

**THE CAPITOL THEATRE PORT HOPE
ANNOUNCES FAMILY PROGRAMMING:
CAMP CAPITOL, A SONGWRITING PROGRAM FOR TEENS,
A WEEFESTIVAL WEEKEND,
AND CASTING FOR A YEAR WITH FROG & TOAD**

FEBRUARY 2, 2024: Port Hope, ON – The Capitol Theatre Port Hope today shared programming updates geared towards kids, teens and families, including: an accessible festival of theatre for young audiences; this year’s Camp Capitol March Break program; a songwriting program for teens; and a casting update for the season’s mainstage summer season opener, *A Year with Frog & Toad*. Visit capitoltheatre.com to learn more.

“The Capitol is striving to offer something for everyone—and that includes kids and their families! This spring we’re inviting families to come and experience the joy of live theatre—whether you have toddlers, teens, or something in between,” said Rob Kempson, Artistic Director. “I have a background in education, and spent a number of years as a teacher, so bringing to our community high quality programming for children and youth has always been at the top of my mind.”

A WeeFestival Weekend

The Capitol Theatre in a new partnership with the WeeFestival of Arts and Culture for Early Years presents A WeeFestival Weekend on **March 8 and 9**. The program features live performances created specifically for young audiences: each show is approximately 40 minutes in length and offers relaxed formats, including “stay and play” endings and extended arts activities for children and families. Tickets per show are only \$12 for kids, and \$20 for adults.

Lost and Found – a playful and interactive music, storytelling, and puppetry performance is recommended for ages 3-6 and runs March 8 at 2 p.m. and March 9 at 11 a.m.

<https://capitoltheatre.com/events/lost-found-a-weefestival-production-2024>

Quest for the Moon – a sensory-rich shadow theatre performance about a very special friendship between a fox and the moon – is recommended for ages 2+ and runs March 8 at 11 a.m. and March 9 at 2 p.m.

<https://capitoltheatre.com/events/quest-for-the-moon-a-weefestival-production-2024>

A WeeFestival Weekend is made possible with the generous funding of the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage and the Canada Arts Presentation Program.

March Break Camp Capitol

Calling arts lovers aged 9-15: From **March 11 to 15** the Capitol has programmed five days of singing, dancing, acting and art led by expert instructors. Campers will improve their ‘triple-threat’ skills, and show off their work in a culminating performance on the Capitol Theatre Mainstage.

Spaces are limited and advance registration is required:

<https://capitoltheatre.com/events/camp-capitol-march-break-ages-9-15-2024-03-11-930-am/>

Teen Songwriting Intensive

In partnership with SONG, also running **March 11 to 15**, the Capitol presents a week-long songwriting intensive for emerging young musicians in the community. Participants will hone their skills as a songwriter in a variety of styles, explore new ways of making music, and learn about the industry. The week features workshops with special guests, opportunities to record demos, and a culminating presentation for friends and family. Eligible for those in Grade 9 and up; registration is here:

<https://capitoltheatre.com/events/teen-songwriting-intensive-2024>

Cast Announced for A Year with Frog & Toad

The beloved book series comes to life on stage as the Capitol's 2024 summer theatre season opener—and it's fun for the whole family! The show runs from **May 17 to June 2** and tickets are available here: <https://capitoltheatre.com/events/a-year-with-frog-toad-2024>

The Capitol welcomes an exceptional cast for the show: **Joel Cumber** as Frog, **Haneul Yi** as Toad, and ensemble members **Landon Doak**, **Taylor Lovelace** and **Yunike Soedarmasto**, directed by **Fiona Sauder**.

Based on Arnold Lobel's beloved books, this whimsical show chronicles the story of two friends—the very chipper Frog and the rather grumpy Toad—through four fun-filled seasons. Alongside the other animals of the forest, they plant gardens, go swimming, rake leaves, go sledding, and learn life lessons along the way. It's a show for both the young and the young at heart!

ALSO COMING SOON:

[It's De-Lovely - A Valentine's Day Cabaret with Tahirih Vejdani and Friends](#)

An intimate evening of love, laughter and candle light. Join Tahirih as she takes you on a musical journey honouring all the types of love along with special musical guests that you know and love from the Capitol Theatre community. **February 14, 7:30 p.m.**

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The Capitol Theatre is dedicated to producing and presenting a balanced schedule of high-quality professional theatre, live music, film, and other special events in historic Port Hope, while also providing a home for the local arts community. We are committed to building a diverse, equitable, and inclusive future, where all individuals, groups, and organisations are welcome to create, collaborate, and connect. We strive to provide memorable experiences for our guests through artistic excellence, a wide variety of programming, and the historic venue itself. For more information, visit capitoltheatre.com.

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