

THE CAPITOL THEATRE PORT HOPE ANNOUNCES CASTING FOR A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD

The beloved family-friendly musical kicks off the theatre's mainstage summer season this May

April 9, 2024: Port Hope, ON – The Capitol Theatre Port Hope today shared a casting update for its first major summer stage production of the year - *A Year with Frog and Toad* based on the classic books by Arnold Lobel adapted by Robert and Willie Reale. Directed by **Fiona Sauder**, co-founder of Canada's celebrated Bad Hats theatre company, the cast features **Joel Cumber** as Frog, **Haneul Yi** as Toad, and ensemble members **Taylor Lovelace**, **Ben Page** and **Yunike Soedarmasto**.

Perfect for all ages, 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.

"This is a rare piece that appeals to both kids and adults," shares **Sauder**. "There's a beautiful sense of timeless, child-like wonder and invention in the script, and the music is gorgeous. It's a real burst of joy - the kind of story that makes you want to join in, at any age."

"The Capitol is for everyone, and that includes our mainstage productions," adds **Artistic Director Rob Kempson**. "To have an experienced actor and director of Fiona's calibre open our mainstage season is a delight, and we can't wait to share *A Year with Frog and Toad* with our visitors next month."

***A Year with Frog and Toad* runs from May 17 to June 2 at the Capitol Theatre Port Hope. Opening night is May 18 at 7:30 p.m. New this year, the Capitol is offering special weekday matinees that are perfect for school groups, and for added accessibility the May 17 preview performance tickets start at only \$5. Visit capitoltheatre.com for tickets and details.**

COMING SOON

CAPITOL THEATRE GALA & FUNDRAISER

The annual Capitol Theatre Gala is a community-wide fundraiser, and an insider's look at this season's programming. From April 22 to 25, community members will be able to support the Capitol through their participation in themed activities, and purchases at local venues while learning more about the theatre's summer season productions. The rollout week concludes with a **Red Carpet Gala Celebration on April 27**, featuring **Greg Keelor** of Blue Rodeo performing alongside **Jimmy Bowskill** and **Melissa Payne**. Tickets for the gala are available at capitoltheatre.com.

CAPITOL THEATRE: 2024 ON SCREEN: This year's Met Opera film screenings continue with *Roméo et Juliette* on May 1 at noon. Visit capitoltheatre.com to learn more.

CAPITOL THEATRE: SUMMER SEASON

Following *A Year with Frog and Toad*, enjoy *Bed & Breakfast* by Mark Crawford in June, *The Full Monty* Broadway Musical by Terrence McNally & David Yazbek in July, and the world premiere of *Christmastown* by Briana Brown in August. This year's premiere holiday panto is *Rapunzel: A Merry (Hairy) Holiday Panto* by Carly Heffernan. See the full program, [here](#).

TICKETS range from \$22 - \$48 including taxes and fees. [Subscribers](#) save up to 10% if booked before April 30, and save 10% on all other Capitol Theatre performances. Pay-What-You-Can Previews are offered on all Summer Stage & Music Lovers' Performances with tickets offered as low as \$5.

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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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