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Tulare County
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INTO THE WOODS

including the
ONCE UPON A TIME
preshow

Music and Lyrics by
Steven Sondheim

Book by
James Lapine

Originally Directed on Broadway by
James Lapine

JULY | **JULY**
20, 21, 22 | **27, 28, 29**

Rotary Theater
Evening shows at 7:00 p.m.
Saturday matinee at 1:00 p.m.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE

This summer has been one of the more enjoyable seasons that I can remember. The work these students put in inspired and impressed me. Sondheim is CHALLENGING, any theatre person or music person will tell you that. Nothing is in one key or time signature, but these students fought for it.

Into the Woods has always been one of my favorite shows. I love every minute of it, especially Act Two. In a lot of ways Act Two is my favorite. It is real life. When the fairytales fade and life gets a little too real, when difficult decisions need to be made...what do you do? Those are the lessons we need to be teaching our students. Especially today.

This show originally premiered in 1986 and the problems they were facing then are very similar to the problems we are facing today in 2023. That is why regardless of when they are told, fairytales and the characters in them can be shaped and reshaped to meet the needs of the various times, places and situations in which the stories are told. So, although the tales are as old as time, the meaning is still very relevant.

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One of the themes that Stephen Sondheim wanted to express, and is one of the main reasons we as a production team chose this show, is the impossibility of being alone once you have found your community. Into the Woods is about finding stability in community even in moments of despair. This message is necessary in a world that seems more scattered than ever and a message that our younger generation needs to hear. People are finding community all over—in family, at work, close friends, on the street during protests, in support groups, on social media, and at school functions. Regardless of how or where the community is found, the importance is that “no one is alone”.

“The Woods” represent or symbolize the unknown or unpredictable, where you leave your comfort zone, take risks, attempt to change your circumstances for what you feel is for the better. But the woods can also represent comfort, peace, dreams, hope, despair, and sorrow. The Nymphs, a personification of the woods, physically demonstrate the external forces at play within the story and the internal emotions and motivations of the characters.

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I would be nowhere without my community supporting me. Conan, Craig, Mg, Mandy, Nels, Daniel, Rod, Cade, Josh, Wyatt, Lyra, and Rahim, thank you for helping make this show a reality! Your dedication, creativity, and support for our students is more than I could ever ask for. Char and McKenna...I have few words to express all the thanks I have for you. Thank you for walking alongside me and helping make the creative vision come to life. Char, you do so much more than "wave your arms" and this summer you did it a lot...this show stands because of the tireless work you put in. McKenna, thank you for trusting me when I said this show can have the most beautiful dance! You and Lyra made that happen with The Nymphs. Your endless support for me and this company is shown and felt everyday.

To our families...as always, thank you for trusting us with your students for the summer! We always enjoy our time with them. We couldn't do it without you!

~Bethany

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act One

Scene 1- A Far Off Kingdom

"Act One Prologue"

Narrator and Company

Scene 2- The Woods Before First Midnight

"Cinderella at the Grave"

Cinderella, Cinderella's Mother

"Hello, Little Girl"

Wolf, Little Red Ridinghood

"The Spell is On My House" (Reprise)

Baker, Baker's Wife

"I Guess This is Goodbye"

Jack, Milky White

"Maybe They're Magic"

Baker, Baker's Wife

"Rapunzel"

Rapunzel, Witch

"Maybe They're Magic" (Reprise)

Baker

"I Know Things Now"

Little Red Ridinghood, Nymphs

"A Very Nice Prince"

Cinderella, Baker's Wife

"First Midnight"

Company

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

Scene 3- The Woods After First Midnight

"Giants in the Sky"

Jack, Townspeople, Nymphs

"Agony"

Cinderella's Prince, Rapunzel's Prince, Steward, Fangirls

"A Very Nice Prince" (Reprise)

Cinderella, Baker's Wife

"It Takes Two"

Baker, Baker's Wife, Milky White

"Second Midnight"

