

**EISEMANN CENTER'S FAMILY THEATRE SERIES PRESENTS**  
**"A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD" SUN., JAN. 17, 2010 at 2:30 PM**

**RICHARDSON, TX** — The **Family Theatre Series**, sponsored by **Friends of the Richardson Library** is proud to present *A Year With Frog and Toad* on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at 2:30 pm in the Hill Performance Hall. A hit on Broadway, *A Year With Frog and Toad* was nominated for 3 Tony Awards — including Best Musical. Now, for the first time, an all-new production will tour across North America. Arnold Lobel's beloved characters hop from the page to the stage in Robert and Willie Reale's musical *A Year With Frog and Toad*. Developed by Mr. Lobel's daughter, Adrienne Lobel, the stage musical remains true to the spirit of the original stories as it follows two great friends, the cheerful and popular Frog and the rather grumpy Toad through four fun-filled seasons. Waking from hibernation in the spring, they proceed to plant gardens, swim, rake leaves and go sledding, learning life lessons along the way, including a most important one about friendship and rejoicing in the attributes that make each of us different and special.

**Adrienne Lobel** designs scenery for theatre, opera, and dance. Broadway productions include *A Year with Frog and Toad*, *On the Town* (1998, directed by George Wolfe), *The Diary of Anne Frank* (1997, directed by James Lapine) and *Passion*. National and international opera credits include *Lady in the Dark* at The Royal National Theatre, London, *Platée* at Covent Garden and many productions directed by Peter Sellars. Ms. Lobel has designed for ACT, The Acting Company, The American Repertory Theater, Arena Stage (Associate Artist) The Astor Place Theatre, The Goodman Theater, The Guthrie Theater, The Hartford Stage Company, The La Jolla Playhouse, Manhattan Theater Club, The Mitzi Newhouse Theater at Lincoln Center, The New York Shakespeare Festival, New York Stage and Film, The Oxford Playhouse, Playwright's Horizons, The Roundabout, The Second Stage Company, The South Coast Repertory, The Tricycle Theater — London and The Yale Repertory Theater.

**Arnold Lobel** — During his distinguished career Arnold Lobel wrote and/or illustrated over 70 books for children. To his illustrating credit, he had a Caldecott Medal book — *Fables* (1981) — and two Caldecott Honor Books — his own *Frog and Toad are Friends* (1971) and *Hildilid's Night* by Cheli Duran Ryan (1972). To his writing credit, he had a Newbery Honor Book — *Frog and Toad Together* (1973). But to his greatest credit, he had a following of literally millions of young children with whom he shared the warmth and humor of his unpretentious vision of life.

**Family Theatre Series** tickets range from \$10-\$20 and are available online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or by calling the **Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650**. The Ticket Office is open from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm Monday – Saturday and one hour before performances. Group discounts for 10 or more are available by calling **972-744-4657**.

**The Charles W. Eisemann Center** is located at 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas. **The Eisemann Center** is accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south, or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. **Family Theatre Series** season sponsors include title sponsor **Friends of the Richardson Library**, **Target** and media sponsors *The Dallas Morning News*, *North Texas Kids* and *WFAA-TV*.

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