

2022 DISCOVER THEATER

FESTIVAL OF PLAYS



Friday, June 24, 2022

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 25, 2022

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

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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

Friday, June 24, 2022 Performance

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

Beckley Saner Recreation Center

The Mystery Box

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Newtonia Hemphill

Adrizzy White	Judith Araiza
Alexis Vargas	Kedrick (JR) McDow
Amelia Chavez	Leah Whitehead
Bre'Kiya Davis	Melanie Martinez
Daniel Navarro	Messiah Dunn
Eduardo Villegas	Nevaeh Varner
Eliana Sanchez	Samara Perez
Gabriel Biggins	Skylar Williams
Hector Martinez	Steven Ngo
Henry Soto	Valarie Martinez
Isaiah Mack	Vivianna Villarreal
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The Story About the Three Little Pigs

Junior Players Teaching Artist: LeVala Muhammad

Abigail West	Jonah Timmons
Ammer Ford	Lauriane Coleman
D'Shayla Wright	Lawrence Coleman
Gabe Jones	Samaya Sprating
Gabriella Crittendon	Trinity Williams
Jayden Wright	Zion Morney

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Mattie Nash-Myrtle Davis Recreation Center

When Meteors Strike

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Hannah Fuller

Aloante Davis	Jaden Brown
Armonte Davis	Janiyah Gibbons
Camora Ferebee	Jayden Beasley
Da'nya Pryor	Jayla Brown
Elijah Broadnaz	Kamyri Parks
Elton Toliver	Kayla Lowery
Ethan Gentry	Kaylee Gooch
Ethan Zuniga	Miranda Gamez
Gabriel Maldonado	Rhoyal Jenkins
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Ja'liya Spears	Zamaria Bagley

South Irving Library

The Story of The Disappearance Of A Lifetime

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Newtonia Hemphill

Amaya Jackson	Levi Royal
An Nguyen	Lexi Allen
Aubrielle Arredondo	Micah Wright
Aziel Teemant	Paola Alvarez
Elijah Shaw	Sabian Gonzalez
Emily Mondaras	Sahara Gonzalez
Emma Wright	Violet Sutter
Gabriela Mendez	Ximena Alvarez
Khoi Nguyen	Zachary Allen
Kinzy Grace Oxford	
Kiva Teemant	

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Brasswell Child Development Center

Good and Evil

Junior Players Teaching Artist: David Allen Norton

Aiden Coleman	Julian Walton
Anaiya Browning	King Baker
Ava Daniels	La'Cameron Lockheart
Carter Mcguire	Makyrin Jackson
Dekourian Garrett	Mariya Brown
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Glory Impact Center (Trinity Fort Worth Church)

The Very True Story of a Very Kind Shark

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Emily Truelove

Americ Hall	Lauren Byers
Aniyah Lambert	Layla Castrejon
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David Patterson	Roman White
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Jeremiah Lambert	

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Highland Hills Recreation Center

Aunt Nancy and Friends: Tales from the Motherland

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Jacqueline Walsh

A'mor Washington	Kaelyn Jackson
C'Va Henderson	Karon Finley
Dominic Byrd	Kennedy Valentine
Eli Johnson	Saniyah Nation
Jai'lyn Marshall	

Ridgewood Belcher Recreation Center

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Junior Players Teaching Artist: Barnell Williams

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Who would you be if you could escape to a new world and help build a new way to live?

Ticketing Information:

Tuesday and Wednesday performances are completely FREE - RSVP for our free performances today at juniorplayers.org/RSVP!

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

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