

## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **YES Company Celebrates 25<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary with LES MISÉRABLES, School Edition Production**

Stanislaus County Office of Education's **YES (Youth Entertainment Stage) Company** is producing the classic musical "**Les Misérables, School Edition**" to be performed at the Gallo Center for the Arts in Modesto. Tickets are now on sale at the Gallo Center for the Arts box office and online at [www.galloarts.org](http://www.galloarts.org). Performances are slated for: **July 22, 28, 29 at 7:30 p.m.** and **July 23, 24, 30, and 31 at 3:00 p.m.**

Join the Youth Entertainment Stage (YES) Company in their 25<sup>th</sup> year for the production of LES MISERABLES, winner of over 100 international awards and seen by over 65 million people worldwide! Les Misérables is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit and features one of the most memorable scores of all time. In 19<sup>th</sup> century France, Jean Valjean is released from years of unjust imprisonment, but finds nothing in store for him but mistrust and mistreatment. He breaks his parole in hopes of starting a new life, initiating a life-long struggle for redemption as he is relentlessly pursued by police inspector Javert, who refuses to believe Valjean can change his ways. Finally, during the Paris student uprising of 1832, Javert must confront his ideals after Valjean spares his life and saves that of the student revolutionary who has captured the heart of Valjean's adopted daughter. Epic, grand and uplifting, Les Misérables School Edition packs an emotional wallop that has thrilled audiences all over the world.

Celebrating its 25<sup>th</sup> season, YES COMPANY is a special project of the *Stanislaus County Office of Education* and the *Education Foundation of Stanislaus County*. This group of dedicated students must commit to a rigorous summer schedule from June 1 – July 31, 2016. The time frame includes intensive theatrical training, teambuilding, fitness, in addition to music and staging preparations. For additional information, please visit [www.yescompany.org](http://www.yescompany.org) or call (209)238-6850.

This year there are 38 schools, 2 universities and 1 junior college represented in the cast:

Beyer HS
Blaker-Kinser
Central Valley HS
Ceres HS
Cesar Chavez Jr. Hi
Colony Oak Elem.
CSU Stanislaus
Davis HS
Downey HS
Enoch HS
Glick MS
Golden Valley Academy
Great Valley Academy
Gregori HS
Hart Ransom Elem.
Hilmar HS
La Loma JH
Manteca HS
Modesto Jr College
Modesto Christian HS
Modesto HS
Oakdale HS
Orestimba HS
Our Lady of Fatima
Patterson HS
Pitman HS
Prescott MS
Ripon HS
Roosevelt JH
Sacred Heart Church
Savage MS
Somerset MS
Turlock HS
Univ. of Colorado, Boulder
Ustach MS
Valley Charter HS
Vanguard
Walnut Grove Elem.
Waterford HS
Whitmore Charter

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