

Summer 2013

### From the Executive Director

We are now in the process of gearing up for what might be our busiest summer ever at Junior Players! We will be offering a variety of programs serving youth ages 5 to 18 and audiences of all ages. As we have told you before, there has been a lot of attention recently to summer learning loss and how it affects all students, but particularly how it affects students from low-income families. To help bridge this learning gap, Junior Players is partnering with DISD this summer for a brand new and unique summer program for middle school students, Building Connections to the Real World. Our teaching artists will be working in summer school sites teaching a variety of projects based in the creative industries. Our hope is that these projects will not only introduce students to a variety of career options, but they will also give them new skills to take back during the regular school year. We will be working at 5 DISD sites, serving approximately 2500 students.

In addition, we will have our regular' free summer theater camps throughout North Texas. We hope to have over 50 camps again this summer, but we will need your help to achieve this goal! We also just finalized our selections for our high school playwriting program with Kitchen Dog Theater, PUP Fest! Don't miss these performances on Saturday, June 15th. We are in the midst of auditions for this summer's production of *Much Ado About Nothing* which will run July 23-28 at Samuell Grand Park. Our director Valerie Hauss-Smith is planning a very exciting production which will be set in a Sicily, Italy in 1962. It was listed as one of Nancy Churnin's top 5 picks for amazing summer fun and she says "Not only do these talented young performers impress us with their mastery of Shakespeare's language and meaning, Junior Players incorporates a different theme or skill each year, giving us a taste of everything from Bollywood numbers to giant puppets. This year, Shakespeare will meet *The Godfather* in 1962 Sicily, and there'll be live music to accompany the tale of witty, verbal spar opponents Benedick and Beatrice, who have no interest in marriage or each other until tricked by their friends." We will also be providing our middle school Shakespeare Camp for students in grades 6 to 8, and last but certainly not least, we do plan to provide 52 free summer theater camps for youth ages 7 to 14 in recreation centers across North Texas.

However, we know that none of what we do would be possible without the continuing support of our Board of Directors, our staff, and our teaching artists and, of course, all of our sponsors and supporters who help us provide free arts education programs for over 5,000 youth each year. With your help, we will continue to transform thousands of lives through the arts. Please don't forget to check out our website ([www.juniorplayers.org](http://www.juniorplayers.org)) for updates on performances, special events as well as programs! We hope to see you at a Junior Players program or performance this summer!

Kirsten Brandt James  
Executive Director



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Liam McShane and Fiona Robberson perform in Junior Players' 2012 production of *Taming of the Shrew*.

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# 2013 Free Summer Programs

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## FREE DISCOVER THEATER CAMPS FOR CHILDREN AGES 7-14

### \*\*\*ADVANCED CAMP FOR CHILDREN AGES 10-14

Discover Theater Summer Camp is a free resource to Dallas-area children that focuses on teaching basic skills of theater performance in a safe, fun, and structured environment. Professional artist-instructors lead warm-up exercises, theater games and facilitate an original ten minute performance piece to debut at the Festival of Plays. Each camp site will participate in a Festival of Plays session either the night of or the day following the last day of class. The Festival is a great opportunity for the kids to meet and perform for fellow Junior Players from around the metroplex. Parents are encouraged to attend this fun and heart-warming event. The festival will be held at Bachman Rec Center, 2750 Bachman Drive, Dallas, TX 75220. More information will be available on the first day of class.

**To register for a camp, please call the recreation center you would like to attend.**

**June 17-28**

#### 10-12pm

Arcadia Park (214) 670-1909  
Bachman (214) 670-6266  
DeSoto Rec (972) 230-9650  
Dunford (972) 279-9285  
Eloise Lundy (214) 670-6781  
Fireside (214) 670-0959  
Florence (972) 279-7477  
Irving Public Library (972) 721-2458  
Lake Highlands (214) 670-7794  
Larry Johnson (214) 670-8495  
Martin Luther King (972) 670-8363  
Old Settler's (972) 542-5014  
Ridgewood-Belcher (214) 670-7115  
Timberglen (214) 671-0644  
Tommie Allen (214) 670-0986  
Umphress (214) 670-0956

#### 1-3pm

Campbell Green (214) 670-6314  
Janie C. Turner (214) 670-8277  
Kleberg/Rylie (214) 670-8648  
Marcus (214) 670-6599  
Martin Weiss (214) 670-1919  
Old Settler's (972) 542-5014  
Wesley-Rankin (214) 742-6674

#### 2-4pm

Fretz Park (214) 670-6203  
Fruitdale (214) 670-7600  
Kiest Park (214) 670-1918

Be sure to check our website  
for current listings:  
[www.juniorplayers.org](http://www.juniorplayers.org)



#### \*Intermediate Acting Camp\*

*For Boys and Girls Ages 10-14 who have  
previously participated in previous Junior  
Players camps*

Fretz Park Recreation Center  
Dates: July 8 - 19  
Time: 2-4pm

**July 8-19**

#### 10 am-12pm

Balch Springs (972) 557-6090  
Churchill (214) 670-6477  
Columbia Luxar Townhomes (214) 824-1122  
Exline (214) 670-8121  
Hampton Illinois Library (214) 670-7646  
Hebron Trails Apartments (214) 824-1122  
Lancaster (972) 218-3700  
Mattie Nash-Myrtle Davis (214) 670-6194  
Old Settler's (972) 542-5014  
Rutherford (972) 216-7790  
Samuell Grand (214) 670-7812  
Singing Hills (214) 670-7550  
St. Luke Community UMC (214) 821-2970  
Thurgood Marshall (214) 670-1928

