



juniorplayers



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Upcoming Events

April 14 - May 5: Giving Tuesday Now
Juniorplayers.org/giving

May 11: Video Auditions Due

June 6: PUP Fest Performances

June 8 - 19: Summer Camp I

June 22 - July 3: Middle School Shakespeare

June 26 - 28: *The Aftermath* Performances

July 6 - 17: Summer Camp II

July 28 - August 2: *12th Night: A Rock Musical* Performances

September 17: North Texas Giving Day

November 7: Future Stars Celebration

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From the Executive Director

For 65 years, Junior Players has provided a safe place for Dallas youth to explore and create through the performing arts. Our programs provide some of our community's most vulnerable youth opportunities to find their voices and self-confidence, not just on our stages, but in their everyday lives. We take this role seriously, living by our mission to encourage the intellectual growth, mental well-being, and development of life skills in North Texas youth. And, despite the current, unprecedented realities, we're continuing to do this - it just looks a little different.

In response to physical distancing and in an effort to flatten the curve and lessen the impact of COVID-19 in our community, state, and country, we have suspended all in-person interactions. This has included canceling the production of *Elements: Water* and our University of Texas Co-Production of *Mockingbird*. We are exploring producing these in 2021, and will share more details as they become available. We know this is disheartening for our students, but we continue to find ways to remain present for our participants, even while we're physically closed. To achieve this, we've created a "Virtual Junior Players" for our students, which includes workshops and online auditions for our future productions. We've also created a FREE library of online arts education resources. Feel free to utilize and share any of the following resources with our community (Learn more: www.juniorplayers.org/resources) But, we can't do this alone.

This is only possible because of our donors. Individuals, like you, who understand the positive and formative impact of the arts. The arts are a powerful tool for youth to own their space in the world - and YOU have played an integral role in making this happen. To continue to do this work - and prepare for our post-pandemic reality - we need your help. You can transform our students' lives today by supporting our continuing efforts, including:

- 1) **Individualized Support & Matching Donors** - If you would like to make or increase a current donation to your 2020 support, I would love to speak with you personally to make sure that your contribution is allocated in a way that is most important to you and our community. We are also seeking matching donors, if this is of interest to you I welcome the opportunity to explore it further in detail.
- 2) **Artist Relief Fund** - Junior Players recognizes how difficult this time is for our independent contracting artists and we would like to do our part to try to help our community during this time. In order to aid our community of local artists, we have compiled videos from artists across the DFW area. Access to these videos is for sale now and all of the proceeds raised goes directly to the teaching artists. We are also accepting additional donations, which will go directly to our teaching artists in order to support them and our community during this time. Learn more: www.juniorplayers.org/access
- 3) **Community Partners** - We recognize how difficult this time is for our community, especially our local businesses. And are partnering with local businesses to increase the breadth and depth of our efforts. If you know of other businesses that would be open to collaboration, please let us know and we can contact them to see how we can partner and help.

We ask that you continue to stand in solidarity with Junior Players and our team over the coming weeks and for the future. Keeping our cities' most valuable resource, our youth, in mind,

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 safe, fun, and structured environment. Professional teaching artists lead warm-up exercises, theater games, and facilitate an original five to seven minute performance piece to debut at the Festival of Plays. Each camp site will participate in a Festival of Plays session either the night of or the day following the last day of class. More information will be available on the first day of class.



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

June 8 - 19

10am - 12pm

Arcadia Park - 214-670-1909

DeSoto Recreation Center - 972-230-9655

Harry Stone Recreation Center - 214-670-0949

Jaycee Zaragoza Rec Center - 214-670-6188

Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center - 214-670-8648

Kidd Springs - 214-670-7535

Kids Concepts - 214-475-4110

Lakewest YMCA - 214-630-9880

South Irving Public Library - 972-721-2458

Wesley-Rankin - 214-742-6674

W.I.S.E. Academy - 972-293-0191

1pm - 3pm

City Walk - 214-468-8826

Crosby Recreation Center - 972-466-9810

Eloise Lundy Recreation Center - 214-670-6781

Lake Highlands - 214-670-7793

Reverchon Recreation Center - 214-670-7720

St. Anthony Academy - 214-957-3959

2pm - 4pm

Alsburry Villas - 817-709-7942

Fretz Park Recreation Center - 214-670-6203

Harmon Villas - 817-709-7924

Kleberg-Rylie Recreation Center - 214-670-8648

Lakewood Branch Library - 214-670-1378

Letot - 214-956-2000

Register at the Center Nearest You!

