# **junior players**

## Summer 2013



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

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### 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) 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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# **2013 Free Summer Programs**

## FREE PROGRAMS. PRICELESS EXPERIENCES.







# 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



<u>\*Intermediate Acting Camp\*</u> 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

#### 10 am-12pm

July 8-19

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 Grauwyler (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





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# **Exciting Upcoming Events**

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



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!



ExxonMobil **Community Summer Jobs Program Intern** 

Elizabeth Berkman just finished her junior vear at Southern Methodist University

where she is working toward her BFA T, in Theatre Studies. She is a former 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

<sup>1</sup> 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 1. The Wrong Place at the Wrong Time by Jeanette Tellez. Playwriting Consultants David Junior Players participant and was seen 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\_or 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.

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!

www.juniorplayers.org or (214) 526-4076

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.

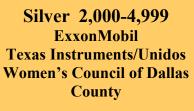
To Register for the Discover Shakespeare Theater Camp call (214) 526-4076 or Email devon@juniorplayers.org











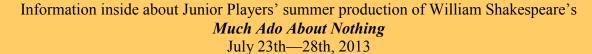
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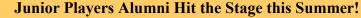
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Be sure to make it out to the park June 12th - July 19th as Shakespeare Dallas presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *Pericles*. Four members of the Junior Players family will be showcasing their talents is this year's summer season. Rosaura Cruz-Webb, 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!