Company

Scene 4- The Woods After Second Midnight

"Stay with Me"

Witch, Rapunzel

"On the Steps of the Palace"

Cinderella, Ball Attendees

Scene 5- A Far Off Kingdom

"Act One Finale"

Narrator and Company

Intermission

SYNOPSIS OF SCENES & MUSICAL NUMBERS

Act two

Scene 1- A Far Off Kingdom...Later

"Act Two Prologue"

Narrator and Company

Scene 2- The Woods...Again

"Agony" (Reprise)

Cinderella's Prince, Rapunzel's Prince, Fan Girls

"Witch's Lament"

Witch, Nymphs

"Any Moment Part 1"

Cinderella's Prince, Baker's Wife

"Any Moment Part 2"

Cinderella's Prince, Baker's Wife

"Moments in the Woods"

Baker's Wife, Nymphs

"Your Fault"

Jack, Baker, Cinderella, Little Red Ridinghood, Witch

"Last Midnight"

Witch

"No More"

Baker, Mysterious Man, Nymphs

"No One is Alone (Part 1)"

Cinderella, Little Red Ridinghood

"No One is Alone (Part 2)"

Cinderella, Baker, Little Red Ridinghood, Jack

"Act Two Finale"

Company

CAST

Narrator	Dean Johnson
Cinderella	Ruthie Espinoza
Jack	Matt Cole
Jack's Mother	Caitlin Plumlee
Baker	Brennan Church
Baker's Wife	Kathy Gonzales
Cinderella's Stepmother	Arianna Bedrosian*
Florinda	Katy Robles
Lucinda	Ellie Fairbanks
Cinderella's Father	Zion Sears
Little Red Ridinghood	Leah Hansen
Witch	Rachel Espinoza
Cinderella's Mother	Cara Haley
Mysterious Man	Fischer Campbell
Wolf	Jacob Lucio*
Granny	Emma Buckley*
Rapunzel	Angelina Nichols
Rapunzel's Prince	Samuel Edwards
Cinderella's Prince	Leo Paez
Steward	Joseph Da Rosa*
Giant's Voice	Jaymee Meier
Snow White	Citlali Gomez*
Sleeping Beauty	Katie Peters*
Milky White	Lincoln Graves
Hen/Not-White Cow	Diana Padilla

* indicates this performer is also understudying another role as seen after the cast photos.

CAST PHOTOS



Sela Bailey
10th grade
University Prep HS



Arianna Bedrosian
12th grade
Tulare Western HS



Bellie Benavides
12th grade
Dinuba HS



Josie Bowers
7th grade
Ridgeview MS



Emma Buckley
11th grade
Redwood HS



Fischer Campbell
12th grade
Golden West HS



Brennan Church
2023 Graduate
Golden West HS



Matt Cole
9th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Roxie Cole
2023 Graduate
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Joseph Da Rosa
11th grade
University Prep HS



Samuel Edwards
12th grade
Harmony Magnet Academy



Rachel Espinoza
12th grade
Homeschool



Ruthie Espinoza
11th grade
Homeschool



Ellie Fairbanks
12th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Evan Fairbanks
9th grade
University Prep HS



Jack Fisher
7th grade
Sundale Union



Riley Fisher
10th grade
Redwood HS



Citlali Gomez
2023 Graduate
Golden West HS



Kathy Gonzales
12th grade
Redwood HS



Lincoln Graves
10th grade
University Prep HS



Cara Haley
12th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Elizabeth Haley
9th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Cannon Hansen
8th grade
Immanuel Schools



Leah Hansen
10th grade
Immanuel Schools



Mack Haynes
7th grade
Central Valley Christian



Declan Hilscher
11th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Kai Hilscher
2023 Graduate
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Dean Johnson
11th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Elyse Johnson
9th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Jacob Lucio
12th grade
Redwood HS



