

ENCORE THEATRE COMPANY
324 South N Street, Tulare, California 93274

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Dear Friends of the Theatre,

Live Theatre! What a great benefit it is to a community. And because of the support of its community, Encore Theatre is able to continue to provide quality entertainment, and prospering youth programs.

The current season started with "*Oliver*," our summer musical, and continued with "*But Why Bump Off Barnaby*," a mystery-farce that brought lots of laughter to the stage. At Christmas, the heart-warming comedy-drama "*Steel Magnolias*" brought tears and laughter. The good old-fashioned melodrama "*The Treasure of Shiver River*" entertained and involved audiences in February. Closing the season this month is the musical "*Pippin*," with unforgettable music from Stephen Schwartz. This show is being presented for the first time in the central valley.

One of Encore's major goals while producing excellent entertainment is to continually involve new people, whether they are on stage, behind the scenes, or in the audience. Each of our productions this year succeeded in bringing in new talent and new patrons. We welcome all and we are happy to provide an opportunity to participate to so many people.

Our two school-year youth programs, Encore Kids and Stages, involve nearly a hundred students from Tulare County. Encore Kids, for 3rd thru 8th graders, is a song and dance troupe that performs prior to every show during the season and at community events, plus their annual performance trip to Anaheim where they perform at Disneyland. Our Stages group, for 2nd graders through high school, provides theatre experience on stage and off, with Acting and Tech classes available. This group puts on a fall recital and then offers a double feature in the spring, performing a non-musical and musical (this year "*The Complaint Department and Lemonade*" and "*Lion King Jr.*").

Improvements to our theatre are necessary and ongoing. Upgraded sound equipment was an important project this year, including assisted listening devices for our audiences. In the coming year, we anticipate completion of the adjacent storage warehouse, which will allow us to make better use of main building space, including rehearsal areas, dressing rooms, and a set-building construction area. All of these are projects that will keep making Encore better, and add to the excitement of our 39th season. We'll open with that all-time favorite musical; "*Annie*," in July. The remainder of the season will include "*Moon over Buffalo*," a hilarious comedy; "*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*," a musical comedy; and "*Cheaper by the Dozen*," a classic comedy.

Main stage shows and youth programs, onstage, backstage, or audience, everyone is essential to Encore's success. Yes, it takes money and the time of volunteers to make Encore Theatre Company possible. Both investments are greatly worthwhile in what they bring to the community and the participants. Ongoing support is necessary to keep Encore growing!

We rely on the annual backing of patrons to continually improve our facilities, productions and programs. As a patron you'll be listed in each of the programs of our main-stage productions. **Please, make a tax-deductible donation and be a part of Encore's story.** It's your opportunity to share in the sense of satisfaction that comes with providing a great service to our community.

Thank you for your vital and generous financial support. It is much appreciated! See you at the Theatre!

Susan Burley
President

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