

JUNIOR PLAYERS PRESENTS

2023 DISCOVER THEATER

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About Junior Players

Junior Players was founded in 1955, and is the oldest non-profit children's theater organization in Dallas. Over its existence, Junior Players has striven to meet the changing needs of the community. From 1955 to 1989, Junior Players presented traditional children's theater productions performed entirely by children and teenagers. In 1989, the Board of Directors changed the focus of Junior Players activities, deciding that, Junior Players can best serve the youth of Dallas by providing free programming accessible to all the children of North Texas. Junior Players, therefore, exclusively provides free arts education programs in local recreation and cultural centers, low-income housing developments, elementary and middle schools, and through social service agencies serving youth at risk.

The mission of Junior Players is to encourage intellectual growth, mental well being, and the development of life skills in the youth of North Texas through mentoring, creative expression, and participation in dramatic and arts activities.

This mission is accomplished through:

- Narrowing the arts education gap between low-income partner schools/neighborhoods and their nearby higher-income peers by providing 6,000 hours of arts education programming.
- Teaching youth to resolve conflicts using non-violent communication strategies such as listening skills, identifying feelings and brainstorming non-violent solution options.
- Allowing students to participate in high quality arts programming, which expand communication skills, increase self-confidence and increase self-esteem

Junior Players Programs

Junior Players Discover Theater Summer Camps and Discover Ourselves After School Workshops focus on children ages 5 to 18 in underserved areas of the community. Junior Players Discover Shakespeare program combines the best of local high-school acting talent with the professional skills of the Shakespeare Dallas staff in a teen production of Shakespeare presented in performances at Samuell-Grand Park Amphitheatre. In collaboration with a variety of organizations, including Letot, Promise House and the Dallas Independent School District, Junior Players teen and Visions of Peace programs work with high-risk teens who are challenged to write about their life experiences, create and perform their own productions and resolve their conflicts through communication in a non-violent manner. Junior Players' Advanced Acting Workshops and PUP Fest and the D-PAC collaboration (Dallas - Playwriting Arts Collective) programs offer professional training in acting and playwriting for area high school students. 2019 was the third year of the Junior Players' Youth in Arts Student Council with a focus on preparing our youth to become the next generation of arts and civic leaders with an emphasis on representation in the arts. Junior Players also offers its Fall Dance Production and Winter Musical Production to North Texas teens with the opportunity to perform at the Moody Performance Hall. In 2019, Junior Players was excited to introduce a project in collaboration with MOPAI China Dreams titled Discover Runway Dreams, a brand new runway show featuring students from a Junior Players runway modeling masterclass.

To learn more about how you can bring our programs to your local community, please email Program Director, Anthony Pound, at anthony@juniorplayers.org

July 2023 Summer Theater Camps

All sites listed may not have a live performance. Sites listed in alphabetical order

Anita Martinez Recreation Center

Award Winning Performance

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Alyssa Azcarate

Amariz Velasque	Gabriel Rodriguez	Natalia Garces
Angel Contreras	Hailee Guzman	Presley Abendschein
Aubree Malagon	Hailey Vazquez	Regina Ramirez
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Christian Torres	Iker Valadez	Sofia Bernabe
Enzo Gonzalez	Jayden Jones	Stephanie Villa
Ford Patterson	Jude Patterson	
Gabriel Molina	Natalia Correa	

Arlington Park Recreation Center

Arlington Park Players Improv

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Mark Pierce

Abel Basulto	Greg Lara	Khyler Jackson
Andre Perry Jr.	James Dennis Jr.	Mariah Davis
Angel Rios	Jayden Burnett	Mark Quintanilla
Aubree Cheeks	Josiah Mullins	Matthew Molina
Benjamin Balderas Jr.	Kahdan Duck	Ryann Jones
Bentley Davis	Kailyn Paysinger	Sarah Hu
Camila Monjaras	Kaixen Duck	Sophia Rodriguez
Chyance Myers	Kali Jackson	Tristan Hardman
Elijah Basulto	Karson Dunbar	Vihaan Palicharla
Elijah Basulto	Kendric Sanders	

Bachman Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Jay Gewertz

America Cruz	Devani Peralta	Julian Moreno
Arely Flores	Haley Navarro	Manuel Sariano
Carlos Martinez	Isiah Peralta	Matthew Najera
Carlos Salazar	Josiah Peralta	Stephan Reyes

Brilliance Preparatory

Summer Celebration: Skits and Songs

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Karen Jennings

Amari Carstarphen	Ethan Newell	Omotara Kayode
Antoinette Johnson	Genesis Bello	Paisley Hale
Aubrey McNutt	Isabella Spears	Tracie McQueen
Charity Green	Jyrese Taylor	
Christopher Shaw	Malaisia Crayton	

DeSoto Recreation Center

Little Things

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Mac Welch

Adrian Lufia	David Waddell III	Santana Anderson
Amari Lufia	Dennis Portillo	Sebastian Anderson
Arnaud Lufia	Maya Richardson	Stefan James
Bailey Henderson	Reya Waddell	Ziggy Portillo
Bisseret Manradge	Ruby Waddell	
Chloe Richardson	Saiya Pierce	

