

Stockton Alumna Returns to Bring a Childhood Classic to Life on the Stage from April 9-12

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Galloway Township, NJ - Stockton University alumna Natalie Jones of Manahawkin, NJ is returning to the Stockton stage, this time as the guest director bringing to life a childhood classic. *A Year with Frog and Toad* will run in the Performing Arts Center on Stockton University's main campus from **Thursday, April 9 through Sunday, April 12.**

with a matinee at 10:30 a.m. and \$8 for students and seniors visit www.stockton.edu/pac or by calling (609) 652-4593. Tickets are open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Of this experience, Jones says, "It's a wonderful and fulfilling of my life; I'm so proud to be a director is an honor, and getting to share this experience beneficial to its audiences as this production brings us into the endearing world of Frog and Toad."

A Year with Frog and Toad is a musical adaptation of the classic children's book by Arnold Lobel.

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as Woman #1; Nicole Clark of Pine Beach, NJ as Woman #2; Christian Jimenez of Vineland, NJ as Man; and Cassandra Herzig of South Brunswick, NJ will serve as the stage manager.

“Stage managing *A Year with Frog and Toad* is really unlike any other project that I have done before because there are so many different elements to the show,” explained Herzig. “As a larger scale show with a small cast, it is really amazing to be directly involved in each of those elements. Working with such a talented creative team and cast is special because it has really put emphasis on the fact that theater is a collaborative art. Each person involved with this show amazes me in what they can do, and as a stage manager, it has been my job to keep these different parts of the show going.”

An important aspect of *A Year with Frog and Toad* is the educational outreach that is being done by both the creative team and the cast members. All of the educational outreach for this production is being coordinated by Angie Confredo of Toms River, NJ.

“As outreach coordinator, I am responsible for bringing the passion of our craft into local elementary schools to give young students the opportunity to experience theater in a friendly, hands-on way. I have been corresponding with each school to bring our cast members to the students to participate in workshops, as well as experience some performance aspects of the show through audience participation,” explained Confredo. “Through our program, we are able to take the Frog and Toad characters that the students know and love from the books, and bring them to life before their eyes. We also provide supplemental materials correlating to the various themes in the show, including friendship, problem solving, animals and life sciences.”

For our patrons with special needs, the Stockton Performing Arts Center offers wheelchair accessible seating, large type programs, and listening assistive devices. Please identify any needs you may have when making a reservation.

The Stockton Performing Arts Center, the Jersey Shore’s Center for the Arts, is located on the campus of Stockton University, on Vera King Farris Drive, just off Jimmie Leeds Road, in Galloway Township. Just 12 miles west of Atlantic City, the center is easily accessible from the Garden State Parkway and the Atlantic City Expressway.

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