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**Junior Players Rings in the New Year with *Hadestown: Teen Edition***

Performance Dates: January 8 - 11, 2026

DALLAS, TX, November 3, 2025 – Junior Players is excited to welcome you to Hadestown, where a song can change your fate, live and in-person at the Moody Performance Hall (2520 Flora Street, Dallas TX 75201) in 2026. This production will run January 8 – 11 and features Director Sasha Maya Ada, Music Director Bryce Biffle, and Assistant Director Lisette Sandoval Perez.

*Hadestown: Teen Edition* will be performed by twenty-two highly talented teenagers from 8 different North Texas High Schools. As with all Junior Players programs, there will be no cost for the participants to be a part of the production.

General Admission tickets for the production will be \$15 and student/senior tickets will be \$10, making the performances easily accessible and affordable for all North Texas area families. More information at [www.juniorplayers.org/tickets](http://www.juniorplayers.org/tickets).

*Hadestown: Teen Edition* will be the 10th musical produced by Junior Players in the Dallas Arts District and Junior Players is excited to celebrate this anniversary by making this musical a historic first for the organization. For the first time in the history of this program, Junior Players opened auditions up to current 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to join the 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders. Junior Players launched its winter musical program in January 2015 with its highly successful production of *In the Heights*, which, in addition to being the first fully produced musical to take place in the Moody Performance Hall, brought hundreds of new and diverse audience members into the Dallas Arts District.

This acclaimed musical by singer-songwriter Anaïs Mitchell and director Rachel Chavkin is winner of 8 Tony Awards including Best Musical and the Grammy Award® for Best Musical Theater Album.

It intertwines two mythic tales — that of young dreamers Orpheus and Eurydice, and that of King Hades and Queen Persephone — as it invites you on an unforgettable journey to the underworld and back. Performed by a vibrant ensemble of actors, singers and dancers, *Hadestown* asks audiences to imagine how the world could be. Performances on January 8, 9, and 10 will be at 8 pm and performance on January 11 will be at 2:30 pm.

Over its 70-year existence, Junior Players has striven 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, therefore, 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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