lincoln Graves, 10th grade, University Preparatory High School

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## AcCEL program specialist, Jon Zaino, named program manager for Porterville area

Jon Zaino has been promoted to program manager for Special Services's AcCEL Program in the Porterville area. Zaino will oversee 17 programs in Porterville, Lindsay, Strathmore, and Terra Bella – including special day classes at elementary, middle, and high school sites, three Community Based Instruction Classrooms, and the L.B. Hill Learning Center.



"A great leader is one who possesses a clear vision, has integrity, is honest, and is willing to walk alongside their team through the good, the tough, and the bad," said Tammy Bradford, assistant superintendent of Special Services. "Jon not only embodies these characteristics, but I truly believe he makes each decision in the best interest of his students because they are the reason he chose to serve children with special needs."

Zaino has served as an AcCEL teacher and program specialist for the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE) for 11 years. His classroom experience includes teaching for nine years in Tulare programs – first at Wilson Elementary School, followed by one year at Mission Oak High School. Last year he was a program specialist, assisting the AcCEL program managers in Visalia and Porterville. Prior to joining TCOE, Zaino served for six years as a preschool special education teacher with Kings County Office of Education.

Zaino, who holds a Bachelor of Science in kinesiology and a Master of Arts in special education, also holds credentials in early childhood special education, special education moderate/severe disabilities, and an administrative services credential. While working

in Tulare, he assisted in organizing the Special Olympics events for the past two years. He was also the boys basketball coach at Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia from 2008 until 2021, serving as head coach from 2014 from 2021.

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