



SPOTLIGHT

A MESSAGE FROM TACFA'S PRESIDENT: TONY WONG

Hello fans of arts and of students,

I really should be addressing all of you as “fans of the future” because your support of TACFA and our mission is about improving the future...Improving our community by promoting the arts as a culture and improving students’ careers by instilling creativity and abstraction into their palette of skills.

Which brings us to our Broadway in the Park...why does TACFA continue this annual production? There are two reasons, both of which deliver our mission –

First, our signature program offers a Broadway quality show to the community at an affordable price. We call this annual show “Broadway in the Park”, not “Low Quality Show in the Park”. We’ve managed to keep ticket prices unchanged for 15 years; unfortunately, we had to make a modest increase this year to keep up with the cost escalation. We balance this increase by distributing more complimentary tickets to the local economically challenged families.



Secondly, any surplus from Broadway in the Park funds our fine art and music programs, most of which are providing arts education to TUSD students. Did you know that TACFA provided over \$31,000 this 2022-23 school year to TUSD and Tustin area students? And I’m

proud to emphasize that TACFA has an extremely low operating expense budget because TACFA has no physical building/office and no employees; TACFA’s Board and Encore group are an all-volunteer, working army!

As you read the following Spotlight articles, I hope you can appreciate TACFA’s Board and Encore members for their efforts and their dedication to successfully implement these programs. And let us APPLAUD our loyal SPONSORS and DONORS for investing in the future -- of our Tustin community and our students.

Tony Wong (President, TACFA)

TACFA CELEBRATES STUDENT ART

TACFA’s Student Art Invitational, which featured artwork from Tustin Middle and High Schools, was held the last week in March. Over 300 entries in fine arts were submitted for judging as well as displayed to the public at the Clifton Miller Community Center. Tustin Art Teachers submitted artwork from their students in the areas of Ceramics, Computer Drawing and Painting, Graphic Design, Photography, Hand Drawing and Painting, Mixed Media, and Textiles. Receptions were held on March 30th for community and school dignitaries and on March 31st students were awarded cash prizes at an Award Ceremony.



BROADWAY IN THE PARK 2023: CINDERELLA

MEET THE DIRECTORS, DYNAMIC HUSBAND AND WIFE DUO KRIS AND BECKY LYTHGOE



Last year's Wizard of Oz was a huge success and returning to our production team this year is Kris Lythgoe, joined by his beautiful wife Becky! Kris and Becky Lythgoe have a long-standing history in the entertainment business. Let's get to know them a little better.

Kris is son of Nigel Lythgoe, creator of *So you Think You Can Dance* and Executive Producer of *American Idol*, and Director/Choreographer/TV personality Bonnie Lythgoe. Kris is an executive for Warner Brothers Discovery and President of Magic Pictures, a producer, playwright, and has several TV credits (Peacock, NBC, FOX, Nickelodeon...). Becky, as a recording artist with Universal Records, was a number one Billboard-charting dance artist. She has worked with Discovery channel, Fox, E!, and Directv, and guest starred on *House MD* and *How I Met Your Mother*. She also

produces content, writes, hosts, and conducts interviews for a broad range of clients and media to include OMEA Watches and Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. Kris and Becky together have created Lythgoe Family Productions (LFP) which produces family-friendly fairytale musicals set to modern music and interactive with the audience based on British Panto. LFP strives to introduce new, young audiences to the magic of theatre by busing in thousands of underserved students yearly to their productions, fulfilling their mission to serve their community.

A writer, first and foremost, when it comes to any production, Kris is genius at marketing and organizing the production. Becky has always been a creative first (don't ask Becky to balance your budget!). Her strengths lay in the vision - casting of the show. As a director, she not only sees the full picture, but as a performer herself, enjoys working with the actors to find layers and nuance to their characters.

Kris and Becky are excited for audiences to fall in love all over again with the heroine Cinderella, but to also see her in a new light. In this Broadway adaptation of the classic musical, Cinderella not only finds her Prince, but she also helps to open his eyes to some of the injustices in the kingdom. Cinderella and the Prince are equal in every way. As a unit, they make each other's lives better.

(Kris and Becky feel they do that for each other on and off stage too!) They believe our young audiences will really appreciate how our lead characters take charge of their own lives and destinies in this production. And of course, the magic! Not just of glass slippers and gorgeous ballgowns, but that of true love at first sight!

Kris and Becky hope that all walk away from this summer's performances recharged with the magic that is Cinderella, and that they find themselves waltzing in the park during intermission. Their belief is that theatre has the ability to create experiences that help unite and nourish the core of the family. They are excited to provide moments for the entire family; young children, teenagers, parents, grandparents, all experiencing the magic of live theatre together.



