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**“And poof!”**

**With the wave of a magical wand, Youth Theatre opens  
*The Princess and the Frog***

**WHO:** Youth Theatre Northwest  
**WHAT:** *The Princess and the Frog*  
**WHERE:** YTN Black Box Theatre at Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
4400 86<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA 98040  
**WHEN:** May 15 - 31, 2015 - Friday evenings at 7pm, Saturday & Sunday matinees at 2 pm  
**HOW:** Tickets are available at [YouthTheatre.org](http://YouthTheatre.org) or call 206-232-4145, ext. 109

**(Mercer Island, WA)** – For over 30 years, Youth Theatre Northwest (YTN) has served youth from the Puget Sound region with high-quality arts education. Each year, YTN produces dynamic theatre for thousands of families, introducing young audiences to the magic of the performing arts while inspiring young actors with the magic of creative play and the thrill of live performance. Come celebrate our amazing legacy and join us for our 31<sup>st</sup> Season!

Youth Theatre is proud to showcase the talents of its youngest actors with an original, contemporary spin on a classic fairy tale. *The Princess and the Frog* opens Friday, May 15th and performs through Sunday, May 31st, 2015. Written by YTN Education Director **Kate Swenson** and directed by YTN Executive Director **Manuel R. Cawaling**, *The Princess and the Frog* was crafted to welcome and introduce the youngest audience members to the magic and creativity of live theatre.

**Description:** Frieda the frog (an apprentice Fairy-Godmother in training) decides to teach the young princess Minerva a lesson. After Frieda’s magical spell turns Minerva into a frog, they travel to Swampland where they encounter many fun and zany adventures. Will Minerva learn to consider someone other than herself? Will Frieda ace her first assignment or find herself an apprentice forever? An amusing tribute to the movies of the 80’s and a frogtastic modern fable for all ages (but perfect for the youngest of audience members).

*The Princess and the Frog* is best for ages 3+.

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**Location and Tickets:**

The show will perform at Youth Theatre’s new Black Box Theatre at Emmanuel Episcopal Church, located at 4400 86<sup>th</sup> Ave SE on Mercer Island. Tickets are \$17 for adults and \$15 for youth/seniors for the May 15th Opening Night Gala, which includes an intermission dessert buffet. All other performances are \$15 for adults and \$13 for youth/seniors. Tickets may be purchased in advance at [www.YouthTheatre.org](http://www.YouthTheatre.org) or at the door.

**Performance Schedule:**

Performances are May 15 – 31; Friday evenings at 7:00 pm with Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 2:00 pm.

Opening	Friday, May 15	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, May 16	2:00 p.m.
	Sunday, May 17	2:00 p.m.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Week	Friday, May 22	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, May 23	2:00 p.m.
	Sunday, May 24	2:00 p.m.
3 <sup>rd</sup> Week	Friday, May 29	7:00 p.m.
	Saturday, May 30	2:00 p.m.
Closing	Sunday, May 31	2:00 p.m.

**The Cast & Production Team:** The cast of *The Princess and the Frog* features some of Youth Theatre’s brightest young talent. The cast of 12 actors (ages 7-9) are from Mercer Island, Seattle, Bellevue, Redmond, Issaquah and Newcastle.

*The Princess and the Frog* comes to life through the creative talents of its dynamic production team; including Scenic and Lighting Design by **Brian Jackson**, Costumes by **Janessa Styck**, Properties by **Stephanie Bull**, Sound by **Wes Weddell** and Stage Management by **May Nguyen**.

**About Youth Theatre:** Youth Theatre Northwest (YTN) nurtures the intellectual, artistic, and personal development of children and youth through drama, education, performing opportunities, and live theatre experiences. YTN is both theatre and school, providing a wide range of classes and programs designed to further theatrical learning, initiate creative play, and stimulate intrapersonal development for children and young adults age 3-18. Additionally, YTN offers classes to Puget Sound students and offers outreach programs to schools and libraries throughout the region. Youth Theatre Northwest will open its 32nd Season with a production *The House at Pooh Corner*, performing July 10 - 26, 2015 at Mercer Island’s Rotary Park. For a full Summer Season line-up, visit [YouthTheatre.org](http://YouthTheatre.org).

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