Fireside Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Mac Welch

Anabel Dominguez	Ever Joel	Kalvin Brown
Angel Garcia	Genesis Abreu	Katelynn Martinez
Anthony Puente	Hadassah Lee	Maria Ferna Olivares
Ariana Dominguez	Itzayana Trejo	Matthew Galarza
Avah Washington	Jasmine Puente	Melissa Rodriguez
Camilla Ruiz	Jeremiah Jernigan	Michael Yanez
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Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Center

The Birthday Party Warmup

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Grayson Lesley

Alessandro Aguilar	Elisa Veliz	Matthew Budd
Alexa Aguilar	Ezekiel Gonzalez	McKinley Rodriguez
Aliana Salas	Jazmine Ybarra	Merley Rodriguez
Anthony Saenz	Kimberly Martinez	Michael Lopez
Aryanna Ashby	Leanette Garcia	Nathaniel Cordena
Aubrey Ashby	Liam Salas	Raymond Olvera
Clint Hopkins	Lilliana Saenz	Sofia Carbajal
Edy Lopez	Madison Lopez	Taylor Dismuke
Eliana Veliz	Marco Corona	Valerie Gonzalez

John C. Phelps Recreation Center

Mystery at the Museum

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Emily Truelove

Avery Newman	Jayden Washington	Nehemiah Ivery
Benjamin Haynes	J'Mari Norris	Skyla Haynes
Bre'Suiod Hollie	Jordayn Sterns	Somari Hogue
Elibeth Cordonas	Journey Norris	Steven Daniels
Harmony Hooks	King Cooper	Sydney McCann
Isiah Johnson	Lauren Ellis	
Ivyonna Jackson	Laylan Anderson	

Kidd Springs Recreation Center

The Dimension Dilemma

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Grayson Lesley

Anya Hunnicutt	Mauricio Garza	Samuel Lugo
Booth Magill	Nora Holloway	Sebastian Perez
Buddy Montoya	Olive Magill	Sophie Cano
Charlie Good	Penny Montoya	Suzie Good
Elizabeth Lugo	Penny Snow	Wilder Holloway

Old Settler's Recreation Center

Two Princesses and The Evergreen Sword and Magic City

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Hailey Summers

Amelia Colleen Green	Madison Williams	Raymond Pillars
Ava Ramirez	McKinney Treanor	Terra Garcia
Carter Lindsay	Mya Ramirez	Winnie Treanor
Isabele Fry	Natalia Valle	
Kaitlyn Fry	Nathaniel Valle	

Our Lives Matter Camp

I Can't Swim: The True Story of the Friendly Shark

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Emily Truelove

Aidan Suell	Jaycion Wallace	Tre'ell Hogan
Davion Whitehead	Jazlynn Whitehead	Trey Cross
Deneen Hogan	Maqaël Ward	Tyson Essence
Eden Hogan	Morghen Harris	Zyheir Stephens
Jada Whitehead	Reign Myles	Zyon Stephens

Samuell-Grand Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Heather Roberts

Alessandra Galvez	Elliot Diaz	Johan Rosales
Amari Jackson	Ezra Agada	Lizette Alvarez
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St. Anthony School

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Heather Roberts

Airir Ayers	Kenyan Martin	Sebastian Campbell
Anaya Toney	Keyone Stephens	Warner Toney
Chanie Flentroy	Lailah Oliver	Zariyah Duncan
Isaiah Attaway	Monterrious Bell	
Kamari Allen	Queen Jackson	

Walnut Hill Recreation Center

The Friendly Dragon and Company

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Karen Jennings

Ava Martinez	Ellie Cueller	Logan Gallardo Terrones
Barret Basham	Isabella Catalan	London Allen
Connor Selbach	Josean Guzman	Mason Silva
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Thank you once again for your phenomenal support and we hope to see you again soon!



As a nonprofit, Junior Players relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations and foundations to provide free, high quality arts programming that empowers young voices in North Texas and beyond.

To help empower young voices, and equip more youth with confidence, we need your support. All funds will go towards helping youth discover and develop their potential.

Help us make a difference in the lives of 15,000 kids and teens! By choosing to support Junior Players, you're committing to empowering young voices in our community.

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August 1 - 6, 2023 | 8:00 pm | Samuell-Grand Park Amphitheatre

About the Show:

In collaboration with Shakespeare Dallas, Junior Players presents
Crowns of Power: Henry IV.

Set in a kingdom plagued with rebellion, treachery, and shifting alliances in the period following the deposition of King Richard II, the two parts of Henry IV focus especially on the development of Prince Hal (later Henry V) from wastrel to ruler rather than on the title character. Hal struggles between choosing the court life that his father, Henry IV, so desperately wants him to inherit and the rowdy tomfoolery and fun that Falstaff and his friends attempt to sway him towards instead.

Hilarious, touching, and dealing with universal themes of family, power, and honor, this show is a can't miss!

Ticketing Information:

Tuesday and Wednesday performances are completely FREE

Thursday through Sunday performances are \$15 General Admission,
\$10 Student/Senior.

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