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Theatre Company to hold auditions for big summer musical, Mary Poppins next month, “meet the directors” information session April 8



“Mary Poppins” is coming to Tulare County this summer! The whimsical Disney musical will be performed seven times in the L.J. Williams Theater beginning in July.

Tulare County students are invited to audition for the production April 28 to May 2.

To prepare the auditions, students in grade 3-12 are invited to meet the directors on April 8 at 5:30 p.m. to learn about the process and important dates, and get all their questions answered. The information session will be held at the Planetarium and Science Center at 11535 Avenue 264 in Visalia.

Once the cast has been selected, “Mary Poppins” rehearsals begin June 9, 2025. Performance dates are July 18-19, and 24-26. More detailed schedules will be available following the informational meeting.

For more information, visit tcoe.org/TheatreCo.

Over 2,000 students to participate in 40th annual Poetry & Prose event



The 40th annual Poetry & Prose event opened yesterday and it's bigger than ever! Over 2,000 students from 120 schools in Tulare, Kings, and Fresno counties will conduct 822 performances over the seven-day festival.

The oral interpretation festival is open to students in elementary and middle school. The event will be held again on March 27, 28, and April 1, 3, 4 at the TCOE Administration Building on Mooney Boulevard. The public is welcome to attend.

Poetry & Prose was created to bolster students' confidence, creativity, performance, and language skills. Students, grades K-8, prepare poems or dramatic readings, and perform either individually or in small groups in English or Spanish. In the 40 years since its creation, generations of Tulare County students have participated.

Poetry & Prose also serves as a natural introduction to TCOE's upper grade poetry competitions – Poet's Own Voice and Poetry Out Loud, which are collectively known as Poetry Live! These two events are open to middle and high school students to compose and recite their own works or recite works from Poetry Out Loud's national collection of poetry.

For more information about Poetry & Prose, visit tcoe.org/PNP.

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