



2021 ANNUAL REPORT

Since 1955, Junior Players has been empowering young voices by providing free, high quality, arts programming to North Texas children and youth.

And thanks to your support, we've only just begun.



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A Letter from our Executive Director

As we reflect on another transformative year at Junior Players, we are more grateful than ever for the support of our community and the incredible donors, advocates, and champions that continue to make our work possible. Thank you for acknowledging the unique and vital role the arts play in the lives of our children and youth, and for joining us in building an inclusive and equitable space for all students to find their voices.

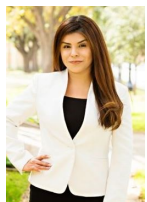
I am humbled to be a part of a community that continues to inspire, encourage, and support a brighter future for both the arts and our children and youth, even in the face of tremendous challenges. To those who have shared their resources, time, and effort with Junior Players this year – I cannot thank you enough. Your contributions have made countless young dreams come true, and have allowed us to remain a stable and present force for the students who rely on us for safe spaces to express themselves and opportunities to grow. While we continue to navigate the challenges of the pandemic, this year we have been able to mitigate the financial setbacks of this global crisis while continuing to focus on an ambitious future for Junior Players.

Through innovation, dedication, and the tremendous generosity of our community, we have found strength in resiliency and adapted to address the immediate needs of our organization without compromising our vision or our responsibility to the over 15,000 underserved children and youth we served this year. The events of the past two years have required immense flexibility and growth for us at Junior Players, and I am proud to say that we are ending this year stronger than ever. From adapting our programming to virtual and hybrid models, to identifying new revenue streams to ensure our financial stability, to creating responsive programming to address the current social climate for our students, Junior Players has met each challenge we faced as an opportunity.

When we developed our vision for our 2021 season of youth productions, we selected the title “Season of Unity”. This was a response not only to the need we saw for unity in our communities as we navigated the pandemic, but also the call to action we felt in response to the much-needed social and racial justice movements that have marked the past two years. As an organization that serves a 93% BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) student population, we have and will continue to stand in solidarity and unity with marginalized communities in the fight for equity and justice. Junior Players strongly believes that the arts hold a central place in driving change, and in our responsibility to furthering social progress in our work. To quote artist Ryan Katz:

“The arts create wellness in our day-to-day lives by helping us process our lives individually and allowing us to come together collectively. Art allows us to communicate from afar, generating positivity, appreciation, and hope during COVID-19. In times of social injustice and unrest, art amplifies important voices and messages.”

This quote perfectly captures Junior Players’ approach to our programming and the delivery of our mission, particularly as we do so in times of crisis and upheaval. We have never had a greater responsibility to our students and communities than we have in recent years. As I look back on this year, I am reminded of the power we have to change lives, communities, and our world, and am overwhelmed with gratitude for our supporters who make this possible. With your help we have launched new programs that focus on Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion, produced performances that center BIPOC and youth voice on current issues, and expanded our efforts to support the Social-Emotional needs of our students. We have reached new students and communities with our free arts programming, bringing the power of the arts to even more children and youth in need. We have introduced programming in new art forms, ensuring that every young artist has the opportunity to pursue their passion. Perhaps most importantly, we have created safe and nurturing spaces for our most vulnerable children and youth to process and heal from the events and experiences that have impacted them this past year.



Thank you for standing with us in empowering young voices and building a brighter future through the power of the arts. With your support, we can continue to rise to meet the needs of our children and youth and make sure that every student, regardless of circumstance, can meet their fullest potential.

Rosaura Cruz

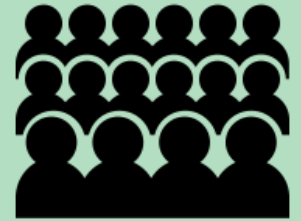
Executive Director | Junior Players Alumna 1999 – 2002

Where Do Your Dollars Go?

2021 Figures:

For every \$1 spent, the community receives \$30 worth of high-quality arts education programming!

Junior Players has served over 300,000 kids and teens since 1955.



15,000 Participants

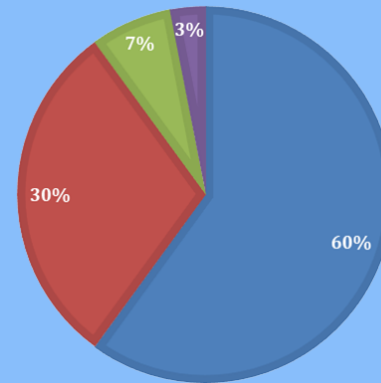
3,000 Audience Members

Over 600 Unique Programs

2,800 Program Sessions

5,600 Program Hours

2021 Participant Demographics:



- Hispanic
- African American
- White
- Asian/Other

COVID-19 Response:

In response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Junior Players is offering all of our 2021, 2022 programming in virtual, in-person, and hybrid models, dependent on site-specific restrictions and procedures. While our programs will be returning to in-person classes when it is safe to do so, we will retain our virtual and hybrid models as options for students moving forward, ensuring we maintain our presence in the lives of those students only reachable through these platforms.



1,053 virtual sessions were completed in 2021

1,747 in-person sessions were completed in 2021



Junior Players Programs

Junior Players has provided FREE arts education (including visual, performing, media, and dance) programming to the youth of North Texas since 1955.

Here are just a few of the programs offered in 2021!

