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Tickets on sale now for Theatre Company's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*

Tickets are now available online for the Theatre Company's production of *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*. The production stars 80 students in grades 3-12 and will be performed November 20-22 at Rotary Theater in Visalia.

"The Theatre Company is very excited to bring *Joseph* back to the stage after 10 years," said Charlotte Garcia Da Rosa, the director of this fall's production. "We first performed the show in 2015 at LJ Williams. So, you can say that our 2025 cast is the show's 10th anniversary cast! This is also my first time directing a title I have staged before with our company, and I am very excited to bring new concepts to the show. Audiences can look forward to a very talented, high energy dancing, fantastic singing cast of 80 Tulare County students with fresh new visual and lighting design from the Stage and Space Collaborative."

One of the most enduring shows of all time, *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* is a reimagining of the Biblical story of Joseph, his father Jacob, 11 brothers, and the coat of many colors.

Told through song, the musical follows the preferred son Joseph. After being sold into slavery by his brothers, he ingratiates himself with Egyptian noble Potiphar, but ends up in jail after refusing the amorous advances of Potiphar's wife. While imprisoned, Joseph discovers his ability to interpret dreams, and he soon finds himself in front of the mighty but troubled, Elvis-inspired, Pharaoh. Joseph's solution to Egypt's famine elevates him to Pharaoh's right-hand man and reunites him with his family.

The magical musical is full of catchy songs in a variety of styles, from a parody of French ballads ("Those Canaan Days"), to country-western ("One More Angel in Heaven") and calypso ("Benjamin Calypso"), along with the unforgettable classics "Any Dream Will Do" and "Close Every Door."

Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat will be performed at 7:00 p.m. on November 20, 21, and 22 at Rotary Theater in Visalia. There will also be a matinee show on Saturday, November 22 at 2:00 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.

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS

Narrator — Ella Marshall, Ridgeview Middle School, 8th grade
Narrator — Erin McDonnell, Redwood High School, 12th grade
Narrator — Diana Padilla, El Diamante High School, 12th grade
Narrator — Susanna Ploegstra, Homeschool, 11th grade
Narrator — Allison Plumlee, Harmony Magnet Academy, 12th grade
Narrator — Calvary Sears, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center, 9th grade
Joseph — Leo Paez, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center, 12th grade
Jacob — Elijah Salazar, University Preparatory High School, 9th grade
Reuben — Matthew Cole, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center, 11th grade
Simeon — Nicholas Simpkin,s University Preparatory High School, 11th grade
Levi — Lincoln Graves, University Preparatory High School, 12th grade
Naphtali — Elyse Johnson, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center, 11th grade
Issachar — Elizabeth Haley, Eleanor Roosevelt Community Learning Center, 11th grade
Asher — Walter Nichols, Redwood High School, 10th grade
Dan — Eli Peters, Redwood High School, 11th grade
Zebulun — Carter Sullivan, Ridgeview Middle School, 8th grade
Gad — Eleanor Ray, Ridgeview Middle School, 8th grade
Benjamin — Joshua Espinoza, Homeschool, 7th grade
Judah — Joseph Williams, Green Acres Middle School, 8th grade
Pharoah — Amelia Ledgerwood, Homeschool, 11th grade

Registration open for annual CCLA Summit

The Tulare County Office of Education serves as a regional lead for the statewide California Collaborative for Learning Acceleration grant (CCLA) – an initiative led by the Santa Clara County Office of Education to empower schools to close learning gaps and inspire innovation in every classroom.

Registration for the 4th Annual CCLA Summit is now open. Educators from across California are invited to attend the two-day event January 29-30 to reimagine classroom instruction and accelerate student learning in mathematics, literacy, and language development (TK-12).

Keynote speakers include author Dee Hankins, and educators Doug Fisher, Ph.D., Nancy Frey, Ph.D., and Nicki Newton, Ed.D.

Educators may attend the event in-person at the Santa Clara County Office of Education or virtually. Register at https://ccla.sccoe.org/annual-summit.

Douglas Cairns named NASEF Scholastic Fellow

Douglas Cairns, an instructional technology specialist at Educational Resource Services, has been selected as a 2025-26 Scholastic Fellow for the Network of Academic and Scholastic Esports Federations (NASEF). Worldwide, 36 individuals were chosen from dozens of applicants.

“We’re excited to welcome Douglas to this international community of esports educators,” said James Wood, NASEF’s scholastic programs administrator. “By codifying and sharing their work, fellows and mentors amplify their own impact while also supporting peers worldwide.”

The NASEF Scholastic Fellows program supports esports educators and leaders around the world. Fellows participate in individual coaching and group sessions to design curriculum or initiatives that merge esports and learning. These resources are then added to the NASEF Community Library and shared freely with educators everywhere.

Locally, Cairns has developed an Esports Community of Practice, which currently includes representatives from 32 Tulare County districts. His work will become a model for growth by other educators and join the NASEF’s Community Library.

As an educator, Cairns is interested in creating learning opportunities that connect exploration of career pathways to the fun of esports. "I'm always looking for fun, interactive, and exciting ways to engage students," Cairns said.

For information on attending a future meeting of the Tulare County Esports Community of Practice, contact Douglas Cairns at doug.cairns@tcoe.org.

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