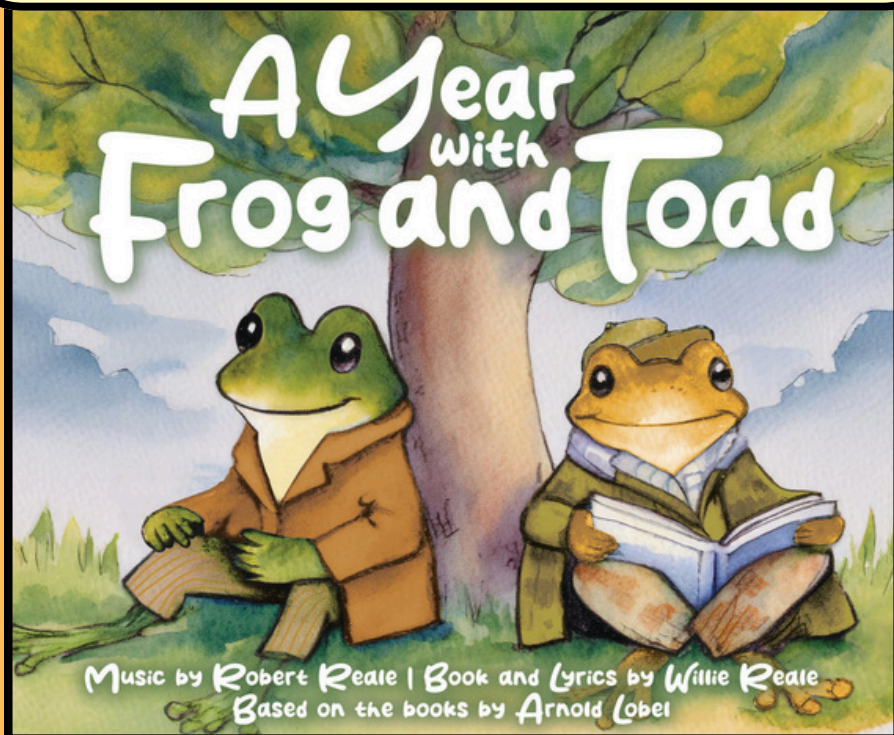


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“A Year with Frog and Toad: Kids!”

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CAST

FROG	Chase Cameron
TOAD	Torin Murphy
TURTLE	Kara John
MOUSE	Cara Heffernan
LIZARD	Daniel Stone
SNAIL	Sebastian Pariso
BIRDS	Averie Cameron, Peyton Cook, Avigail GroseElizabeth Kesslering, Kasper Valentin
MOLES	Caroline Cortes, Vanessa Kim, Maelyn McCormickGrace Roberts-Pesce, Esme Smith
SQUIRRELS	Sebastian Garry, Jude Maltempo, Blake Porcano
ENSEMBLE	Olivia Field, Autumn GagliardoAbigail Perry, Liv Purzycki, Lily Warner

SCENE LIST

A Year With Frog And Toad (Opening) - The Letter #1

Getta Loada Toad (Part 1) - Getta Loada Toad (Part 2)

The Letter #2 - Cookies

Leaves: A Year With Frog And Toad - He'll Never Know

The Letter #3 - Down The Hill

The Letter #4 - Merry Almost Christmas

Merry Almost Christmas (Reprise)

Finale: A Year With Frog And Toad

FROG AND TOAD



Chase Cameron (FROG)- is so happy to be playing Frog! Some of his favorite past roles include Randy in "A Christmas Story," Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol Concert," Scuttle in "The Little Mermaid Jr.," Tickle the Dog in "Junie B. Jones Jr.," and Toto in "A Christmas Wizard of Oz." Chase would like to thank Miss Midge, Miss Arwen, and Miss Laurel for casting him as an animal once again, and his mom, dad, six sisters, and friends for all of their support! "It's a lovely day for a swim!" Enjoy the show!



Torin Murphy (TOAD)- is very excited to make his Shawnee Playhouse debut in Frog and Toad Kids. He recently portrayed Young Simba in The Lion King Kids and Nemo in Finding Nemo Kids at Tobyhanna Elementary Center. His passions outside of theatre are dancing and competing with his team at Mountain Dance Company, skiing, swimming, riding roller coasters and just being a kid. He would like to thank his Mom, Dad, sister Rory and dogs Douglas and Butters for all of their love and support! He hopes you enjoy the show! "



Kara John (TURTLE)- was born in East Stroudsburg, PA, is 10 years old and is in the 6th grade. Kara's first acting experience was at the Shawnee Playhouse S.T.A.R.S. camp. Kara has appeared in A Christmas Carol, One Bad Apple & Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat. Kara's love for musical theatre has her enrolled in classes throughout the school year. Kara has made long time friends and often attends their shows here at the Shawnee Playhouse. Kara is very grateful for the opportunity she has to perform in this play. Lastly, Kara is obsessed with cookies and she wants you to know - Shawnee's Playhouse RULES!!!



