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Young Actors Guild Celebrates 30 Years of Providing Theatre Educational Opportunities for Youth in the Capital District with an Original Musical Adaptation of *Anne of Green Gables*

Troy, NY, July 22, 2019 – The Young Actors Guild is pleased to announce their 30th anniversary of providing quality theatrical education to children and teens in the community. Established in 1989 by Mary D’Amico as the Rensselaer Youth Theater Workshop on the RPI campus, Young Actors Guild is one of the longest running children’s educational theater programs in the Capital Region. The mission of the Young Actors Guild is to encourage a child’s self-discovery, enhance their self-expression, stimulate their imagination and develop strong character.

Over their thirty-year tenure, Young Actors Guild has touched the lives of over a thousand students, providing an environment for young artists to thrive in. Through classes in music, dance, acting, and stagecraft, as well as practical application of those skills in semesterly shows, students are given valuable skills that will aid them for the rest of their lives, regardless of what future profession they choose. Young Actors Guild will be holding fundraising events throughout the summer to aid in their transition back into the nonprofit sector and support their scholarship fund, which supports students of all socioeconomic backgrounds.

As they kick off their 30th year, their summer productions will include their own original musical adaptation of *Anne of Green Gables* and an alumni/staff production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. Come celebrate all the past and future accomplishments of the Young Actors Guild this summer! *Little Shop of Horrors* will be performed July 26th and 27th at 7:30 PM and *Anne of Green Gables* will be performed August 9th and 10th at 7:30 PM, both at the RPI Playhouse.

For more information, visit www.youngactorsguild.org or follow us on Facebook at @YAGYoungActorsGuild.

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About Young Actors Guild

Founded in 1989, the Young Actors Guild is an award-winning theater program that serves children across the Capital District, teaching classes year-round in music, acting, dance, and stagecraft. In addition, every student has a performance opportunity at the culmination of each semester. At the heart of Young Actors Guild, nicknamed YAG by their students, is a dedication to character-building and creative expression through art and community. Some of their accolades include performing with Andrew Lloyd Weber's Really Useful Group in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at Proctors, as well as performing with Celine Dion at the Times Union Center and performing in Andy Williams's Christmas Concert.