



## Discover Arts Education Workshops!

**Junior Players provides after-school & school day workshops at recreation centers, elementary, middle, & high schools in need of alternative after-school and day programming. All of our classes are taught by professionals in their respective fields. Program content will be modified for respective grade levels.**

*Classes are 1 hour sessions, with a maximum of 25 students unless noted. We recommend booking a minimum of ten sessions. Session prices include supply costs.* Classes correlate to various subjects in school including Reading, Multi-Cultural Studies, Writing, P.E., and Language Arts. 21st CCLC & Arts Partners Provider.

**Discover Africa:** Students explore Africa through African Stories, African Dance, & African Drumming.

**Discover Art:** Students explore the different mediums as well as exposure to art history and its influences. (Mediums include: Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Mural, Mixed Media).

**Discover Theater:** Led by a professional actor/actress, students will learn basic skills in theatre arts, emphasizing oral communication skills. Specializations include improvisation, movie making, & stage combat.

**Discover Dance:** Students learn basic steps that are used towards creating dances. Choose from ballet, modern, jazz, hip-hop, ballet-folklorico, flamenco, & tap. (Limited availability for tap & flamenco) **(Tap & Ballet classes must book a minimum of 12 sessions to receive dance shoes)**

**Visions of Community:** Through the lens of a camera students learn to explore the concepts of non-violent communication, creative problem solving skills, "talk it out", work out anger safely, and "cool off". *This class allows a maximum of 15 students.*

**Discover Creative Writing:** Students experiment with numerous writing exercises to release the creative voice. Students may work on poetry, playwriting, spoken word, and short story.

**Discover Modeling:** Students learn basic skills in fashion including poise, etiquette, photography, and nutrition. Emphasis is placed on personal development and self esteem. A great class for boys too!

**Discover Musical Theater:** Various eras of catchy songs and dances from musical theater masterpieces, both classic and contemporary, are introduced and explored.

**Discover Shakespeare:** Erase the fear of Shakespeare from your students! Through various theater, vocal and movement games and exercises, students will see the works of the Bard in a new light while putting together a short piece form one of his famous works!

**Discover Photography:** Cultivate young artists through digital photographic projects. This class emphasizes learning through and engagement in both observing art & making it. Students will use their environment & writing exercises to create their artistic pieces of work. *This class allows a maximum of 15 students.*

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## **Fine Arts Performances!**

### **African Griot Performance**

One of Junior Players' Griot Storytellers will entertain and educate students on African culture through the telling of stories, folktales, and drumming of Africa.

*Performance material varies based on the grade level.*

### **Creative Spoken Word Performance**

A Junior Players artist will perform the art of spoken word. Spoken word performances focus on words, the dynamics of tone, gestures, & facial expressions.

*Performance material varies based on the grade level.*

### **Flamenco Dance Performance**

A variety of Flamenco dances available for performance! Students will be exposed to a dance performance by a professional company. Flamenco combines elements of Spain's culture, history, & folklore with rhythm and body movement.

*Performance material varies based on the grade level. Limited availability.*

### **Strike, Scrape & Shake**

Entertaining and Educational! Mark Shelton treats students to high energy performances on several members of the percussion family. Students get into the act with a little hambonin' body music as Mark discusses the history of percussion. Instruments include Cajon, Hammered Dulcimer, Cymbals, Electronic Percussion, Handpan, & more. Lots of sound & variety!

*Performance material varies based on the grade level.*

### **The Sing-Along Cowboy**

Bob Ackerman, also known as the Sing Along Cowboy, provides a fun and interactive performance featuring classic country western songs! His performance will combine songs that are suitable for all age groups with different versions of songs to accommodate any age level. His performance is highly educational and popular at public schools in the Dallas area and features both a musical Texas History Show as well as a tribute to the great African American musicians.

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## **Residencies for Grades 6-12!**

### **JPTV Broadcast Journalism Residency**

Our JPTV Broadcast Journalism Residency will focus on the importance of storytelling in digital media and broadcasting to help student channel challenging concepts into a form of expression, and to help create a platform for their voices to be heard! Through the program, students will develop innovative techniques for gathering and producing news stories, and will enable students to recognize the importance of having a voice and utilizing it to positively impact others around them. The purpose of the residency is to develop skills in broadcast journalism, videography and editing, as well as writing and collecting newsworthy information from the community and subjects they interview. This residency is a total of 24 hours of curriculum, which can be scheduled as needed! Junior Players will provide the teaching artist, supplies, and technology!