#### 1-3pm

Beckley Saner (214) 670-7595  
Birchwood Apts. (214) 826-0440  
Gale Fields (972) 205-3090  
Jaycee/Zaragoza (214) 670-6188  
Juanita Craft (214) 670-8391  
K.B. Polk (214) 670-6308  
Willie B. Johnson (214) 670-6182

#### 2-4pm

Exall Rec. Center (214) 670-7812  
Grauwylar (214) 670-6302  
Kidd Springs (214) 670-7535  
McKinney CC (972) 547-2690  
Reverchon (214) 670-7720

2013 SUMMER CAMP SPONSORS AS OF 5/16/2013



# Exciting Upcoming Events

JUNIOR PLAYERS, IN COLLABORATION WITH  
SHAKESPEARE DALLAS, PRESENT  
WILLIAM SHAKESPEARE'S

## *Much Ado About Nothing*

July 23th—28th, 2013

Samuell-Grand Park

Gates open at 7:30, Curtain is at 8:15

**FREE ADMISSION!**  
(\$10 Suggested Donation)

**Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket or chairs  
for an evening of live theater!**

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Jobs Program Intern**

Elizabeth Berkman just finished her junior year at Southern Methodist University where she is working toward her BFA in Theatre Studies. She is a former Junior Players participant and was seen in their summer productions of *As You Like It* (a wrestler) and *Romeo and Juliet* (Benvolio). In the fall, she will be playing Nancy in SMU's production of *The Women*. When she isn't rehearsing, Elizabeth loves reading, writing, and playing tennis. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a career in acting.



### PLAYWRIGHTS UNDER PROGRESS (PUP) FEST Saturday, June 15, 2013—Showtimes at 1:00 pm and at 4:00 pm

Junior Players and Kitchen Dog Theater will present staged readings of 5 plays selected for the 13<sup>th</sup> annual **PUP (Playwrights Under Progress) Fest** program, conducted in collaboration with Kitchen Dog Theater's New Works Festival. High school playwrights currently in grades 9 through 12 were encouraged to submit original scripts. Five scripts were selected to be performed as part of the New Works Festival. The plays are: *With Love, L.L. Key* by Katie Chambers, *Bacon is Not Kosher* by Naomi Cohen, *Rock Candy* by Gabrielle Greenfield, *When I'm Gone* by Kahli Hugley, and *The Wrong Place at the Wrong Time* by Jeanette Tellez. Playwriting Consultants **David Goodwin and Erin Burdette** will work with the playwrights on rewrites during the week of rehearsals. All five plays will receive a staged reading in **2 performances** at the New Works Festival at the **MAC (3120 McKinney Ave.) on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm**. The performance is free and open to the public. This program is supported, in part, by Brierley + Partners, City of Dallas Office of Cultural Affairs, the 500 Inc., the National Endowment for the Arts, TACA, Harold Simmons Foundation, and Texas Commission on the Arts.

For more information visit either [www.juniorplayers.org](http://www.juniorplayers.org) or [www.kitchendogtheater.org](http://www.kitchendogtheater.org).



Our Executive Director, Kirsten Brandt-James, recently received the Individual Member Award from the Women's Council of Dallas County! Congratulations Kirsten! She was accompanied by JP staff members Devon Miller, Korey Kent, and Rosaura Cruz-Webb, as well as JP board members John Cravens, Carol Salaiz, and Dolores Staffin.

### FREE DISCOVER SHAKESPEARE SUMMER CAMP

FOR STUDENTS CURRENTLY IN GRADES 6-8

July 1 – 12, Mon - Fri 1 - 4:30 pm

St. Luke Community UMC

5710 E. RL Thornton Frwy. Dallas, TX 75223

D.B.H. Fellowship Hall

This is a great opportunity to learn the techniques you need to know to be Shakespeare expert you always wanted to be!

- Impress your family & friends with your ability to interpret Shakespeare in a single bound!
- Say the words and actually understand what they mean!
- Learn why Shakespeare's plays are still relevant & important to the world today!

There will be a culminating performance  
July 12th at the Shakespeare Festival  
in Samuell-Grand Park.

To Register for the Discover Shakespeare Theater Camp  
call (214) 526-4076 or Email [devon@juniorplayers.org](mailto:devon@juniorplayers.org)

Save The Date:

### 2013 Future Stars Auction and Celebration

Saturday November 9, 2013

Frontiers of Flight Museum

6911 Lemmon Avenue

Come join us for an evening of fabulous food, drinks, entertainment and fun. If you are interested in sponsoring a table, buying tickets or donating an auction item please visit our website, or call us for complete details on how you can be involved!

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Information inside about Junior Players' summer production of William Shakespeare's

***Much Ado About Nothing***

**July 23th—28th, 2013**

**Junior Players Alumni Hit the Stage this Summer!**

Be sure to make it out to the park June 12th - July 19th as Shakespeare Dallas presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Pericles*. Four members of the Junior Players family will be showcasing their talents in this year's summer season. Rosaura Cruz-Webb, JP's current Program Director, will be portraying Hermia in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Korey Kent, JP's current Administrative Assistant, is currently stage managing and assistant directing the production. Christian Taylor, a former JP participant, will be portraying Lysimachus in *Pericles*. Stew Awalt, JP's current stage manager, will be stage managing *Pericles*. We strongly encourage you to head out to the park and show your support this summer for these four great JP alumni!

