

JUNIOR PLAYERS PRESENTS

2023 DISCOVER THEATER

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Saturday, June 24, 2023
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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

June 2023 Summer Theater Camps

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

Dallas Community Fellowship

Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Heather Roberts

Amaya Turner	Gabrielle Crittenden	Michael Crittenden
Andrew Crittenden	Karter Johnson	Pryce Bennett
Aniya's Cleveland	Kennedy Cumbo	Riley Jackson
Brooklyn Hill	King	Trinity Williams
Eden Crittenden	Kyron Daniels	
Gabriel Jones	Londynn King	

Desoto Recreation Center

The Black Box Theater Kids Improv Troupe!

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Abigail Bouska

Bailey Henderson	Jenesis Owensloy	Taylor Castile
Cameron Harris	Raven Morrow	Trinity Robertson
Devyn Wilson	Sasha Stanford	Yari Morres
Ellieyah Stephen	Stephan C James	

Exall Recreation Center

The Sky is Falling

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Renea Lesley

Adam	Malan	Tiffany Mahan
Blake Dunn	Mikaela Lee-Dix	Tim Phillips
Brayden Dix	Penny Gray	Tony B.
Dre Mahan	Presley Tomatis	Yareli Elias

Fireside Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Cordell Weathersbee II

Alfredo Marengo Jr.	Ever Joel	Kalvin Brown
Anabel Dominguez	Genesis Abreu	Katelynn Martinez
Anthony Puente	Hadassah Lee	Kimberly Rojas
Antonio Watson	Helen Alejos	Makye Stacker
Ariana Dominguez	Itzayana Trejo	Maria Fernanda Olivares
Avah Washington	Jake Marengo	Matthew Galarza
Camilla Ruiz	Jasmine Puente	Melissa Rodriguez
Christian Hill	Jeremiah Jernigan	Michael Yanez
Dylan Castro	Jonathan Mojica	Tramaine Whitehead
Dylan Yanez	Kaden Lewis	Trentin Pond
Eduardo Suarez	Kali Omer	

Grauwyler Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Mackeon Welch

Aadhya Annavarapu	Cassandra Castaneda	Makayla Jaramillo
Aaron Berrun	Edward Hernandez	Matteo Chavez
Adam Drake	Emily Ramirez	Melody Montoya
Alexia Najera	Esperanza Torres	Paisley Real
Andre Wofford	Jace Wilson	Samuel Drake
Annalee Castaneda	Jakolbi Wilson	Sophia Luna
Aubrey Campos	Javi Amaya	Veda Jaiswal
August Rodriguez	Joshua Solano	Yahir Lopez
Austin Tinajero	King Herrera	Yazaira Carrazco
Benjamin Luna	Madilynn Delira	

Highland Hills Recreation Center

Why We Tell Stories

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Emily Truelove

Benjamin Blair	Dylan Hamilton	Mckinsely Weatherton
Cash Compton	Gabriel Beasley	Peyton Williams
Courtesy Johnson	Jordan Johnson Jr.	Romeo Sims
Courtney Johnson	Kaleah Mcln	Saige Berkins
Dallyce Sipho	Maxwell Coleman	

Irving Public Library South

Murder Mystery Game Show

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Alyssa Azcarate

Abigail Sanchez	Erick Herrera	Sabian Gonzalez
Alexa Sanchez	Erika Herrera	Sahara Gonzalez
Alondra Labrada	Jacob Perez Guerrero	Sahari Chaganti
Aubriana Sanchez	Kiva Teemant	Victoria Garcia
Aziel Teemant	Milan Wilbert	Yeshwanth
Bailey Winkles	Nikolai Porter	Purusothamam
Enoch Harrell	Rafael Mireles	Yuri Porter

Janie C Turner Recreation Center

The Game Show Show

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Grayson Lesley

Aaron E.	Jayla R.	Rayla
Aria W.	Jocelyn E.	Reiah W.
Azaria O.	Messiah M.	Silas
Carmen B.	Minnie O.	Sophie C
Elias B.	Nicholas H.	Zachary O.

Larry Johnson Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Barnell Williams

Adalynn Maledo	Janessa Maledo	Marilyn Davis
Alexis Mendoza	Jasmin Carlin	Maryland Maledo
Angel Mendoza	Juliana Quintero	Miguel Quintero
Blade Grayson	Julissa Quintero	Mikaela Tutt
Camila Diaz	Ka'Mya Edwards	Noah Maledo
Cynthia Cardona	Kendan Price	Roland Hyder
Davanrich Jackson	Kendrick Price	William Avery
David Lomen	Kevin Lomen	
Jallcia Mitchell	Leslie Lomen	

Leonard Leadership Academy

What is Theatre?!

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Emily Truelove

Daniel Buggage	Sa'Mya Walker	Victoria Lewis
Jameil Evans	Tatiana Jhonson	Zoey Wright
Javaria May	Victoria Kay Chacon	

Old Settler's Recreation Center

SMOKE and Elements

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Hailey Summers

Catherine Pruett	Jerzey Machaca	McKenna Robinson
Charley Flores	Kalii B. Hourigan	Paisley Taylor
Deacon Robinson	Lincoln Flores	Stella Rios
Hana Perkins	Maddoc "Doc" Pecina	William Pruett

Our Lives Matter Camp

The Turning Point at The Palace

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Linda Lee

Aiden Suell	Jayceon Wallace	Trell Hogan
Davion Whitehead	Kyi Holmes	Trey Cross
Deneen Hogan	Maqaal Ward	Tyson Esene
Eden Hogan	Morghana Harris	Zyheir Stephens
Javon Hyder	Reign Myles	Zyon Stephens

Recreation Center at Towne Lake

The Strike

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Mark Pierce

Caspian Nelson
Lydia Nelson
Nikhil Ande

Southside Community Center

The Living Museum

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Autumn Rose

Adayiah Robinson	Giovanni Baez	Malia Tucker
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Aisley Rose	Jerome McMillian	Queirstyn Monae Brown
Bre'Airre Holman	Kevin Langston	Rebecca Krus
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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.

Visit juniorplayers.org/donate to make a donation today!



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.

No cash will be accepted at the gate, card only.

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