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Title: VSA Highlights

- Well, well, well, ladies and gentlemen, you have a nice seat if you are sitting right in front of me and hearing the sound of my voice. If you're not, you might wanna grab you a spot. If not, you can watch from the rafters up here because you don't wanna miss what you are about to see. Not just this moment, or the next, but all day long. If you happen to have wandered in and not knowing where you are or what you're doing, this is the Very Special Arts Festival. California at Orange County. We are here at Main Place and have been here every year for the last, oh, 20-30 years, and every time, this time of year, we have this incredible festival. ♪ Oh, say can you see ♪ ♪ By the dawn's early light ♪ ♪ What so proudly we hailed ♪ ♪ At the twilight's last gleaming ♪ ♪ Whose broad stripes and bright stars ♪ ♪ Through the perilous fight ♪ ♪ O'er the ramparts we watched ♪ ♪ Were so gallantly streaming ♪

- Aren't these students amazing, the ones who just sang? All of these students, let's hear it for our incredible students. I bring you greetings on behalf of our Orange County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Al Mijares. We believe in this VSA program, it's one of the most important programs in Orange County. It means a lot to me, personally, as a dad. Some of you know my son, Ben, has Down syndrome and autism. He's an extraordinary 25-year-old young man. He loves to sing and dance. Every day we do the chicken dance at my house. You know the chicken dance, everybody know the chicken dance? We do that every day because singing and dancing give us a way to express ourselves no matter who we are, and that's what VSA is all about. I'm especially grateful to Phyllis Berenbeim. Phyllis is leading this for the 41st year.

- The participants really love knowing that it's an I can do that type of thing. They know through the applause that people appreciate what they do, and I think it really gives them a lot of self confidence, and sometimes makes 'em take another step in doing other things, because they feel like they have done something and done it very well. ♪ You gotta have heart ♪ ♪ Miles 'n miles 'n miles of heart ♪ ♪ Nothin's half as bad as it may appear ♪ ♪ Wait'll next year and hope ♪

- No, no, no, little birds don't fly when they're one years old, they fly when they're two years old. No. 2" by Ernest Bloch) ♪ If you want to view paradise ♪ ♪ Simply look around and view it ♪ ♪ Anything you want to do it ♪ ♪ Want to change the world ♪ ♪ There's nothing to it ♪ ♪ You hear me ♪ ♪ Feels like love in the air ♪ ♪ Come on people ♪ ♪ I'm gonna get up, get down, get funky, get loose ♪ ♪ Everybody get up, get down, get funky, get loose ♪ ♪ Say whatcha come out here for ♪ ♪ Whatcha come out here for ♪ ♪ Do you wanna party ♪ ♪ Do you wanna dance ♪ ♪ Come on people ♪ ♪ Come and get down, down, down, down, down, down, down ♪ ♪ Get up, get down, get funky, get loose ♪ ♪ Just one look at you ♪ ♪ And I know it's gonna be ♪ ♪ A lovely day ♪ ♪ Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day ♪ ♪ Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day ♪ ♪ It's gonna be a lovely day ♪ ♪ Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day ♪ ♪ Lovely day, lovely day, lovely day, lovely day ♪ ♪ When the road that's ahead of me ♪ ♪ Seems impossible to face ♪ ♪ And someone else instead of me ♪ ♪ Always seems to know the way ♪

- All of you parents and supporters, thank you so much. Time to leave, everybody drive safely, we'll see you next year.

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