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**BOSTON CHILDREN'S THEATRE  
PRESENTS  
'A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD'  
DIRECTED BY BROADWAY'S  
DANIELLE FERLAND**

***Featuring 16 young performers from 13 local communities  
Four public performances only  
Tickets on Sale Now***

(Boston, MA)-- Boston Children's Theatre (BCT) is proud to announce that Broadway veteran Danielle Ferland will be directing their spring production of **A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD**. An original member of the Broadway cast of **A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD**, Ms. Ferland's extensive credits include originating the role of Little Red Riding Hood in Stephen Sondheim's *Into the Woods*, as well as her Broadway debut at age 13 in *Sunday in the Park with George*, *All My Sons* and *The Crucible*.

"We are thrilled to have an actress of Danielle's caliber working with our students," said Burgess Clark, BCT Executive Artistic Director. "Her extensive knowledge of this piece, combined with her innate understanding of what it's like to be a young actor, makes this an experience our students will never forget. We are honored to be the first children's theatre Danielle has worked with on this production."

According to Ms. Ferland, the children's version of **A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD** is extremely similar to the original Broadway production with themes that remain relevant and timeless. "The main focus of this show is to celebrate friendship," explains Ms. Ferland. "No matter where we are in life, we need to remain true to our friends and to ourselves. These themes are played out in such a way as to appeal to both children and adults. This is not a kitschy show. It's a lighthearted, fun musical that teaches valuable lessons about respect, friendship and loyalty. Plus, I just love the relationship between Frog and Toad!"

**A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD** is based on the award-winning books by Arnold Lobel. Tried and true friends Frog and Toad navigate through an adventure-filled year and are joined by some colorful companions along the way as they ponder being alone, bathing suits and spoiling Christmas. With songs like “Seeds”, “Alone” and “Merry Almost Christmas,” audiences will witness an unlikely friendship blossom and grow as Frog and Toad go sledding together, bake cookies and tell each other scary stories.

The cast of **A YEAR WITH FROM AND TOAD** features 16 young performers from 13 communities. They include: **Andover** resident Kim Uggerholt; **Belmont** resident Alex Aroyan; **Boston** residents Kevin Paquette and Conrad Krendel-Clark; **Boxford** resident Kristina Kastrinelis; **Braintree** resident Rachel Padell; **Brookline** residents Ryan Cook and Davie Kaim; **Burlington** resident Futaba Shioda; **Danvers** resident Briana Fallon; **Hamilton** resident Ian Shain; **Methuen** residents Alexandra Berube and Linnea Schulz; **Newton** resident Julia Fein; **North Reading** resident William Goldstein, and **Wellesley** resident Audree Hedquist.

**A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD** will be performed at The Wimberly Theatre, Calderwood Pavillion at the Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont Street, Boston, MA on Saturday and Sunday, March 5 and 6 and Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13. All performances are at 2 pm. Ticket are \$25.00 and can be purchased by visiting the BCT website at [www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org](http://www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org) or by calling 617-424-6634, x222.

#### **About Boston Children’s Theatre**

Now in its 60<sup>th</sup> season, [Boston Children’s Theatre](http://www.bostonchildrenstheatre.org) (BCT) was founded as a stand-alone, non-profit organization, dedicated exclusively to young people and the telling of their stories. One of the oldest children’s theatrical organizations in the United States, Boston Children's Theatre provides unique opportunities for inner city and suburban kids to work together by offering year-round opportunities for young performers to be involved in a broad range of theatrical productions. BCT is committed to providing high quality, diverse and affordable shows designed specifically for teachers, children and their families.

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