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**The Tabard Theatre Company at Theatre on San Pedro Square
Opens Registration for Summer 2017 Performing Arts Youth Camps
And Mentor Production!**

SAN JOSE, Calif. (January 13, 2017) – The Tabard Theatre Company at Theatre on San Pedro Square announces that registration is now open for Tabard’s Summer Performing Arts Youth Day Camps for children ages 6 to 14 and for its summer Youth/Mentor musical, **A Year With Frog and Toad KIDS!** by Willie Reale with music by Arnold Lobel, for youth 8-18 and experienced adult performers to serve as mentors.

Beginning in June, Tabard will offer three summer camp sessions. Session I is a one-week camp from June 19-23 for children ages 6 – 10 and will present **Disney’s Winnie the Pooh KIDS**. Session II, for children 7 – 12, is a one-week camp that will run from June 26-30 and present **Disney’s The Jungle Book KIDS**. Session III is a two-week camp for children ages 8 – 14 that will run from July 10 – 21 and present **Annie KIDS**. The camp day runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday. Campers may bring their lunch or pre-purchase lunch for the whole week through Tabard. Each session will present their KIDS mini-musical for friends and family in the afternoon on the last day of each camp.

“Tabard’s Summer Performing Arts Youth Camps are fun musical theatre adventures for youth of all skill levels, and we warmly welcome children trying theatre for the first time!” says Tabard’s executive director Nick Nichols. “Children will have the opportunity to experience the many facets of musical theatre in a process-based hands-on setting taught by theatre education professionals. For each session, we provide a variety of workshops in the mornings that focus on a particular aspect of theatre, such as acting, improvisation, dance, and singing. In the afternoon we rehearse the mini-musical that campers will perform at the end of the week.”

To register for classes, families should go to Tabard's website: tabardtheatre.org and click on the summer camp link. For questions or more information, parents are encouraged to contact Tabard's Education Director, Tunuviel Luv, at Tunuviel@tabardtheatre.org

Summer Youth/Mentor Musical: **A Year With Frog and Toad KIDS!**

Tabard's 2017 Summer Youth/Mentor production will be **A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD KIDS!**, created by Willie Reale (book and lyrics) and Robert Reale (music), based on the books by Arnold Lobel. Director for the production is Tabard Associate Artistic Director and Production Manager Charlynn Knighton.

Young people ages 8 – 18 rehearse and perform alongside seasoned adult performers who teach and mentor the young actors in various aspects of theatre and performance. This is a unique and rewarding program and opportunity for youth and mentors alike. Everyone who is registered for this production will be cast and asked to participate in a casting session that will be held to determine which role(s) would be best for each person, youth and mentors alike. There is a \$100 production fee for all youth participating in the production; some partial scholarships are available.

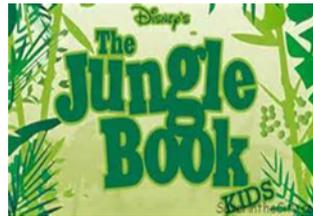
To begin the adventure of **A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS!** or to find more detailed information about the production, roles available, rehearsals, and performance dates, interested families should go to Tabard's website: Tabardtheatre.org and click on the Mentor Play tab.

Experienced adult performers interested in serving as mentors may also find a detailed information sheet about being a mentor on Tabard's website and are also welcome to contact Charlynn Knighton directly at charlynn@tabardtheatre.org to explore the opportunity.

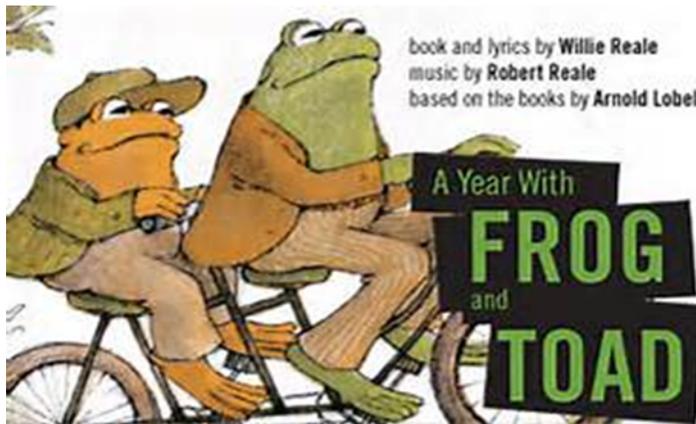
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Show logos for Summer Camps



Show logo for A Year with Frog and Toad KIDS!



About The Tabard Theatre Company

Founded in 2001, The Tabard Theatre Company is the managing and resident theatre company of Theatre on San Pedro Square. Tabard is committed to making a difference in the community through the arts by providing enlightening theatre experiences that are appropriate and affordable for audiences of all ages. Tabard is an inclusive environment where the community can participate in every area of the plays, musicals, educational programs, and music concerts we produce. We champion new works, innovative interpretations, and unique works rarely produced. With a specific focus on altruism and philanthropy, Tabard reaches out to the under-served, such as the blind/visually impaired and children in low-income areas, and donates a portion of each production's concession proceeds to a designated local charity whose work is thematically related to each show.

The remainder of Tabard's 2016-2017 Season, themed "courage", features: 10 IN 10: 2017, Jan. 20 – Feb. 5, THE CEMETERY CLUB, Feb. 17-Mar. 12; and THE MUSICAL OF MUSICALS (The Musical!), April 7-30.

— *Courage. Tabard.*

About Theatre on San Pedro Square

Theatre on San Pedro Square is managed by The Tabard Theatre Company and is possibly downtown San Jose's best kept secret. The intimate venue hosts numerous **Tabard Events** throughout the year in addition to Tabard's regular season of theatrical productions, including its exciting live music series, TOSPS TUESDAYS (pronounced Tops Tuesdays), most Tuesday nights at 7pm, featuring local musicians of every genre, full bar service, and FREE admission.