

MEMORANDUM
OFFICE OF THE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF PLACER

TO: Honorable Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jim Holmes, Supervisor District 3

DATE: August 24, 2010

SUBJECT: REVENUE SHARING – Approve appropriation of \$500 in Revenue Sharing monies to the Placer Union High School District *Summer Theatre Academy Program* to assist with offsetting the cost of the program, as requested by Supervisor Holmes (\$500).

ACTION REQUESTED

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BACKGROUND/COMMUNITY BENEFITS: In approving the following contributions, the Placer County Board of Supervisors finds that each and every approved contribution serves a public purpose by promoting the general welfare of the County and its inhabitants therefore a benefit results to the County.

The Board of Supervisors is being asked to approve appropriations to help support the Placer Union High School District *Summer Theatre Academy Program*. For the past fifteen years the Summer Theatre Academy program has serviced hundreds of community youth and thousands of audience members have come together to enjoy their performances. Students learn invaluable skills and experiences in teamwork, public speaking, responsibility, discipline, community involvement and a sense of accomplishment. The learning environment is positive, nurturing, safe, and the production is facilitated by adults that believe in and inspire the young performers. The funds designated towards this program will assist with professional quality sets, costumes, and props required for the production of this performance.

FISCAL IMPACT

Funds are available in the Revenue Sharing budget.

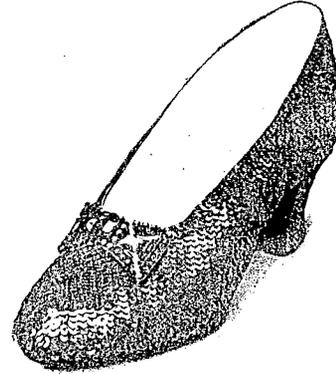
Dear Placer County Board of Supervisors,

SUMMER THEATER ACADEMY

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know about "The Wizard of Oz," being produced by Auburn's **Summer Theatre Academy** in cooperation with **Placer Union High School District**. Over the past 15 years, this program has serviced hundreds of community youth, and thousands of audience members have enjoyed our performances.

As you can imagine, each production requires a phenomenal amount of fundraising on the part of students, parents and production staff in order to mount a successful, professional quality musical for the community to enjoy and for participants to be proud of. Hundreds of hours are spent soliciting funds from local businesses, washing cars, selling pizzas, and performing around town to ensure ticket sales. It's a tremendous amount of work, but we continue forward with it because we see both the immediate and long term value. We see the change in students' confidence and performance abilities from the first audition to the final curtain on closing night. Even more dramatically, we see changes over the course of several shows; students who were wallflowers and unbearably shy during their first show take on vocal solos and leading roles during their second or third productions. Community members consistently comment at the students professionalism, repeating "I can't believe those are kids!" For us, that is the ultimate compliment. *It is our feeling that, given the highest expectations and quality direction, our young adults can bring to Auburn performances that are usually reserved for established regional and professional theatres in Sacramento, San Francisco, and New York.*

THERE'S NO PLACE
LIKE HOME.



The
Wizard
of
Oz

AUGUST 12-14 & 19-21 @ 7:15 PM
MATINEES AUGUST 14 & 21 @ 2:15 PM
PERFORMING AT THE PHS AUDITORIUM

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So what skills, specifically, are we teaching? Young actors in musical theater develop concrete skills in both on and off stage theatre technique. *Vocal technique, character development, stage presence, dance training, set design, lighting and sound design, make up artistry, stage management, and advertising* are all integral parts of a staging a successful performance. **Students will have these invaluable skills and experiences for the rest of their lives, whether they proceed with a career in performance or otherwise.**

However, it is the set of secondary skills and qualities that young actors unknowingly develop that prove to be the most valuable: *friendship, confidence, emotional and bodily awareness, creativity, teamwork, learning to trust one's intuition, public speaking, etiquette, responsibility, discipline, community involvement and a sense of accomplishment.* These life lessons are inevitably instilled in young actors through the catalyst of a musical theater production.

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Additionally, the learning environment is positive, nurturing, safe, and the production is facilitated by adults who truly believe in the young actors' abilities.

We understand how tight school funds are, and we're grateful for the use of rehearsal space and the insurance coverage provided through the school. However, with a budget of \$24,000, we rely on the support of the community to ensure the success of the program. Most of this expense is in the performance rights and the hiring of professional sound and lighting technicians (required by the school). Additional costs include hiring professional musicians to accompany the performers and providing minimal stipends to our highly qualified staff. Professional quality sets, costumes, and props round out the expenses required to produce a high quality performance.

Theatrical performances bring people together and if done right, they get people thinking, talking, and inspired. Please help us continue to provide the Auburn area with this powerful program. The Placer Auditorium is a beautiful theatre and its purpose is to be lit and active! Please consider the benefits of this program, not only to the students involved, but to the community as a whole. **Any support is genuinely appreciated and will directly benefit our youth performers and the community at large. Checks may be made out to Placer Union High School District with "Summer Theatre Academy" in the memo. Donations may be mailed to P.O. Box 9155, Auburn 95604. Please contact Josh Brown at (530) 613-3151 or Miccie McNee at (530) 906-7034 with questions.**

Respectfully,

The Cast and Crew of "The Wizard of Oz"
Summer Theatre Academy 2010


STA Producer