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Young People's Theatre Announces Registration Open House for 2009-2010 classes.

(Eustis, FL...) Bay Street Players Young People's Theatre (YPT) will hold a registration Open House on **Saturday, August 29 from 1:00-3:00 PM** at the new YPT Building located at 205 North Grove Street in historic downtown Eustis. Classes will begin the week of August 31.

Bay Street Players Young People's Theatre (YPT) offers two tracks for theatrical education for kids preschool-12th Grade: Introductory 8 week sessions under the general heading called **Test the Spotlight**, or year-long training in the **YPT Academy** program and **Take The Stage** performance project. YPT provides a unique chance for young people to exercise their imagination and grow in wonderful and unexpected ways through fun after school classes and performance opportunities. Professional teaching artists lead students through fun, engaging, interactive sessions that provide students with a sense of community, good techniques, self-confidence, self-discipline, and magical memories to last a lifetime. All are invited to the open house to learn more information!

Once again, a Preschool class is available called **Treasure Trunk**, offered on Saturday mornings. Each week a new story comes to life through creative drama and movement activities. Sensory and tactile objects in each story's "Treasure Trunk" provide students and their parent with an engaging, interactive exploration of classic and current children's literature and nursery rhymes.

Among other projects, the audition-only **YPT Touring Company** (grades 9-12) presents a production to the Lake County elementary schools in the spring. For decades, this free presentation is unique to the Central Florida area and it continues to be an important outreach program reaching more than 7,000 children annually. The **Junior Touring Company** for grades 2-8, will again focus primarily on musical theatre and will present performances in a variety of venues in Central Florida throughout the year. Placements for **Touring Company** and **Junior Touring Company** require an audition.

Those enrolled in a YPT class are encouraged to enroll in the fully staged **TakeTheStage** performance project which will be **High School Musical Jr.** performed May 14, 15, and 16, 2010. In addition to acting class, students may register for private vocal lessons.

YPT is devoted to improving the lives of children through the experience, educational training, and performance of theatrical arts. *Full and partial need based tuition scholarships are available for all classes through the Bay Street Players Ed Dawkins YPT Scholarship Tuition Fund.* **Classes begin the week of August 31.** For information on registration attend the open house, call the Box Office at 352.357.7777, or visit the YPT section of the website at www.baystreetplayers.org.

The Box Office is located at the historic State Theater, 109 N. Bay Street, in Downtown Eustis and is open to the public from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Now starting its 35th season, Bay Street Players is a non-profit organization striving to create a showcase theatre that is central to the cultural life and development of the community.

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