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Junior Players Future Stars Event Series Features Keynote Speaker William Jackson Harper



DALLAS, TX, September 28, 2020 - Junior Players is excited to announce Junior Players' Alumni and star of the Emmy nominated series, *The Good Place*, **William Jackson Harper**, as our Keynote Speaker for our Future Stars Event on **October 19, 2020 at 7 pm CST**. Junior Players' incredible stakeholders and supporters will come together virtually to hear from Mr. Harper and to raise money to empower over 15,000 young voices annually.

William Jackson Harper was born in Dallas in the earliest of the 80's. He attended Lakeview Centennial High School, and graduated with a degree in Theater from The College of Santa Fe. His lone Broadway credit is "All the Way". Selected Off-Broadway credits include *Ruined*, *Placebo*, *Titus Andronicus*, *Modern Terrorism*, and a great many more.

Film and Television credits include *Law and Order*, *American Dad*, *High Maintenance*, *Midsommar*, *Dark Waters*, *Paterson*, and the Emmy-nominated series, *The Good Place*.

In addition to a wide variety of entertainment, the 2020 Future Stars Celebration will feature a variety of enticing silent auction items, a virtual liquor pull, and performances showcasing Junior Players' participants through the years. All proceeds benefit Junior Players' free arts education programs that take place throughout the year and serve over 15,000 youth in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods and 6,000 audiences annually for a total reach of 20,000 individuals.

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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