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YES KIDETTES to Mark Year Four with “Disney’s Sleeping Beauty Kids”

YES (Youth Entertainment Stage) KIDETTES will present “Disney’s Sleeping Beauty Kids” beginning at 7:00 p.m. on October 23, 2009 at Johansen High School’s Eleanor McKnight-Haines Theatre, 641 Norseman Drive in Modesto. Two additional matinee performances are scheduled for October 24 and 25 at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 for children 2-12 years of age and \$12 for teens and adults. Infants under 2 will not be admitted. Tickets are available at www.yescompany.org and at the Box Office one and a half hours (1.5) prior to each performance. Tickets will reflect assigned seating.

In the most ambitious production yet for YES KIDETTES, 85 first through fifth grade students from throughout Stanislaus County will present the classic fairy tale. Learning first-hand the thrill and enchantment of performing, the KIDETTES are offered a broad educational experience and gaining insights from YES Mentors, program alumni who return to volunteer as rehearsal and backstage assistants.

The cast of “Disney’s Sleeping Beauty Kids” represent the following schools:

Agnes Baptist School
Bernard L. Hughes Elementary
Big Valley Christian
Carroll Fowler School
Catherine Everett School
Coleman F. Brown School

Hickman Elementary
Hidahl Elementary
Hughson Elementary
John C. Fremont School
Lakewood School
Magnolia School

Colony Oak
Connecting Water
Crossroads Elementary
Crowell School
Cunningham School
Dent Elementary
Elihu Beard School
Enslin School
Fox Road Elementary
Freedom Elementary
Fremont Open Plan
Great Valley Academy
Hart-Ransom Charter
Hart-Ransom School
Hickman Charter

Mary Ann Sanders Elementary
Modesto Christian
Orangeburg Christian
Orchard Elementary
Salida Elementary
Sam Vaughn School
Sherwood School
Sonoma School
Standiford School
Stockard Coffee School
Turlock Christian
University Charter
Walnut Elementary
Whitmore Charter

Now in its 19th season, over 130,000 community members have attended a YES Company performance since the Company's first summer production in 1992. YES Company, through all of its strands, brings students from diverse backgrounds together and provides them with positive, productive after-school and summer activities. Students participating in YES often say that the experience teaches them the value of teamwork. "YES Company is like a small version of the world in which we need to learn to live," said participant Josh Harris. "Once you are in YES Company, it is no longer 'me,' it is 'we.'"

"Disney's Sleeping Beauty Kids"

Music and Lyrics by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and George Bruns and Tom Adair and Winston Hibler and Ted Sears and Sammy Fain and Jack Lawrence

Music Adapted and Arranged and Additional Music and Lyrics by Bryan Louiselle

Book Adapted and Additional Lyrics by Marcy Heisler

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