Youth Ages 7-14

will participate in

10 two-hour sessions

culminating in a performance at the

Festival of Plays!

Check Out Our Amazing Teaching Artists' Work First Hand!

Visit juniorplayers.org/access to see videos submitted by our very own Junior Players teaching artists!

Junior Players contracts over 100 qualified teaching artists annually.



2020 SUMMER CAMP SPONSORS AS OF 3/9/2020

July 6 - 17

8:30am - 10:30 am

Exline Rec Center - 214-670-8121

10am - 12pm

Churchill Recreation Center - 214-670-6477

DeSoto Recreation Center - 972-230-9656

Gale Fields - 214-205-3090

Jaycee Zaragoza Recreation Center - 214-670-6188

J.C. Phelps Recreation Center - 214-670-7525

Grauwyler Recreation Center - 214-670-6302

Pleasant Oaks Recreation Center - 214-670-0945

Umphress Recreation Center - 214-670-0956

Walnut Hill Recreation Center - 214-670-7112

1pm - 3pm

Campbell Green Recreation Center - 214-670-6314

Crosby Recreation Center - 972-466-9810

Reverchon Recreation Center - 214-670-7720

Ridgewood Belcher - 214-670-7115

2pm - 4pm

Arlington Park Recreation Center - 214-670-6326

Audelia Road Branch Library - 214-670-1350

Diamond Hill Community Center - 817-392-5485

Fields Recreation Center - 214-205-3090

Grauwyler Recreation Center - 214-670-6302

Hampton-Illinois Library - 214-670-7646

Lancaster Recreation Center - 972-218-3700

Letot - 214-956-2000

McKinney Community Center - 972-547-2690

MLK Rec Center - 214-670-23636

Tommie M Allen Rec Center - 214-670-0986

July 20 - 31

2pm - 4pm

McKinney Community Center - 972-547-2690

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PUP (Playwrights Under Progress) Script Submission



Scripts are now being accepted for consideration for PUP Fest 2020, a collaborative program with Junior Players, Kitchen Dog Theater, and Dallas ISD - Playwriting Arts Community (D-PAC) for high school playwrights. Six scripts will be selected for a festival of staged readings in June at Kitchen Dog Theater as part of their New Works Festival. Visit juniorplayers.org/pup for more information.

This program is supported, in part, by Milfred and Patricia Hammerbacher, City of Dallas: Office of Arts and Culture, TACA, Simmons Sisters Fund, John & Bonnie Strauss, Holloway Family Foundation, Diane and Hal Brierley Foundation, Texas Commission on the Arts, George Family Foundation - Next Generation Fund, The Hersh Foundation, SVP Dallas, Moody Fund for the Arts, National Endowment for the Arts, Rea Charitable Trust, Fichtenbaum Charitable Trust, Carl B. and Florence E. King Foundation, National New Play Network, Dallas Tourism Public Improvement District, The Shubert Foundation

Junior Players Upcoming Productions

Tickets for all productions will be available at juniorplayers.org/tickets

PUP FEST 2020



Saturday, June 6, 2020

Virtual Platform

1:00pm and at 4:00pm

Tickets: FREE

JUNIOR PLAYERS PRESENTS



June 26 - 28, 2020

Virtual Platform

June 26 - 27 at 8:00 pm

June 28 at 2:30 pm

Tickets: \$10

JUNIOR PLAYERS, IN COLLABORATION WITH SHAKESPEARE DALLAS, PRESENT



July 28 - August 2, 2020

Location TBD

Tickets: \$10-\$15

JUNIOR PLAYERS



Future Stars Gala

Junior Players Future Stars Gala

November 7, 2020 | 6:30 pm | VouV (4445 Sigma Rd, Dallas, TX 75244)

Mark your calendars and visit our website at juniorplayers.org/gala to stay up-to-date on all gala announcements!

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