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Aladdin JR. and Footloose, the Musical at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts

Marysville, Calif., July 27, 2026 – Center Stage Productions is the region's preeminent youth performing arts organization. Now in its fourth year of collaboration with Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture, this summer it will present two musicals; *Aladdin JR.* and *Footloose, the Musical*. Corey and Morgan Kersting are the founders of Center Stage Productions. Corey is a music and theater educator in the Yuba City Unified School District and is also the artistic director of the Yuba-Sutter Symphony Orchestra. Morgan has been a long-time administrator at Studio B Ballet Academy and is also back in the classroom as an elementary school teacher. The entire Center Stage ensemble this summer features nearly 100 local youth performers ages 7-17.

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Revisit Disney's *Aladdin JR.* as the magic of Agrabah comes alive on the Sutter Theater stage! Based on the beloved animated film and the hit Broadway musical, this high-energy production follows Aladdin, Princess Jasmine, the unforgettable Genie, and a colorful cast of characters on an adventure filled with humor, heart, and spectacular songs, including "Friend Like Me" and "A Whole New World." Performed by the talented young actors of Center Stage Productions, *Aladdin JR.* is a fun-filled theatrical experience for the entire family that celebrates courage, friendship, and discovering your true worth. Don't miss this magical journey!

And then get ready to cut loose with *Footloose: The Musical* also at the Sutter Theater! This high-energy Broadway favorite brings the beloved 1984 film to life with unforgettable songs, dynamic choreography, and an inspiring story about the power of music, community, and standing up for what you believe. Follow Ren McCormack as he challenges a small town's ban on dancing and discovers that hope and healing can come through the arts. Featuring the talented Center Stage senior cast, *Footloose* is packed with laughter, heart, and hit songs that will have you cheering from beginning to end. Don't miss it!

Aladdin Jr. will be performed August 2nd and 9th @1 and 4pm, August 3rd @3:30pm and on August 10th @3:30 and 6:30pm. *Footloose* will be performed July 30, 31, August 1, 6, 7, & 8 @7pm and August 1 and 8 @1pm. All performances will be held at the Sutter Theater Center for the Arts, 754 Plumas Street, Yuba City. Plenty of free parking is available on the streets and parking lots adjacent to the theater.

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Center Stage Productions was started with the vision to give youth in the Yuba-Sutter area an opportunity to participate in fully staged musicals in their local community. We are so happy to have them back this summer with these two exceptional musical productions. This is your chance to support local youth performing arts programs. *Aladdin Jr.* tickets are \$10 each and *Footloose, the Musical* tickets are \$15. Tickets are available at yubasutterarts.org, or by calling (530)742-ARTS.

About YSAC: Yuba Sutter Arts & Culture is a non-profit organization whose mission is to provide arts programming, education, advocacy, assistance and service to artists, organizations and residents of Yuba and Sutter Counties. For 45 years it has been the local affiliate for

Yuba and Sutter of the California Arts Council. Its programs include Arts in Education, Veterans Initiatives in the Arts, Arts in Corrections, Center Stage Productions, Stage 754, the Art Box Marketplace and many more. **# End #**



**Cory Kersting, Center Stage
Director, during a workshop.**



Center Stage Auditioning Workshop.



Rehearsal at the Sutter Theater.



Directors for Aladdin Jr. and Footloose.



**Some of the cast for Aladdin Jr. and
Footloose.**