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The Story of Mariposa – Brought to Life on Stage

MARIPOSA, CA — The Mariposa County Arts Council's Mariposa Theatre Alliance will present a live multi-media-theatre piece titled *The Story*, written and directed by Les Marsden. Featuring local acting talent, *The Story* will be presented on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 27 - 28, and Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 - 4 at 7 p.m. with a matinee performance Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. at the Mariposa County Park Amphitheatre (4889 County Park Road, Mariposa).

This production is believed to be the first professionally-written, professionally-directed theatrical presentation of the Mariposa region's history. Potentially planned as a multiple-play cycle, this first installment of *The Story* creatively explores Mariposa's early history and chronicles the experiences and folklore of the region's native population, up through the arrival of the first Europeans in the area to the mid-1850s and the establishment of many of Mariposa's settlements.

Featuring an ensemble cast, multi-media projection and original music, *The Story* unveils Mariposa's history by tracing roots, bridging generations, and bringing to life stories of our land, people, and county.

Tickets are \$9 for Mariposa County Arts Council Members, \$10 for students and senior citizens, and \$12 for general admission.

This production is presented by the Mariposa Theatre Alliance as a program of the Mariposa County Arts Council and it is also an incarnation of Marsden's "Acting in Mariposa" (AIM) Program. Tickets for *The Story* may be purchased in advance at the Mariposa County Arts Council's Treetop Gallery (5009 Hwy 140, Mariposa) and online at: www.mariposaartscouncil.org.

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