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Summer 2019: In this issue

Transforming kids' lives through the arts

2019 SEASON OF REBELLION

Programs & Workshops

NBCUniversal Broadcast Screening

Monday, May 6 @ The Texas Theatre

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Summer Theater Camps

June 10 - June 21 (Times vary by location)

July 8 - July 19 (Times vary by location)

Middle School Shakespeare Camps

June 24 - July 5 (Samuell-Grand Amphitheatre)

June 24 - July 5 (McKinney Performing Arts Center)

Productions

PUP Fest (Playwrights Under Progress Festival)

Saturday, June 8 @ Booker T. Washington HSPVA

1:00pm & 4:00pm

Little Shop of Horrors Performances

July 18 - 21 @ The University of Texas at Dallas

Thursday - Saturday, 8:00pm & Sunday Matinee, 2:30pm

Much Ado About Nothing Performances

July 30 - August 4 @ Samuell-Grand Amphitheatre

8:15pm

Junior Players Presents: Revolution Performances

August 16 - 17 @ Moody Performance Hall

8:00pm

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From the Executive Director

As I reflect over the myriad of doors that were opened for Junior Players over 2018, nostalgia warms my heart for countless lives that have been forever impacted because of a strong community effort. Together, innovative leaders and community stakeholders enthusiastically provided a simple opportunity of hope for our youth.

The community's philanthropic commitment to our youth allows Junior Players to provide quality arts education programs for thousands of kids and families during the summer. We begin our summer session with over 65 FREE summer theater camps for students ages 7-14 years old across the North Texas area. The participants will have an opportunity to partake in creative expression as they learn about theater, as well as plan and produce their very own short play, which they will present to the community at the Junior Players Festival of Plays in June and July. These programs help to address positive mental health environments, aid in the development of essential socio-emotional behavior and create an engaging haven for our promise-filled youth.

In addition to our summer enrichment activities, families across North Texas areas can take advantage of the four remaining productions from our 2019 Season of Rebellion. In June, we will continue our exceptional partnership with Dallas ISD and Kitchen Dog Theater, called D-PAC (Dallas - Playwriting Arts Collective), which fosters the work of aspiring playwrights and screenwriters. Students raved about PUP Fest (Playwrights Under Progress Festival) and the masterclass workshops that diversified our student's theater portfolio. We are excited to offer the workshops again as a part of this platform! In July, our second collaboration with The University of Texas at Dallas continues as we present *Little Shop of Horrors* directed by Dallas Theater Center's Brierley Resident Acting Company Member, Christopher Ramirez.

For the latter end of July, we welcome audiences into the comedic world of *Much Ado About Nothing*, a story of witty banter between the leading heroine Beatrice, and a young soldier named Benedick, who take us on a light-hearted tale of love, jealousy, and laughter. This Shakespearean classic will be under the co-direction of esteemed alumni and director Anastasia Muñoz, and luminary director, actor, and playwright Montgomery Sutton. The final installment of our five-year dance production series *Junior Players Presents: Revolution* will provide a glimpse of what challenges exist within our communities and familial ecosystems. The issues are real, the teens are real, and the experience is a catalyst for change.

Junior Players identifies, targets, and primarily serves low-income youth. Funding for innovative arts programming is often inequitably distributed to low-income neighborhoods. These promising young people often lack access to quality programming and socio-emotional resources. We find that our youth have less out-of-school time opportunities, especially during the summer hours. Junior Players programs narrow the arts education gap and create a community network filled with positive mentors for our youth. With the help of community change agents like you, we are constructing relationship building blocks for young North Texans.

It is our hope that you and our vibrant community will help us continue to make the North Texas landscape equitable for thousands of students this coming year. EVERY child in the North Texas area deserves a well-rounded education inclusive of the arts regardless of their socio-economic station. Become an active agent of change for our community, our youth, and this city's future. Junior Players is committed to cultivating the next generation of young leaders, work force creatives, educators, and catalysts. By donating today, you are becoming the change agent that this North Texas area needs.

After all, these are OUR youth and OUR responsibility.

Best Regards,

Rosaura Cruz
Executive Director



Free Discover Theater Camps

Discover Summer Theater Camps are a free resource to North Texas children that focus on teaching basic skills of theater performance in a fun and structured environment. Professional teaching artists lead warm-up exercises, theater games, and facilitate an original ten-minute performance piece to debut at the Festival of Plays. Each camp site will participate in a Festival of Plays session the night of, or the day after, the last day of class. The festival will be held at Bachman Recreation Center (2750 Bachman Drive, Dallas, TX 75220).



10 Two-Hour Sessions!

Available for Ages 7 - 14 years old

To register for a camp, please call the site you would like to attend.

