



HACIENDA LA PUENTE

UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Hacienda La Puente Unified to Stage First Districtwide Show with Roald Dahl's "Matilda"

WHAT: More than 130 Hacienda La Puente students spanning elementary to high school will perform in the District's inaugural Broadway musical performance of Roald Dahl's "Matilda," thanks to HLPUSD's newly launched Broadway Bound Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory. Through the program, students are receiving an elevated, professional Broadway experience with approximately 75 students performing on stage, and more than 50 students in the orchestra or backstage.

WHEN: **Saturday, June 28**
1:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 29
1:30 p.m.

WHERE: Citrus College's Haugh Performing Arts Center
1000 W. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA

DETAILS: The Broadway Bound Summer Musical Theatre Conservatory is a partnership between Hacienda La Puente Unified's Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) and Career Technical Education departments. The Conservatory provides industry-level professional arts experiences where students engage in multimedia disciplines that lead to three full performances with students working on stage, backstage, and in the orchestra pit. Through the program, students work alongside HLPUSD arts teachers, mentors, and industry professionals to achieve a collective goal.

The Theatre Conservatory is the vision of Dr. Benita Scheckel, the District's VAPA Coordinator who joined in 2023. Over the last year, the program has grown into a unique opportunity for students and staff, bringing together passionate, like-minded, and talented learners, educators, and creators.

Coverage of this event is welcome and greatly appreciated.

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