

JUNIOR PLAYERS PRESENTS

2024 DISCOVER THEATER

FESTIVAL OF PLAYS



junior players

transforming kids' lives through the arts

Saturday, July 20, 2024

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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About Junior Players

Junior Players was founded in 1955, and is the oldest non-profit children's theater organization in Dallas. Over its 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, low-income housing developments, elementary and middle schools, and through social service agencies serving youth at risk.

The mission of Junior Players is to encourage intellectual growth, mental well being, and the development of life skills in the youth of North Texas through mentoring, creative expression, and participation in dramatic and arts activities.

This mission is accomplished through:

- Narrowing the arts education gap between low-income partner schools/neighborhoods and their nearby higher-income peers by providing 6,000 hours of arts education programming.
- Teaching youth to resolve conflicts using non-violent communication strategies such as listening skills, identifying feelings and brainstorming non-violent solution options.
- Allowing students to participate in high quality arts programming, which expand communication skills, increase self-confidence and increase self-esteem

Junior Players Programs

Junior Players Discover Theater Summer Camps and Discover Ourselves After School Workshops focus on children ages 5 to 18 in underserved areas of the community. Junior Players Discover Shakespeare program combines the best of local high-school acting talent with the professional skills of the Shakespeare Dallas staff in a teen production of Shakespeare presented in performances at Samuell-Grand Park Amphitheatre. In collaboration with a variety of organizations, including Letot, Promise House and the Dallas Independent School District, Junior Players teen and Visions of Peace programs work with high-risk teens who are challenged to write about their life experiences, create and perform their own productions and resolve their conflicts through communication in a non-violent manner. Junior Players' Advanced Acting Workshops and PUP Fest and the D-PAC collaboration (Dallas - Playwriting Arts Collective) programs offer professional training in acting and playwriting for area high school students. 2019 was the third year of the Junior Players' Youth in Arts Student Council with a focus on preparing our youth to become the next generation of arts and civic leaders with an emphasis on representation in the arts. Junior Players also offers its Fall Dance Production and Winter Musical Production to North Texas teens with the opportunity to perform at the Moody Performance Hall. In 2019, Junior Players was excited to introduce a project in collaboration with MOPAI China Dreams titled Discover Runway Dreams, a brand new runway show featuring students from a Junior Players runway modeling masterclass.

To learn more about how you can bring our programs to your local community, please email Program Director, Anthony Pound, at anthony@juniorplayers.org

July 2024 Summer Theater Camps

**All sites listed may not have a live performance. Not all sites who participated will be performing.*

*Sites listed in alphabetical order**

BridgeBuilders

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Sarah Farley
“Aristocats”

A’Rayah Shields	Elizabeth Hill	Layla Cline
Aiden Hubbard	Kemet McMillan	Skyla Bledsoe
Demari Daniels	Kevin McKinney	Trinity Stoker

BridgeBuilders

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Barnell Williams
“PEOPLE ARE LIKE HATS”

A,'Myrah Boyd	Elijah Pensley	Marcus Andrews
Addison Shields	Elisha Martin	Quintin Simmons
Adrian Lampkin	Jayceon Matthews	Radavian Fields
Cecil Phillips Jr.	Kayden Lincoln	Xayden Levels
Derrion Jones	Kevin King	Za'Ryiah Norton

DeSoto Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Linda Lee
“Christmas in July”

Adrian Lufia	Isabella Klu	Santana Anderson
Amari Lufia	Kylie Valentine	Sebastian Anderson
Arnaud Lufia	Ra El Harts	
Gabriella Klu	Saiya Pierce	

Kidd Springs Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Theo Moers
“Tumble N' Fumble Circus ”

Anya Hunnicutt	Mirielle Sutep
Ashby Smith	Olive Magill

Kiest Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Linda Lee
“We Are The World”

Ken "tavion Swoopes	Sadie Castillo
Perri Frank	Uriel Vera

Lochwood Library

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Courtney Hampton Reed
“POP-ARAZZI”