Discover Arts After School Programming

Includes Discover Africa, Discover African Drumming, Discover Alphabet Art, Discover Art, Discover Ballet, Discover Comic Art, Discover Creative Writing, Discover Dance, Discover Fashion Design, Discover Hip Hop, Discover Modeling, Discover Music, Discover Pattern Art, Discover Pencil Drawing, Discover Photography, Discover Playwriting, Discover Sign Language, Discover Stage Combat, Discover Theater, Discover Theater Movement, and Discover Word Art.

Community Arts Performances

Flamenco

Strike, Scrape, & Shake

Creative Spoken Word

African Griot



CityWide Playwriting

Advanced Shakespeare

Broadcast Journalism



Audition Workshops and Season of Unity Production Auditions

Dance Residency



Delivered in local recreation and cultural centers, low-income housing developments, elementary, middle and high schools, and through social service agencies serving promise-filled youth, our goal is to encourage, empower, and enrich the lives of as many children and youth as possible each year.

Visions of Community

Summer Theater Camps



Junior Players was thrilled to bring back our popular runway fashion show, *Discover Runway Dreams*, as the opener to our 2021 Season of Unity. *Discover Runway Dreams* featured 19 talented young models ages 5 through 17 and three local female BIPOC fashion designers.

Six scripts written by local high school playwrights were selected for this year's virtual production of PUP (Playwrights Under Progress) Fest - the culminating event of Junior Players and Kitchen Dog Theater's partnership with the Dallas Independent School District known as the Dallas Playwriting Arts Collective (D-PAC). We were honored to receive scholarship funds for all 6 of our playwrights from the incredible John and Kathy Palter and Bob and Linda Appel.



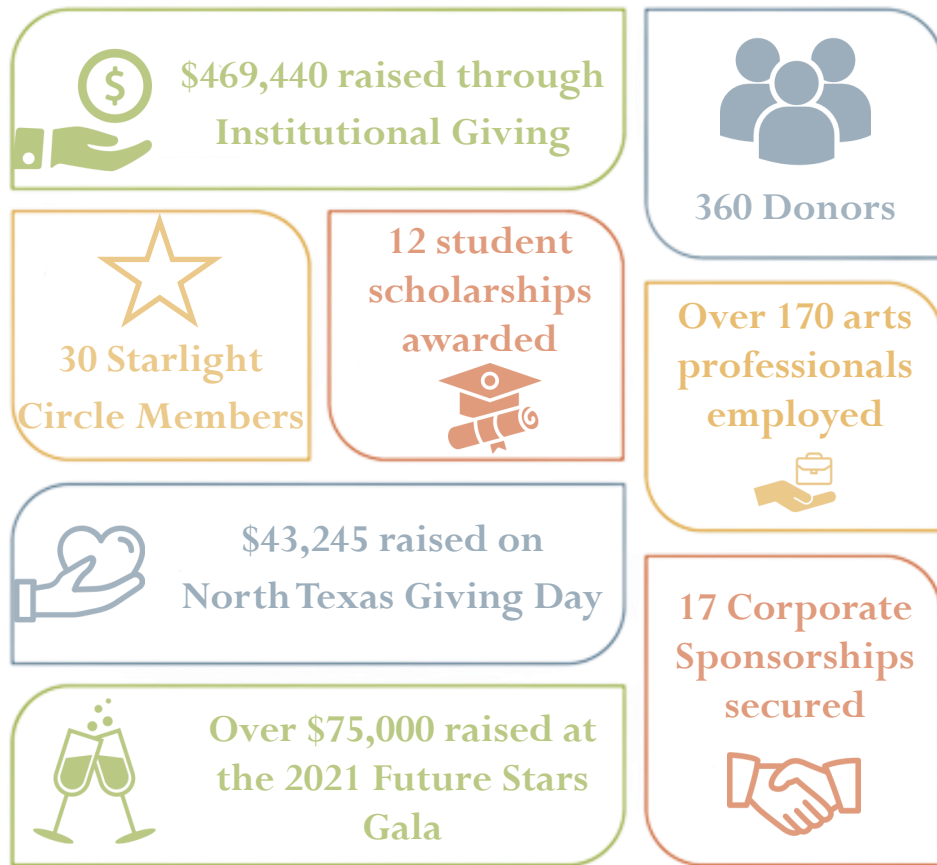
Junior Players made our post-covid return to the Samuell-Grand Park Amphitheatre stage this summer with *12th Night: A Rock Musical*.

This production featured 13 of North Texas' most talented high school students from 9 different high schools.

Junior Players performed our brand-new dance production, *Amplify*, on the beautiful Annette Strauss Artist Square at the AT&T Performing Arts Center. In addition to featuring 9 participants and 3 local BIPOC choreographers, Junior Players was awarded a Best of Dallas Award from the Dallas Observer for our work on *Amplify*.



2021 Organization Breakdown



"The pandemic was very challenging for me as I stayed virtual for my entire freshman year, so theatre class was not quite the same. However, Junior Players gave me an outlet not only to do theatre during this difficult time, but also, it allowed me to explore other types of the arts that I never thought I would be interested in, such as modeling." – Sawyer, Junior Players Participant

"This is such a successful program! It's a joy watching beautiful arts and watching kids' performance. Really appreciate for the opportunity to participate in the program! I've seen difference in Oliver already via this short program. Looking forward more and more" – Monica, Junior Players Parent

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teens.

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our incredible supporters, without whom our work would not be
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