



TADA! Youth Theater
Presents the World Premiere of
Everything About a Family (Almost)
Starring and Conceived by Members of
TADA!'s Resident Youth Ensemble
Directed by Janine Nina Trevens, with
Choreography by Joanna Greer; Musical Direction by Jim Colleran
April 17-May 17, 2009

NEW YORK, NY – The award winning, **TADA! Youth Theater** (Janine Nina Trevens, *Executive & Artistic Director*), the City's "best known children's musical theater" (Time Out New York), will continue the 2008-2009 season with the world premiere of ***Everything About A Family (Almost)*** (April 17-May 17). This production will join the much beloved, "***Everything About***" series, which the New York Times has hailed as "delightfully comic."

For the first time in TADA!'s history, this production has been conceived and written by members of the Resident Youth Ensemble, who were given the opportunity to choose the songs in the show based on submissions from professional composer/lyricists, and develop a plot line for the piece. Through the rehearsal process dialogue will be written into the show about two Family Reunions and a young family member who leaves her own clan to find one that she thinks better suits her. The piece uses song and dance to illustrate how quirky, fun, endearing and irreplaceable our families can be. Music and Lyrics by various composers; Direction by Janine Nina Trevens; Choreography by Joanna Greer; Musical Direction by Jim Colleran.

TADA!'s **Resident Youth Ensemble** is an award-winning FREE Pre-Professional Training and Youth Development Program that empowers talented New York City children and teens (ages 8-18) through theater training and performance opportunities, as well as youth development activities. In addition to attending rehearsals and classes and enjoying performance opportunities in the musicals, readings and various public performances throughout the year, members of TADA!'s Resident Youth Ensemble receive need-based scholarships for private voice and dance lessons; transportation subsidies; field trips to theatrical, dance and other events throughout the season; panel sessions with professional actors, directors, choreographers, designers and technicians; and small group mentoring between TADA! staff and Ensemble Members.

Recently, the Resident Youth Ensemble Program won the nation's highest distinction for youth development, the **Coming Up Taller Award** from the President's Committee on the Arts & Humanities. The Coming Up Taller Awards recognize and support outstanding community arts and humanities programs that celebrate the creativity of young people, and provide them with new learning opportunities and a chance to contribute to their communities. More than 350 nominations were received by the program.

TADA!'s 2008-2009 season will conclude with the scrumptious musical, ***The Little House Of Cookies*** (July 10-August 1). TADA! Youth Theater also offers classes for children (infants through 8th graders) in theater both on-site and in various locations throughout the city. The Spring semester of classes — in

acting, musical theater skills building, TADA! T.O.T.S. and more — runs March 21–May 8. Week-long camps — where participants put together a mini-musical in just 5 days — take place during school vacations and all summer long both on-site and in various locations throughout the city. Visit www.tadatheater.com for full schedule and registration details.

EVERYTHING ABOUT A FAMILY (ALMOST) (April 17– May 17)

Playing Schedule: Opening Night, Friday, April 17 at 7 p.m.;

Saturday and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

School Performances: May 13 at 10 a.m. & Noon; Special Event: May 15 at 7 p.m.

**TADA! Theater, is located at 15 West 28th St.,
Second Floor (between Broadway and 5th Ave), NYC**

General tickets are Adults \$20, Children \$8;

Premium tickets are Adults \$25, Children \$15.

**Premium tickets holders support TADA! Theater while enjoying a show
and includes reserved seating in the location of choice.**

For more information, please visit www.tadatheater.com or call 212.252.1619

PRESS NIGHT – FRIDAY, April 17 (there is seating available post opening)

Ms. Janine “Nina” Trevens is available for interviews to discuss the wonderful near-quarter century of creating family musicals at TADA! Please contact Springer Associates PR (212.354.4660) to arrange press tickets or interviews.

ABOUT TADA! AND TADA!'S MISSION: Co-founded in 1984 by Janine Nina Trevens and Linda Reiff, TADA! is a unique, non-profit, 501(c)3 youth theater that produces original musicals performed by New York City kids ages 8-18 for family audiences; a year-round Resident Youth Ensemble composed of over 70 NYC kids ages 8-18; renowned education programs in public and private schools; theater classes taught by professional teaching artists, and an annual one-act playwriting contest and free staged reading series. TADA! provides young people of different backgrounds the opportunity to explore and perform theater together in an educational, supportive, and professional environment. TADA! introduces musical theater to children through performances and classes, thereby creating theater artists and audiences for the future. Young people gain self-confidence and learn commitment, responsibility, communication and teamwork—these skills are critical to young people’s success both in school and in life.

For more information, to purchase tickets or to register for a class, please visit www.tadatheater.com. Photos (black and white, color, all formats) are available upon request.