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Junior Players Brings New Wok to the Virtual Realm with *The Aftermath*

Performance Dates: June 26 - 28, 2020

DALLAS, TX, June 18, 2020 – Junior Players is excited to continue the project made possible by TACA’s New Work grant by bringing *The Aftermath* to the virtual realm via the Zoom Webinar platform. The show will run June 26 - 28, 2020 and will be directed by Jamal Sterling and written by Erin Ryan Burdette and Michael Federico.

The Aftermath will be performed by twelve highly talented high school students across North Texas. As with all Junior Players programs, there will be no cost for the participants to be a part of the production.

All tickets for this production will be pay-what-you-can, making the performances easily accessible and affordable for all North Texas area families. More information at www.juniorplayers.org/tickets.

The Aftermath is a proud recipient of a grant from the TACA New Works Fund and will be an exploratory piece that fuses together the concepts and stories from Junior Players’ 2019 Discover Broadcast Journalism program with playwriting, movement, and acting to manifest as a one-of-a-kind virtual production.

This timely piece interweaves stories about gender identity, family pressures, power, and determination to create a series of events based off of challenges and experiences from the day-to-day lives our North Texas teens are currently facing. This production, inspired by real life events in the City of Dallas, reminds us how interconnected objects and events can be and is more relevant than ever.

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 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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