



**A
Year
With**

**Frog
and
Toad**

**Open Window Theatre
Youth Musical 2026**

Welcome! Youth ages 8-18 are invited to participate in our Young Actors Academy Summer Musical at Open Window Theatre. Please carefully read through this entire packet before registering. This season's musical, ***A Year with Frog and Toad***, will be double cast with 56 students in each cast. Priority registration is given to our current season of YAA families in the following manner:

Registration Tier 1: Open exclusively to our current season YAA students (Fall 2025-Spring 2026)

Registration Tier 2: Open to siblings of our current season YAA students

Registration Tier 3: Open to the general public for any remaining spots

Spots are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. **PLEASE NOTE: Only register if you and your child are fully intent on doing the show and are available to do it. Please avoid taking spots away from other students and families who hope to participate. Thank you!**

Young Actors Academy Guiding Principles

1. We believe creativity is a gift from the Divine Artist to be used in service of the common good.
2. We believe creative training is a highly valuable tool for the mental, emotional, and spiritual growth of young people.
3. We believe that artists, as ambassadors of empathy, should treat others as they themselves wish to be treated, with love and mutual respect.

PLEASE NOTE: *Many families choose Young Actors Academy and Open Window Theatre for its faith-based foundation. Prayer as part of our classes or programming is always optional for students to participate in, but elements of Christian faith are infused into our operations and interactions.*

JULY - AUGUST 2026 SCHEDULE

Green Cast and Orange Cast

Our production of *A Year with Frog and Toad* will feature two casts. Each cast will have a separate rehearsal and performance schedule but will share the same director & production team, along with the same set, props, and even some costume pieces. Registered students will be placed in either the **Green Cast** or **Orange Cast** based on preference and availability.

We are only taking the first 56 registrants for each cast. Sign-up ASAP to secure your spot.

Please double check the calendar before signing up. Participants are allowed to have limited conflicts with standard rehearsals, but **NO CONFLICTS are allowed for DRESS REHEARSALS and PERFORMANCES. This is non-negotiable!! PLEASE NOTE that we have a MANDATORY TECH REHEARSAL on Saturday, August 8.**

STANDARD Rehearsals (minimal conflicts allowed)

Monday – Thursday, July 13 – August 6

GREEN CAST: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ORANGE CAST: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

MANDATORY Tech/Dress Rehearsals for ALL (no conflicts allowed)

August 8 (Saturday), along with August 10, 11 & 12

GREEN CAST: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

ORANGE CAST: 12:30 PM - 3:30 PM

GREEN CAST MANDATORY PERFORMANCES (no conflicts / call times are firm)

Thursday, August 13 at 7:00 PM (call at 6:00 PM)

Saturday, August 15 at 2:00 PM (call at 1:00 PM)

Sunday, August 16 at 7:00 PM (call at 6:00 PM)

Wednesday, August 19 at 7:00 PM (call at 6:00 PM)

Friday, August 21 at 7:00 PM (call at 6:00 PM)

Saturday, August 22 at 7:00 PM (call at 6:00 PM)

Sunday, August 23 at 2:00 PM (call at 1:00 PM)

ORANGE CAST MANDATORY PERFORMANCES (no conflicts / call times are firm)

Friday, August 14 at 7:00 PM (call at 6:00 PM)

Saturday, August 15 at 7:00 PM (call at 6:00 PM)

Sunday, August 16 at 2:00 PM (call at 1:00 PM)

Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 PM (call at 6:00 PM)

Thursday, August 20 at 7:00 PM (call at 6:00)

Saturday, August 22 at 2:00 PM (call at 1:00 PM)

Sunday, August 23 at 7:00 PM (call at 6:00 PM)

CONFLICTS

Please carefully consider all known or potential conflicts your student(s)/family have with the above dates and times and list them on your registration form. **Students might not be called to every rehearsal, but everyone will be called for all tech & dress rehearsals August 8, 10, 11 and 12. Students must also attend all performances for their cast, showing up at the appropriate call time. A cast list and further breakdown of each cast's rehearsal schedule will be sent by early June.**

AUDITIONS FOR NAMED ROLES

Registered students will have the opportunity to audition for named roles in the show. Auditions will be held on **Tuesday, May 12th from 4:00 - 5:30 PM and 6:30 – 8:00 PM**, in addition to **Thursday, May 14th from 4:00 - 5:30 PM**. More information about auditions will be provided after registrations have closed.

- Participants must be fully registered, including payment, in order to audition.
- Students DO NOT need to audition to be in the show or to receive an ensemble or small role.

Students who are interested in auditioning should **select a preferred date & time during registration**. More details will be sent out after registrations have closed. If neither of the scheduled audition dates/times work for multiple families, then an attempt will be made to schedule a third audition date. Any students who register after the cast list is finalized will be added to the ensemble.

EXPECTATIONS

Putting on a musical of this scale is a combined effort between administration, staff, crew, volunteers, parents, and actors/participants. In order to create a positive experience and develop a show that is truly collaborative, educational, and high quality, it is imperative to uphold the following expectations:

1. **Be prepared.** Participants are asked to bring a water bottle, pencil, and script to every rehearsal. Scripts will be sent home for participants to spend time at home memorizing lines, practicing their singing, and running choreography.
2. **Be kind.** There is a large range of ages, abilities, and experiences of participants. Everybody is welcome, whether this is their 1st or 500th time on stage!
3. **Every role and every participant is important.** Every participant and character is fundamental to a successful production!
4. **Costumes.** Students may be asked to provide some basic pieces for costumes. Details will be communicated at a later date, but participants are not expected to purchase anything.
5. **Attendance.** Rehearsals on August 8, 10, 11 and 12 are MANDATORY. Participants MUST also attend all performances for their cast and arrive at the scheduled call time. *Every* participant is essential to the performance, and we're all in this together!

6. **HAVE FUN.** This musical is meant to be both a fun experience and a quality show. Let's work and have fun together!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS = FREE TICKETS

We need the help of parents and family volunteers in order to make our summer musical a success and to keep our registration fees as low as possible! **We expect each family to volunteer in some capacity either during rehearsals, during performances, or both, and we offer a limited number of comp tickets for those who do volunteer.** Volunteer needs include ushers & concessions, backstage monitors at performances, rehearsal monitors, and set/props/costume assistance during the rehearsal process. More information about volunteering will be sent out in the weeks leading up to the start of rehearsals.

REGISTRATION

TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD FOR THIS PRODUCTION, visit our website, fill out the registration form in its entirety, and make payment: openwindowtheatre.org/youth

TUITION & T-SHIRT PRICES

\$375 – PARTICIPATION FEE
(\$350 for each additional student)
\$25 – T-SHIRT
(optional pre-orders available)

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, please email youth@openwindowtheatre.org and allow up to 2 business days to receive a response. Check your spam folder for communications and be sure to add youth@openwindowtheatre.org to your contacts.

Thank you!

Rose Dittman

Coordinator, Young Actors Academy

Jeremy Stanbary

Artistic Director, Open Window Theatre

Lily Blando

Director, *A Year with Frog and Toad*



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