Cinderella is playing August 8-12 at Peppertree Park in Tustin. Tickets may be purchased at www.tacfa.org

NEW THIS YEAR! Kids ages 7-16 may join our Broadway In The Park Theatre Camp! Visit www.tacfa.org/camp2023/



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CINDERELLA: ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

AUGUST 8th - AUGUST 12th



GATES OPEN AT 5:30pm



SHOW BEGINS AT DUSK (APPROX 7:45pm)

WHERE TO PURCHASE TICKETS:

- Online at www.TACFA.org/BroadwayinthePark2023
- Tustin's Concert's in the Park at Peppertree Park at the TACFA Cinderella Booth - every Wednesday from 6pm - 8pm
- Ticket locations beginning July 1st:
 - Tustin Parks & Rec - 300 Centennial Way
 - Arvida Book Company - located on the corner of Main & El Camino
 - Benjies Deli - 1828 N. Tustin Ave.
- **To reserve a table, please contact Sue Legome at 714-726-3563.**

FOOD AND BEVERAGES AT THE PARK:

- Order ahead at Tustin's best restaurants, our BITP Restaurant Sponsors, and bring the food into the show!

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- Food Trucks at the Park:
 - Burning Buns - Hamburgers
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 - Fiesta Gourmet - Mexican
- TACFA Bar:
 - Drinks including wine, beer, soft drinks, water and coffee
 - Snacks and sweets

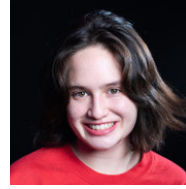
KID ZONE BEFORE THE SHOW: Tons of fun and entertaining activities before the show begins! This includes Face Painting, THS Ceramics, Tupperberry Art Classes, Tinsel Time Hair Weave, Balloon Lady, Cinderella Trinket Booth, a Craft Table and Games.

TACFA AWARDS SEVEN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Barbara Benson Memorial Scholarship supports graduating seniors who will major or minor in the arts and seek a career in the arts. This year's recipients are an especially talented and inspiring group of artists. 2023 judges: Karen Akashi, retired art teacher, Kim DeBenedetto, TACFA Board Member, Kira Heuer, designer and art curator, and Lori Spiak, retired art teacher.



Loyrn Baum from Tustin High School is a ceramic artist and will attend Orange Coast College in the fall, majoring in studio art. After OCC, she plans on completing her degree at Cal State Long Beach. Her goal is to own her own business and continue to teach others; Loyrn believes that "art is sharing ones voice with others".



Rebecca Bledstein is a graphic designer from Beckman High School and will enroll at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall in Graphic Design. After graduation, she plans to continue working in the design industry and design merchandise for musicians.



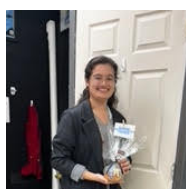
Sunny Guo from Beckman High School is a mixed media artist and will attend Carnegie Mellon next fall majoring in fine art. After graduation she plans to continue to work as an artist and says "I may have taken on new challenges, experimented with different mediums and styles, and found new ways to express my ideas and emotions".



Mia Mravle is an instrumental musician from Beckman High School and will study flute performance at The Boston Conservancy. Mia's ultimate goal is to be a performing artist whether it is performing in a pit orchestra, large symphony, or recording studio. TACFA looks forward to Mia joining the pit in this summer's Broadway in the Park.



Meena **Senapathi** is a photographer from Beckman High School. Meena will enroll at New York University next fall to major in photography and imaging. Her first goal is to earn an MFA from Yale University and follow her dreams to be a high school photography teacher, be a photojournalist and travel the world, or teach at a university.



Mckenzie Siudzinski from Foothill High School is a theatre actor, director, and writer and will enroll at UC Santa Barbara, majoring in the creative arts/theatre. After graduating, her goal is to continue to tell stories as an actor, director, and writer, sharing the unique way in which theatre can convey story and humanity, and bring hope.



Morgan Wilbert is a graphic designer from Beckman High School. Morgan will attend Brigham Young University in the fall to major in graphic design. After graduation her goal is to work in visual development as a creative director. Morgan believes "To be an artist is to be brave enough to evoke your life, love, and new understandings out into the physical world".

KIDS' KONCERTS!

Beckman High School became a wonderful 4th grade concert venue on Friday, January 27th as approximately 1,000 TUSD 4th grade students and teachers attended a wonderful and educational event put on by Beckman's Advanced Orchestra, conducted by Jim Kollias and Wind Ensemble, conducted by Matt Bausman. TACFA partners with the teachers and TUSD to bring this wonderful program to 4th grade classes by coordinating the event, providing volunteers and funding student transportation. The high school students provided a great concert experience, demonstrating how to play their instruments and greeting (fist bumps all around) the excited attendees. Master of Ceremonies Jim Kollias engaged the young students with demonstrations and stories in between pieces and brought down the house when he donned a Jedi cloak and conducted the orchestra playing the theme from Star Wars using a light saber as his baton. These concerts combine education with fun and excitement and are a highlight for all who perform and attend.

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