Cara Heffernan (MOUSE)- has been a part of the Shawnee Playhouse since 2022. A Year with Frog & Toad will be Cara's 4th show. Past shows include A Christmas Carol, The Little Mermaid Jr., and A Christmas Story. The Shawnee Playhouse has been a wonderful part of Cara's life and has become her home away from home. Outside theatre, Cara loves to play the guitar and compete in swim. She is looking forward to starting 4th grade in the fall, but not before she and all the other Woodland creatures perform for you this summer season! Cara is thankful for the supportive direction of Ms. Midge, Arwen, Laurel and all the Cameron family. Enjoy the show!

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Daniel Stone (LIZARD)- has been doing theater for 2 years. His two favorite roles were Randy in "A Christmas Story" and Peter Dennis in "MAME" in which he won his very first NEPTA Award for Best Youth Actor 12 & under! Outside of theater, he loves being outside and playing baseball! He would like to thank his mom and dad for everything they do, his family and his big brother for always being there and supporting him. Thank you to Arwen, Laurel and especially Ms. Midge for this opportunity to play this very special role.



Sebastian Pariso (SNAIL)- has been doing theater for 2 years in roles such as Sebastian in The Little Mermaid Jr, Flick in A Christmas Story, and Bruce in Matilda. When he is not on stage or at rehearsal, he enjoys creating content for his Youtube channel. Sebastian would like to thank The Shawnee Playhouse for always creating a memorable theater experience. Enjoy the show!



Averie Cameron (BIRD)- is so excited to be a Bird in "A Year with Frog and Toad Kids!" Previous credits include "A Christmas Carol Concert," a Mersister in "The Little Mermaid Jr.," "A Christmas Carol, The Musical," "The Addams Family," and "Annie Jr." Averie would like to thank Miss Midge, Miss Arwen, and Miss Laurel, for giving her this opportunity, and the rest of her family and friends for support. "We know just how to time it, to find the perfect climate..." Enjoy the show!



Peyton Cook (BIRD)- is thrilled to be participating in her 4th production at Shawnee! You have probably seen Peyton as Josie in "Junie B. Jones" Joseph... Dreamcoat and a Christmas Story! Peyton loves being in Odyssey of the Mind, Art Club and playing Piano. Peyton will be a 5th grader at Swiftwater Intermediate School. Thank you always to Shawnee, and my family for your love and support.

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Avigail Grose (BIRD)- has done theater for 3 years. Her favorite role has been Ensemble for The Little Mermaid. Outside of theater, she enjoys gymnastics, karate, soccer and dance. She would like to thank her director for putting on a great show and her family for being so supportive. Enjoy the show!



Elizabeth Kesslering (BIRD)- is performing on stage for the first time in this production of Frog and Toad. Outside of theater, she enjoys gymnastics, tap, obstacle training, and piano. She would like to thank her parents for encouraging her and all her friends and family who are coming to support her on stage.



Kasper Valentin (BIRD)- is an avid performer who performed as “The Artful Dodger” in Oliver Jr!, “Young Simba” in The Lion King Experience and “Tiny Tim” in Michael DeMaio’s A Christmas Carol. Kasper was awarded Best Young Actress at the 2024 NEPTA’s for her role as “Ariel” in The Little Mermaid Jr. Kasper thanks Mrs. Midge and the entire Shawnee Playhouse family!



Caroline Cortes (MOLE)-

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Vanessa Kim (MOLE)- is 10 years old and started theatre at the age of 7. She attended S.T.A.R.S camp, and from there she grew her love for performing arts. She also enjoys singing, dancing, art, learning to crochet, and just being creative. In the future, Vanessa hopes to become an aspiring actress.



Maelyn McCormick (MOLE)- is performing in their first theater production. She has performed with The New Approach for two years (singing and dancing). Outside of theater, she enjoys playing field hockey, basketball, the cello, and writing books. She would like to thank her family for their support. Enjoy the show!



Grace Roberts-Pesce (MOLE)- has been involved in theatre for one year, and this is her second show with Shawnee Playhouse. Her favorite role is her role as a mole in Frog and Toad. Grace enjoys swimming and drawing outside of theatre. She would like to thank her parents, grandparents and all her supportive family members.



Esme Jane Burke Smith (MOLE)- has done theater for 3 years. She has previously performed in One Bad Apple (Hungry), Threads (Emperor's Daughter), Descendants (Jane), Charlotte's Web (Old Sheep & Uncle) and Christmas in the Castle. She is also currently preparing for the role of Ariel in The Tempest. Outside of theater, she enjoys swimming and drawing. She would like to thank her family, directors and theater teachers. Enjoy the show!

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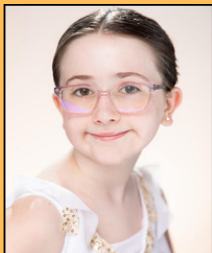
Sebastian Garry (SQUIRREL)-



Jude Maltempo (SQUIRREL)- is making his debut production with A Year With Frog and Toad. He has helped with lighting and sound and enjoyed the 2023 winter STARS camp. Outside of theatre, Jude likes to build with Lego blocks, read, and play violin! He would like to thank Ms. Arwen and Ms. Laurel for all they do! Enjoy the show!



