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MVC THEATRE, MUSIC, & DANCE PRESENTS "A YEAR WITH FROG AND TOAD"

Musical runs Feb. 18-21 in the Eckilson-Mabee Theatre on the MVC campus

Marshall, Mo. (February 16, 2009)—Missouri Valley College's Department of Theatre, Music, and Dance will present *A Year with Frog and Toad*, a musical by Robert and Willie Beale, Feb. 18-21 in the Eckilson-Mabee Theatre on the MVC campus.

Arnold Lobel's well-loved characters hop from the page to the stage in Robert and Willie Reale's musical *A Year with Frog and Toad*. Conceived by Mr. Lobel's daughter, Adrienne Lobel, *A Year with Frog and Toad* 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.

"The cast of this show has worked very hard to learn a vaudevillian style of acting, difficult music, and extensive dance routines to create an outstanding show," said Wade Hughes, associate professor of theatre at MVC and *A Year with Frog and Toad* producer.

The musical will be held in the Eckilson-Mabee Theatre. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Feb. 18 and 19 and 2 p.m. Feb. 21. Admission for children (8th grade and younger) is free. Tickets for adults are \$5.

A Year with Frog and Toad cast members include: Brenton Jeffery as "Frog," freshman from Lawson, Mo.; Lance Weinhardt as "Toad," junior from St. Louis; Casey McNamara, sophomore from Kansas City; Kloe Shipp, freshman from Fulton, Mo.; Samantha Duquette, freshman from Camdenton, Mo.; and others.

"The designers and tech crew pushed the limits of our capabilities to create a magical theatre experience," Hughes said. "The show should be delightful and hysterical for the whole family to watch."

For more information about the production contact Hughes at hughesw@moval.edu or call (660) 831-4215 for ticket information. Visit www.moval.edu/tmd for online ticket reservations.

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ABOUT MISSOURI VALLEY COLLEGE

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