### **The Transformation Project Dance Residency**

The purpose of The Transformation Project Dance Residency is to provide a safe environment for students in our community to come together and discuss any issues they may be facing either at home, at school, or on the streets of our communities. Part of the Junior Players mission is to provide a non-violent alternative for students looking to deal with any personal issues facing them in their day-to-day lives. This program will provide students with this opportunity while also exposing them to the process of creating a new work and performing that work for their family, friends, peers, and community members. The teen dancers will come together to discuss some of the most challenging issues facing both themselves and their peers, and how the arts have given them an outlet to deal with those challenges. The choreographers will then partner with the students to set their ideas to music and dance in order to create two dance pieces, one of which will be performed at a final culminating performance.

### **Discover Graphic Design: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead**

Discover Graphic Design: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead is designed to integrate the arts, female STEM representation, and career development in a program for young women in North Texas. This project will be a 12 session graphic design program through which middle school students will select a woman in STEM from the IF/THEN collection to feature in a marketing campaign they will develop throughout the course of the program. The program will culminate with each participant creating their own poster with their final design to be printed and displayed in the halls of their school! Junior Players will provide the instructor and all applicable technology.

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## **Special Arts Education Programs for Grades K - 12!**

### **Building Connections to the Real World**

This program will instruct the students in both the fine and applied arts, to not only meet academic goals but also to provide a career focus. Junior Players' arts education programs are designed to improve student academic achievement and to especially help promise-filled students who might otherwise not have the opportunities for arts education programs. In this program Junior Players will use multiple disciplines such as theater, film, multi-media design, visual art, photography, and writing to engage the students in learning new skills. There will be an emphasis on communication and conflict resolution in each class. The students will be provided with a writing journal and writing will be required in these classes. This program includes a variety of classes including fashion design, photography, film, multi-media design, visual art, dance, theater, and modeling. These programs help the students explore their creativity, enhance their critical thinking skills, and develop their communication skills as they engage in an exciting and structured environment. Examples of our specific projects within the program guidelines include working on visual arts projects with a specific focus on fashion design in the fashion design class, learning to create sales copy, and marketing pitches as they develop a script for the class to present at the end of the program in the creative writing class and producing a short film that was conceptualized, developed, edited, and filmed by students in the film program. All programs have lesson plans and learning objectives based on the TEKS. Junior Players' teaching artists are trained in their specific arts field(s). They are recruited from the professional arts community and are screened by our programmatic personnel. Teaching artists for this program must undergo a series of professional development trainings that are tailored to this specific program.

### **Discover Life Skills**

This course will use arts enrichment programs to teach students writing, communication skills, and conflict resolution techniques. Students will learn to write a resume and will extemporize job interviews, as well as keep daily journals. Students will learn conflict resolution through role-play and will work on a class project demonstrating the skills they have learned. During the course of this program, students will create peer driven conversations as they get to know each other through silent communication activities, partner interviews, and conflict resolution role-play scenarios.

Ongoing lessons will focus on career exploration opportunities. They will also focus on the skills needed to be a viable applicant for future employers. The lessons will continue to emphasize interviews for a variety of real life settings and conflict resolution role-play for professional work related scenarios. During the final week(s) of this program, students will work on creating a final self-promotion video highlighting their skills, strengths, abilities, and future career aspirations. All programs have lesson plans and learning objectives based on the TEKS. Junior Players' teaching artists are trained in their specific arts field(s). They are recruited from the professional arts community and are screened by our programmatic personnel. Teaching artists for this program must undergo a series of professional development trainings that are tailored to this specific program and must follow the Life Skills Curriculum.

### **Homeless Education Program**

This program is a collaboration between Junior Players and the Homeless Education Program. The goal of the Homeless Education Program (HEP) is to provide services that establish stability for children and youth in transition in order to succeed in school. To assure homeless students maintain grade level during periods of transition and to boost State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness (STAAR) scores, the Homeless Education Program collaborates with Junior Players to provide after school and school holiday programming through two master teaching artists. Our master theater arts workshops focus on engaging students through storytelling, learning theater skills, and concepts in theater emphasizing oral communication skills. These classes use theater and storytelling to educate, enlighten, empower, and entertain. Our master Sing-Along Cowboy program provides a fun and interactive performance and workshop setting featuring classic country western songs and history. This program combines songs that are suitable for all age groups with different versions of songs to accommodate any age level. This program is highly educational and popular at public schools in the Dallas area and features both a musical Texas History show and workshop combination, as well a tribute to the great African American musicians.