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Junior Players Future Stars Event Series Features Keynote Speaker Jeff Daniels



DALLAS, TX, October 7, 2020 - Junior Players is excited to announce three-time Tony Award nominee, four-time Golden Globe nominee and Emmy Award winner, **Jeff Daniels**, as our Keynote Speaker for our Future Stars Event on **December 10, 2020 at 7 pm CST**. Junior Players' incredible stakeholders and supporters will come together virtually to hear from Mr. Daniels and to raise money to empower over 15,000 young voices annually.

Jeffrey Warren Daniels was born on February 19, 1955 in Clarke County, Georgia. He is a three-time Tony Award nominee, four-time Golden Globe nominee and Emmy Award winner. Jeff Daniels made his feature film debut in *Milos Forman's Ragtime* (1981).

Daniels went on to prove himself to be one of Hollywood's most reliable and versatile actors receiving a 2016 Tony nomination for his role in *Blackbird*. He also received a Tony nod for *God of Carnage* in 2009. Mr. Daniels returned to Broadway to take on the iconic role of Atticus Finch in Aaron Sorkin's new stage adaptation of the classic Harper Lee novel *To Kill a Mockingbird*, which began performances at the Shubert Theatre on November 1, 2018. He earned a third Tony Award nomination for his performance and remained with the production for an entire year, concluding his run on November 3, 2019. His other Broadway credits include *Redwood Curtain*, *The Golden Age*, *Fifth of July*, and *Gemini*. Daniels' film resume includes *Dumb and Dumber*, *The Purple Rose of Cairo*, *The Squid and the Whale*, *The Hours*, *Good Night and Good Luck* and *Terms of Endearment*. He received an Emmy for his role of Will McAvoy in Aaron Sorkin's HBO series *The Newsroom*.

Alongside screen work, Daniels has many stage credits to his name and is the founder of The Purple Rose Theater Company in Chelsea, Michigan. He is also a musician and songwriter and has recorded two albums. Daniels is married to his childhood sweetheart, Kathleen Treado and they have three children.

Sponsorship levels begin at \$1,000. Individual tickets are available for \$125 or at a Young Professionals Discount of \$100. To purchase or for more information, follow this link juniorplayers.org/futurestars. Current sponsors include Tyler Foundation, Thompson & Knight Foundation, Cathryn & William Kelly, Hoss Group Realty, Thompson Coburn LLP, Total IT, Kurtz & Company, P.C., Campagna Real Estate, DiAnn L'Roy Photographer, Don Herring Mitsubishi, Gupta & Wiora, P.C., HR Virtuoso, Ignite/Arts Dallas and SMU Meadows, Palter Sims Martinez PLLC, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Rebecca & Michael Massiatte, Rex Mills and Rosanne Messineo Mills, Rosaura Cruz, Sunflower Dental, The Art of Wine, The Tony Family, Tara The Wine Ranch, and Maguires Dallas.

Junior Players was founded in 1955, and is the oldest non-profit children's theater organization in Dallas. Over its sixty-five-year existence, Junior Players has strived 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 exclusively provides free arts education programs in local recreation and cultural centers, housing projects, elementary and middle schools and through social service agencies serving youth at risk.

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