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TUCK EVERLASTING

Book by Claudia Shear and Tim Federle

Music by Chris Miller

Lyrics by Nathan Tysen

Based on the novel *Tuck Everlasting* by Natalie Babbitt

TUCK EVERLASTING is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals.

www.concordtheatricals.com

THE STORY:

Tuck Everlasting is a wonderful family musical based on the well-loved children's book by Natalie Babbitt that is a perfect holiday experience to share with loved ones.

The musical, like the best-selling book, is an imaginative and magical tale about Winnie Foster, a young girl rebelling against the societal expectations that limit her strong will and desire for freedom, and how her life changes when she chances upon the mysterious Tuck family while wandering in the woods. The Tuck family are the guardians of a hidden spring that imparts eternal life, and they are determined to keep the spring a secret from those who may not understand the darker side of the magical water, and who would exploit the spring's gift.

This is a beautiful story of growing up, the cycle of life, and appreciating life's precious and fleeting experiences told through music that alternates between high-energy fun and poignantly touching moments. It is magical and unpretentious in the great American homespun tradition. It tugs at the heartstrings and illustrates a fundamental belief in the splendor of human life - however ephemeral.

Tuck Everlasting will be performed with a live orchestra and it concludes Western Stage's 2022 Season.

Director: Jim McLean

Co-Director & Choreographer: Diane Jones

Music Director: Don Dally

Costume, Hair and Makeup designer: Maegan Roux

Lighting designer: Derek Duarte

Scenic designer: Robert Lindwall

Sound designer: Dante Carballo

Stage Manager: Zalissa Ré Johnson

Assistant Stage Managers: Kathy Cusson, Mireya Pamatz

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CAST

Winnie Foster: Maria-Elena Mejia-Contreras

Jesse Tuck: John Piper

Mae Tuck: Sarah Jebian

Angus Tuck: John G. Bridges

Miles Tuck:

Man in the Yellow Suit: Jared Hussey

Hugo: Sage Papasian

Constable Joe: JR Walker

Betsy Foster: Niki Moon

Nana: Anna Schumacher

Ensemble: Andrea Bauer, Marisol Castro, Jacob Custodio, Una Jebian, Tom Kiatta, Fallon Lykken, Angelica Martinez, Sam Sullivan, Addison Woods

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WHAT

A live stage performance of *Tuck Everlasting*, a family musical.

WHEN

November 19 - December 3, 2022

Evenings at 7:30pm on Nov. 19, 25, 26; Dec. 1, 2

Matinees at 2:00pm on Nov. 20, 27; Dec. 3

WHERE

Mainstage Theater in The Hartnell College Performing Arts Center, Building K, 411 Central Avenue, Salinas, CA.

TICKETING INFORMATION

Adult \$30; Seniors/Military/Teachers \$24; Students \$16 (Hartnell Students FREE); Children (5-15) \$12;

Online tickets and more information: westernstage.com or call (831) 755-6816. Box Office is open Wednesday-Saturday 5:00-8:00p.m. and one hour before curtain time on matinee Sundays. Leave VM to get callback within 24 hours.

ACCOMMODATIONS

This event is wheelchair accessible. Individuals requiring other accommodations should contact the ticket office at least one week prior to the event.

CURRENT COVID-19 INFORMATION

Proof of full vaccination or recent negative COVID-19 test result and a photo I.D. required to enter the Performing Arts Center. Audiences are masked and distanced during performances.

PRESS

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ABOUT THE WESTERN STAGE – ESTABLISHED 1974

The Western Stage (TWS) is a professionally managed, community-based theatre company and educational program that nurtures and develops our students’ and community’s passion for the creative process and desire for high-level artistic experiences. Led by its educational mission and believing that strong arts experiences are important for building innovative, creative, and resilient communities, The Western Stage offers a robust variety of programs designed for personal growth and skill development and addresses the need for a safe space where students and theatre enthusiasts may engage in theatre production while working side-by-side with theatre professionals. Through its annual production season, The Western Stage endeavors to provide strong pathways and development for artists throughout the continuum of a career in theatre and its related performing arts. The Western Stage develops new works that speak to the history and culture of the Salinas Valley and provides educational opportunities for students of all skill levels to explore and develop their unique talent. www.westernstage.com

ABOUT HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT – ESTABLISHED 1920

The Hartnell CCD serves more than 17,000 students annually through its main campus in Salinas, the Alisal Campus in East Salinas, and education centers in King City, Soledad, and Castroville. Hartnell College is a Hispanic Serving Institution that provides associate degrees and certificate programs. It prepares students to transfer to four-year colleges and universities and to enter the workforce with necessary skills. Hartnell College is known for its innovative public and private partnerships that support world class education for STEM, career technical education, fine and performing arts, humanities and social sciences, nursing and health sciences, and athletics. We are proud to be winners of the 2015 Innovation Award for CSin3 –a Computer Science collaboration with CSU Monterey Bay that leads to a bachelor’s degree in three years. **We are growing leaders through opportunity, engagement and achievement.** For more about Hartnell CCD, visit www.hartnell.edu.

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