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2019 Season of Rebellion has been announced!

Visit juniorplayers.org/rebellion for more information!

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From the Executive Director

This year so many astonishing Junior Players advocates have paved the future for many of the most underserved children in our community. A community that is filled with pockets of the city that we call arts deserts, with hundreds of schools, recreation centers, low income housing apartments that lack basic resources and quality enrichment programs. We know that exposure to a well-rounded education is crucial for our youth's development. Arts education can help close the gap between socioeconomic groups, creating a more level playing field between kids who may not be exposed to these enrichment experiences outside of school, IF they even have any arts access to begin with. Junior Players is leveling the inequitable playing field by providing innovative arts learning opportunities and making these programs completely **FREE** to all of the 14,000 students that we serve on an annual basis.

Over our 63 years of existence, Junior Players has served hundreds of thousands of North Texas children and has provided priceless experiences. We bring the arts to communities that often do not have access to them. Junior Players is a free alternative outlet where young minds have identified a platform to challenge themselves in creative ways as they help the community move the needle. This is an outlet that allows them to have a voice in who they truly want to be not who society expects them to be. In our programs they find innovation & passion to confront the community challenges and affect change.

We are also training the artists of tomorrow, who are empowering the community at large. By creating viable career opportunities for individuals to work in their desired fields with a sustainable income, we are keeping our artists local making us one of the major contributors to the DFW area. In addition to their artistic endeavors, they are also proactive community leaders and inspirations in their industries, who tackle challenges *differently* with passion and laser focused purpose to shape the future.

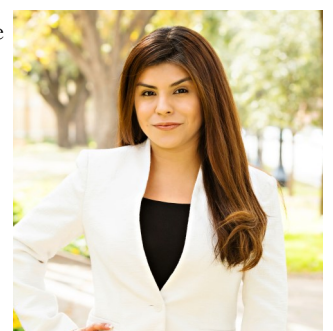
Junior Players has played a vital role in my life. Because of **THIS** organization's work, today you see cultural equity as I am a proud Junior Players product. **However, there is more work to be done and I need your help.** Your support will undeniably deepen the footprint of arts education and Junior Players in the Dallas ecosystem.

What role does the next generation play for the community or for you personally?

By making any gift, you are opening the curtain for these kids, you are a part of their story. You have an opportunity to impact the lives of thousands of little ones. Think about the impact that every dollar has for those living well below the poverty line, for those 1st, 5th, 6th graders who have never had the simple opportunity to experience a music or dance class. Take the stage and become a change agent for our city's most valuable resource, our youth. **Help us and join us because art has a role in everyone's life.**

Warm Regards,

Rosaura Cruz
Executive Director



2018 Future Stars Celebration

On Saturday, November 3, Junior Players hosted the 2018 Future Stars Celebration. It was an evening of wonderful food, music, exciting auction action, and entertainment provided by Junior Players participants and alumni. Over \$70,000 was raised for our free programs!

Junior Players was honored to have Liz Cedillo-Pereira, Director of the City of Dallas' Office of Welcoming Communities and Immigrant Affairs, serve as this year's Honorary Chair.

This year's auction included vacation packages, valuable sports memorabilia, and a steak tour of Dallas. There were also restaurant gift certificates, as well as tickets to arts and entertainment events all over the Dallas-Ft. Worth area!

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Calling All Playwrights! PUP Fest 2019!

Junior Players and Kitchen Dog Theater are excited to continue D-PAC (Dallas - Playwriting Arts Collective), a collaboration with the Dallas Independent School District, as an expansion of our annual Playwrights Under Progress (PUP) Fest program. This partnership will strengthen our commitment to Dallas area students and will allow us to serve an additional 1,000 DISD students throughout the school year.

Scripts are now being accepted for consideration for PUP Fest 2019. Six scripts will be selected for a festival of staged readings in June at Kitchen Dog Theater as part of their New Works Festival.

Deadline is April 19, 2019. Be sure to check juniorplayers.org/programs for script writing guidelines and submission details.

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Citywide Playwriting Workshop and Panel

Are you in grades 9-12? Interested in playwriting?
Want to have the opportunity to have your play performed in a professional theater?
Then come and experience the magic that will happen during this workshop when you are exposed to tips and techniques that will aid in your development as a young playwright!

Erik Johnsson Central Library

February 23, 2019

2 pm - 4 pm

1515 Young Street, Dallas 75201

Join Junior Players and a panel of experts as we have a panel discussion about being a young playwright in Dallas! Have your questions answered by local professionals and hear firsthand the tips and tricks they have used to excel in playwriting!

Old City Park

March 9, 2019

2 pm - 4 pm

1515 South Harwood Street, Dallas 75215

Register for one or both at juniorplayers.org/workshops!



Advanced Shakespeare Workshop

Do you want to learn Shakespearean text and language? Are you interested in auditioning for *Much Ado About Nothing*? Join us for our Advanced Shakespeare Workshop!

March 30 - April 20 | 10 am - 1 pm
Saturdays only

2019 Season of Rebellion Auditions

Any Dallas or surrounding area high school student who is currently in grades 9-12 is eligible to audition for our 2019 Season of Rebellion!

Much Ado About Nothing and PUP Fest Auditions:

Saturday, April 27, 2019 | 11 am - 2 pm

Callbacks:

Saturday, May 11, 2019 | 11 am - 2 pm

Junior Players Presents: Revolution Auditions:

Saturday, April 27, 2019 | 3 pm - 6 pm

Callbacks:

Saturday, May 11, 2019 | 3 pm - 6 pm

Locations to be determined and dates subject to change. For more information, please visit juniorplayers.org/audition.

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