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Junior Players Presents *A Midsummer Night's Dream*
July 29 – August 3, 2025

DALLAS, TX, June 16, 2025 – Now in its 70th year, Junior Players is excited to bring their fan-favorite summer Shakespeare production indoors to the stage of Theatre Three for the first time in its history. This production takes Shakespeare's well-known and beloved production, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, and brings it into the Romantic Era, presenting a unique twist brought forth by Director Kyle Lemieux.

Performances will be July 29 – August 3, 2025 at Theatre Three (2688 Laclede St, Dallas, TX 75201). Tuesday through Saturday will feature evening performances beginning at 7:30 pm and with doors opening at 7:00 pm, and Saturday and Sunday will feature matinee performances beginning at 2:30 pm and with doors opening at 2:00 pm for 7 shows total.

This production features 17 North Texas' most talented high school students from 6 different high schools from across DFW. In Shakespeare's lyrical and perfect comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, young lovers flee the stifling confines of the social order of the city to the woods, only to discover that the forest contains more mystery and menace than they dared dream. Romantic entanglements and magical chaos ensue when fairies, lovers, and a group of amateur actors converge in the woods outside Athens and darkness and desire twine beneath the midsummer moon.

In an effort to make access to the arts more equitable for the members of our DFW community and beyond, Junior Players offers some of the most affordable tickets in the DFW metroplex, with General Admission tickets being only \$15 and Student/Senior discounts being offered at \$10.

Tickets can be purchased online by visiting www.juniorplayers.org/tickets or at the door with cash or card. Junior Players encourages those with ADA needs to purchase ahead of time so that accommodations may be submitted through the online portal and set up in advance.

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Now in its 35th year, the Junior Players' Discover Shakespeare program has become a mainstay in the North Texas cultural scene. This production of Shakespeare, performed entirely by young adults ages fourteen to nineteen, has provided hundreds of students with real hands-on professional theatrical training, at no cost to the participants, and has introduced thousands of young audience members to Shakespeare.

Since 1955, Junior Players has provided innovative arts education for FREE to children and youth in North Texas and beyond. Through their programming, youth are transformed. Camps and afterschool programs are targeted to arts deserts - those areas that are underfunded and underserved. There, Junior Players engages children and youth through the arts, providing them with the tools they need to navigate real life challenges confidently and competently.

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