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[Bubba Romagnolo](#) returns from the Big Apple to help choreograph **42nd Street** at STHS

South Lake Tahoe, California. -- Lake Tahoe Unified School District is pleased to announce that it will be bringing South Tahoe High School alumnus, Sebastiani (Bubba) Romagnolo, home on October 21-26 to help choreograph and stage some numbers for the South Tahoe High School's production of *42nd Street* as well as to work with students in acting, dancing, and musical theater performance, both in the leads and the ensemble.

"The power in constructing facilities that are state-of-the art is that you can have professionals come in and work side by side with students, which is a huge incentive for achievement. We believe that our excellent performing arts programs will attract students who want to be a part of these exciting opportunities," said Dr. Jim Tarwater, Superintendent. "Working under the tutelage of a successful Broadway performer who is one of our own..... what a treat for these kids!"

42nd Street opens at the new Tahoe Arts & Design Academy (TADA) Theatre on December 1st, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. and runs through December 3rd. The musical extravaganza will also be presented on December 9-10 at 7:00 p.m. with a Sunday Matinee on December 11th at 2 p.m. This will be the inaugural production at the new, state-of-the art theatre which was completed in August 2011.

This past summer, Bubba worked at a theater in upstate New York performing in *42nd Street*. A 2007 graduate of South Tahoe High School, he recently graduated from New York University where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Drama. There, he studied Musical Theater, Experimental Theater, and went abroad to London to study Shakespeare at the Royal Academy of the Arts. He has worked at regional theaters performing in *The Producers*, *High School Musical*, *No No Nanette*, *Anything Goes*, and *42nd St*. At NYU, he performed in *State Fair*, *Company*, *Urinetown*, and several other original works. He has choreographed for student productions and department main stage productions. Additionally, he has performed in various Shakespeare productions while in London including *Anthony and Cleopatra*, *Richard II*, and *All's Well That Ends Well*. This Thanksgiving, Bubba will be dancing in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City.

"I am really grateful to Niv (Nannette Niven), Bob (Grant), Marcia (Sarosik), and the District for giving me the opportunity to come home and give back to a group of unparalleled educators who gave me all of the essentials that have gotten me to where I am today", Bubba said. "The cultivating of passion for the arts at its earliest stages is one of the greatest things that I think can be done for our youth. I am lucky to have had that in excess and look forward greatly to do my part in continuing the trend with STHS students".

Nannette Niven is the Director of the upcoming *42nd Street* production; Bob Grant is the Musical Director, Casson Scowcroft is the Orchestra Conductor, and Drake Niven is the Technical Director. This is a show you won't want to miss!

"I am very excited to work on this phenomenally fun and challenging show with students who walk the same, albeit much enhanced, halls where I first learned a love for theater and the arts. It is a tough beast of a musical and it will be great fun to spend some time with the students attacking that and having a wonderful time!", said Bubba Romagnolo.

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