Erin McDonnell
10th grade
Redwood HS



Jaymee Meier
11th grade
University Prep HS



Abby Nelson
8th grade
Homeschool



Angelina Nichols
12th grade
Redwood HS



Walter Nichols
8th grade
Green Acres MS



Diana Padilla
10th grade
El Diamante HS



Leo Paez
10th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Eli Peters
9th Grade
Redwood HS



Katie Peters
12th grade
Redwood HS



Caitlin Plumlee
12th grade
Harmony Magnet Academy



Abigail Ray
10th grade
Redwood HS



Katy Robles
11th grade
Redwood HS



Gurtaj Sandhu
8th grade
St. Paul's School



Ella Schmidtlin
12th grade
Central Valley Christian



Calvary Sears
7th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Hosanna Sears
12th grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Zion Sears
11th Grade
Eleanor Roosevelt CLC



Savana Silveira
11th grade
Golden West HS



Connor West
9th grade
Redwood HS

UNDERSTUDIES

Narrator/Mysterious Man - Zion Sears
Cinderella - Erin McDonnell
Jack - Cannon Hansen
Jack's Mother - Emma Buckley
Baker - Jacob Lucio
Baker's Wife - Katie Peters
Cinderella's Stepmother - Citlali Gomez
Florinda - Roxie Cole
Lucinda/Granny - Bellie Benavides

Cinderella's Father - Evan Fairbanks
Little Red Ridinghood - Savana Silveira
Witch - Arianna Bedrosian
Cinderella's Mother/Rapunzel - Abigail Ray
Wolf/Cinderella's Prince - Joseph Da Rosa
Rapunzel's Prince - Connor West
Steward - Declan Hilscher
Milky White - Diana Padilla and Sela Bailey

PRODUCTION STAFF

Director.....	Bethany Rader
Musical Director.....	Charlotte Garcia Da Rosa
Choreographer.....	McKenna Friend-Hoffman
Costume Designer.....	Mandy Marshall
Set Design/Set Construction.....	Conan Palmer
Stage Manager.....	Cade Gann
Assistant Stage Manager.....	Rahim Pullom, Paige Ragan
Rehearsal Accompanist.....	Rod Henczel
Conductor.....	Daniel Townsend
Sound Design.....	Nels Herring
Lighting Designers.....	Josh Jimenez, Wyatt Hartman
Projection Design.....	Craig Alameda
Milky White Puppet Design/Construction.....	Craig Alameda, Conan Palmer, Mg Swarts
Hair/Makeup Design.....	Charlotte Garcia Da Rosa
Assistant Director.....	Rahim Pullom
Assistant Choreographer.....	Lyra Paez
Vocal Intern.....	Paige Ragan
Costume Helpers.....	Rachael Ray, Debbie Howison, Casey Fisher, Hana Paez, Martha Haley
Props.....	Cade Gann, Wendy Culbreth, Rahim Pullom, Mandy Marshall, Conan Palmer
Hair & Makeup Assistants/Wig Construction.....	Sarah Johnson
Stage Crew.....	Jaymee Meier, Emily Ogden
Light Board Operator.....	Wyatt Hartman
Spotlight Operators.....	Dumisani Mason, Sarah Buckley
Projections Operators.....	Wyatt Hartman, Josh Jimenez
Lobby Design.....	Salma Gill and TCOE Theatre Company Boosters
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ORCHESTRA

Daniel Townsend
Conductor

KeyboardRod Henczel
SynthesizerEleace Zachary
Violin I	.....Ricky Avila
Violin II	.....Julia Rose
Viola	.....Maxton Vieira
Cello	.....Zac Glasgow
Flute	.....Courtnee Duval
Clarinet	.....Mario Marquez
Trumpet	.....Paul Lujan
Horn I	.....Robert Whitfield
Horn II	.....Juliana Sandoval
Bass	.....Cheryl Buckley
Percussion	.....Joey Hernandez

25th anniversary medley adapted, arranged,
and orchestrated by Daniel Townsend

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