June 10 - 21

10am - 12pm

Arcadia Park Rec. Center - (214) 670-1909
Bachman Rec. Center - (214) 670-6266
DeSoto Rec. Center - (972) 230-9655
Eloise Lundy Rec. Center - (214) 670-6781
Gateway Park Apartments*
Harry Stone Rec. Center - (214) 670-0949
Jaycee Zaragoza Rec. Center - (214) 670-6188
Kidd Springs Rec. Center - (214) 670-7535
South Irving Public Library - (972) 721-2458
Walnut Hill Rec. Center - (214) 670-7112
Wesley-Rankin Rec. Center - (214) 742-6674

1pm - 3pm

Bradfield Rec. Center - (972) 205-2770
Braswell Child Dev. Center - (214) 565-0300
City Walk Rec. Center - (214) 578-1751
Crosby Rec. Center - (972) 466-9815
The Family Place Child Dev. Center - (214) 367-7756
Letot Shelter - (214) 689-5300
Reverchon Center - (214) 670-7720

2pm - 4pm

Alsbury Villas*

Fretz Park Rec. Center - (214) 670-6203
Juanita J. Craft Rec. Center - (214) 670-8216
Lakewood Library - (214) 670-1376
Old Settlers Rec. Center - (972) 547-7486
Ridgewood Belcher Rec. Center - (214) 670-7115
Singing Hills Rec. Center - (214) 670-7550
Thurgood Marshall Rec. Center - (214) 670-1928

July 8 - 19

10am - 12pm

Churchill Rec. Center - (214) 670-6477
Hampton-Illinois Library - (214) 670-7646
Harmon Villas Townhomes*
Samuell-Grand Rec. Center - (214) 670-1374

1pm - 3pm

Beckley Saner Rec. Center - (214) 670-7595
Campbell Green Rec. Center - (214) 670-6314
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John C. Phelps Rec. Center - (214) 670-7525
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Lakewest YMCA - (214) 630-9880
Lancaster Rec. Center - (972) 218-3711
Riverside Trails Apartments*

2pm - 4pm

Grauwyler Rec. Center - (214) 670-6302
Inwood Crossing*
Lochwood Branch Library - (214) 670-8403
McKinney Community Center - (972) 547-2690

**For the most up-to-date
times & locations, visit
www.juniorplayers.org/summer
to find a location near you!**

***Contact (214) 526-4076 for site registration**

2019 Summer Camp Sponsors as of April 15, 2019

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Free Discover Shakespeare Summer Camps

For students currently in grades 6 - 8

June 24 - July 5

Monday - Friday

Excluding July 4

Email admin@juniorplayers.org
or call (214) 526-4076 to register

Dallas

Samuell-Grand Recreation Center

6200 E. Grand Avenue

Dallas, TX 75223

1:00pm - 4:30pm

McKinney

McKinney Performing Arts Center

111 N. Tennessee Street

McKinney, TX 75069

1:00pm - 4:30pm

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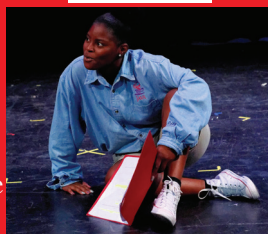
Tickets for our
Season of Rebellion
go live on May 15!

Visit
juniorplayers.org/tickets
to purchase yours!

Playwrights Under Progress
PUP Fest 2019
Saturday, June 8, 2019
Booker T. Washington HSPVA
2501 Flora Street, Dallas, TX 75201
Showtimes at 1:00pm and 4:00pm
Free Admission



PUP Fest is a collaborative program of the D-PAC (Dallas - Playwriting Arts Collective) with Junior Players, Kitchen Dog Theater, and Dallas ISD for high school playwrights, where we bring six incredible scripts written by teens to life.



Tickets: \$10 - \$15

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MUSIC BY ALAN MENKEN

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UNIVERSITY THEATRE
800 W. CAMPBELL ROAD
RICHARDSON, TX 75080
JULY 18-20, 2019
8:00PM
JULY 21 SUNDAY MATINEE
2:30PM

DIRECTED BY
CHRIS RAMIREZ



Junior Players, in collaboration with
Shakespeare Dallas, presents

Much Ado About Nothing

July 30 - August 4
Samuell-Grand Park Ampitheatre
Gates open at 7:30pm, Curtain at 8:15pm
Tickets: \$10 - \$15
Tuesday & Wednesday are free!

Bring a picnic dinner and a blanket or chairs
for an evening of live theater under the stars.



August 16 - 17, 2019
Moody Performance Hall
Time: 8:00pm
Tickets: \$10



This production is the final installation of a 5-year dance series, providing a glimpse of what challenges exist within our teen communities and family ecosystems. The issues are real, the teens are real, and the experience is life changing.

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