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## Glorietta Elementary School Students get Ducky

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With 110 fourth and fifth grade students participating in its 13th spring musical, Glorietta Elementary School presents Honk! Jr. The play is a contemporary re-telling of Hans Christian Anderson's classic story, The Ugly Duckling. It has been transformed into a smart comedy, full of bright, original, and fun musical theater. Through its wonderful humor, charm and message of tolerance, Honk! Jr. is an entertaining show for audiences of all ages.

With its engaging choreography, innovative sets, and darling costumes, Glorietta's large-scale production of Honk! Jr. tells the story of Ugly, whose odd, gawky looks instantly incite prejudice from his family and neighbors. Separated from the farm and pursued by Cat, Ugly must find his way, while his loving mother, Ida, searches for him. Along his journey, he not only discovers his true beauty and glorious destiny, but he also finds love and acceptance.

"Honk! Jr. reminds us that being 'different' isn't necessarily bad... although it isn't always easy," says musical producer and Glorietta parent, Nan Reed. "Through his journey kids learn that being different is okay, and that somewhere out there, someone is going to love you - warts and all! This is a musical production the entire family can enjoy... even the teens!"

Photo provided

Ron Pickett, a professional award-winning actor, returns to direct his 13th show at Glorietta Elementary School. Producers of the production include parent volunteers Reed, Robyn Bowen and Pam Severson. The music director is Ralph Severson.

Performances of Honk, Jr. will be at the Glorietta Elementary School multipurpose room on Friday, April 29th at 4:00pm and 7:00pm and Saturday, April 30th at 3:00pm and 7:00pm. Visit www.orindaschools.org/glorietta for ticket information.

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