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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
June 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

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
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
  - Jayce 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

### July 6 - 17
- **8:30am - 10:30am**
  - 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
  - Jayce 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
  - 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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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.

#### 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!**

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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.


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**

**THE AFTERMATH**
June 26 - 28, 2020
Virtual Platform
June 26 - 27 at 8:00 pm
June 28 at 2:30 pm
Tickets: $10

**12TH NIGHT: A ROCK MUSICAL**

**Junior Players, in collaboration with Shakespeare Dallas, Present**
July 28 - August 2, 2020
Location TBD
Tickets: $10-$15

Junior Players, in collaboration with Shakespeare Dallas, presents

**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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