Blake Porcano (SQUIRREL)- is excited to be performing in A Year with Frog and Toad! He is currently training at the In2YouArts Performing Arts Center. He has featured roles in productions like "The Aristocats (Kids)" and "Aladdin (Kids)," and has showcased his talent in events such as the Songs & Snowflakes Cabaret. With a passion for piano, singing, acting, and playing the harmonica, Blake continues to hone his craft in Intermediate Musical Theatre, Acting, and Hip-Hop classes under experienced instructors.



Olivia Field (ENSEMBLE)- has done theater for 1 year. Her favorite role was being a part of the Little Mermaid ensemble. Outside of theater, she enjoys ballet, reading, and playing with friends. She would like to thank her mom, and dad for their love, and support.

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Autumn Gagliardo (ENSEMBLE)- has done theater for 1 year. Their favorite theatrical experience has been being a part of the Sponge Bob play from theater camp! Outside of theater, they enjoy acrobatics, dancing, and singing. They would like to thank their mom, dad, sister Athena, and their grandparents for all of their support. Enjoy the show!



Abigail Perry (ENSEMBLE)- has been performing in theater since winter of 2022. She fell in love with being on stage after a Junie B. Jones camp at the Shawnee Playhouse in the summer of 2022. One of her favorite roles was Coach and Royal Page in the In2You Arts production of Disney's Descendants. This summer she is also looking forward to performing in Rebel Stages production Wizard of Oz as a jitterbug, munchkin, and an ozian. Outside of theater, she loves doing dance and talking with her friends. She would like to thank Midge McClosky as well as Arwen and Laurel Cameron for this wonderful opportunity. Enjoy the show!



Liv Purzycki (ENSEMBLE)- is making her debut in her first theatrical performance. She has been dancing, singing and putting on shows since she was little so she is very excited to be on the stage.



Lily Warner (ENSEMBLE)- is a 5th grade student at Stroudsburg middle school. Lily is a songwriter with two performances of original pieces to her credit. Performed with her teacher Regina Sayles at Chipperfield elementary. This is Lily's 2nd play. She participated in last summers SpongeBob play.

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Arwen Cameron (DIRECTOR/MUSIC DIRECTOR)- is so excited to be making her directorial debut with A Year With Frog and Toad kids! She is currently getting her BFA in musical theatre at Molloy University with the Cap21 conservatory. She was last seen as #25 in The Wolves (In2YouArts), Peegen Ryan/Ensemble in Mame (The Shawnee Playhouse), and Babette in Beauty and the Beast (Stroudsburg High School). This summer she will be performing as a Kit Kat Girl in the Shawnee Playhouse's upcoming production of Cabaret! She is so proud of these kids and she hopes you enjoy the show!!



Laurel Cameron (CHOREOGRAPHER)- is thrilled to be making her choreographic debut at the Shawnee Playhouse! She received her dance training from Fusia Center for the Arts. Past performance credits include "High Schooler" in The Prom (Stroudsburg HS), "Buddy" in Elf (Fusia), "Young Suzanna" in A Good Day (Shawnee), "#2" in The Wolves (In2YouArts), and "Featured Dancer" in Mame (Shawnee). She will also be starring as a "Kit Kat Girl" in Shawnee's upcoming production of Cabaret. This fall, Laurel will be attending the Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University to pursue her BFA in Dance and her BA in French.



Hannah Confalone (STAGE MANAGER)- has been doing theater since she was 3 years old, and will be interning here at Shawnee this summer. She has been apart of PMEA District, Region, and All-State chorus. She went to Bangor Area High school, class of '23, and currently goes to Mansfield University for Trumpet Performance. She has been seen in over 25 productions at Bangor H.S., Bangor M.S., Country Gate Playhouse, South Ridge Community Church, and recently in Kiss Me Kate at Mansfield. She would like to thank every music teacher she has ever had, her family, and her friends for their everlasting support.

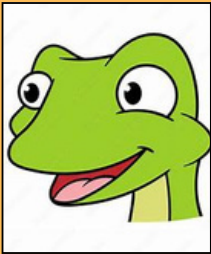


Rocco Martincic (LIGHT TECHNICIAN)- just finished his freshman year at ESU, majoring in Theatre with a concentration in Musical Theatre and a double minor in Music and Dance. He started musical theatre last march and his been in shows non stop since. He's excited to be interning again this Summer. He can't wait to see where his theatrical journey takes him moving forward.

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Alex Diduca (SOUND TECHNICIAN)- has been in theater since the 5th grade and only started working with the Shawnee Theatre last year as an intern, and is continuing on to his second year with both the internship and the company. He is very grateful to his directors for allowing him to grow in his abilities as both an actor and a singer. Alex has played a wide variety of roles such as Squidward (SpongeBob the Musical) and Shakespeare (Something Rotten). He will be attending DeSales University this Fall as a musical theatre major, following in the steps of his mentors and DeSales alumni which he admires deeply: Max Kubiak, Megan Fry, and Michael Guerriere.



Billy McClosky (COSTUMER)-



Lars Philipps (SPOTLIGHT OPERATOR)-

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