Brennan Martinez	Kimarhi Williams	Primrose White
Colton Reed	Liam Cheshier	Rufus Nkana
Edith Nkana	Lila Howard	Siri Gajawada
Kelmon White	Michelle Nkana	Violet White

Martin Weiss Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Tommy Stuart
“The Boy Who Lost His Memories”

Alex Garcia	Devin Soria-Hernandez	Jacob Guajardo
Alex Redmond	Emilio Aguilar	Natalia Rodriguez
Charles Alexander-Lofts	Emmanuel Guzman	Nico Zapata
Gouge	Gabriela Lopez	Zoe Zapata
Derek Soria-Hernandez	Jacob Arias	

Old Settler's Recreation Center

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Madeleine Norton and Hailey Summers
"Finding Fuzz"

Ace Murugen	Khalil Edwards	Mia Fannin
Amelia Cullen-Green	Lauren Espinoza	Mia McQuarrie
Carter Lindsey	Madison Williams	Sophia Espinoza
Cici McQuarrie	Matt Murugen	Sophia LaBandera

Our Lives Matter Camp

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Emily Truelove
"Two P's in a Pod"

Adayna Lewis	Jada Whitehead	Kyi Holmes
Genesis Clark	Jayceon Wallace	Reign Miles
Giovanni Clark	Jazlynn Whitehead	Trey Cross
Grace Clark	Jules Hopkins	
Honor Wilborn	Kaile Richard	

St. Anthony Academy

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Emily Truelove
"Animals!"

Ananisa Williams	Karter Land	Swayne Campbell
Ayden Moore	Kyeon Robert	Taj Baker
Caleb Massinghill	Legend Whitfield	Tatiana Johnson
Dayln Garrett	Messias McFarland	
Jaiden Miller	Ryann Webb	

St. Anthony Academy

Junior Players Teaching Artist: Emily Truelove
"A True Story"

Artest Cole	Denver Miller	Lailah Oliver
Ca' Leah Jones	Dorothy Hamilton	Lon'Dyn Summers
Chance Flentory	Ja' Bari Shields	Za'Hyatt Mack
Christian Webb	Keyone Stephens	



Parent Survey

Thank you for attending our July 2024 Festival of Plays!

To further support programs like this one and to help Junior Players better serve our community, please consider taking a moment to visit juniorplayers.org/survey and filling out our parent survey.

Thank you once again for your phenomenal support and we hope to see you again soon!



As a nonprofit, Junior Players relies on the generous support of individuals, corporations and foundations to provide free, high quality arts programming that empowers young voices in North Texas and beyond.

To help empower young voices, and equip more youth with confidence, we need your support. All funds will go towards helping youth discover and develop their potential.

Help us make a difference in the lives of 15,000 kids and teens! By choosing to support Junior Players, you're committing to empowering young voices in our community.

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Tom & Jerry, The Hatfield’s & The McCoy’s, A&M and UT, what do these all have in common?

Their rivalries are so iconic they have created a lasting and beloved legacy. Now’s your opportunity to have a say in who wins one of history and literature’s greatest rivalries - Benedick VS Beatrice from Shakespeare’s *Much Ado About Nothing!*

By making a donation for either Team Benedick or Team Beatrice, YOU have the opportunity to settle the score of a rivalry that has spanned the globe and hundreds of years once and for all. And the best part? Every dollar donated ALSO benefits over 15,000 kids and teens annually by helping Junior Players provide free arts education programs to those who would not have access otherwise!

The winner of this campaign will be announced LIVE during the closing night curtain speech of our Summer Shakespeare production, *Much Ado About Nothing*, on August 4, 2024, at 8 pm at Samuell-Grand Amphitheatre, so mark your calendars!

Make a donation at juniorplayers.org/makeyourmark today to end the feud, redefine a legacy, and empower young voices. Make your mark, get set, GO!

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July 30 - August 4, 2024 | 8:00 pm
Samuell-Grand Park Amphitheatre

About the Show:

In Shakespeare's play, *Much Ado About Nothing*, power defies legacy. Throughout the show, we see greed, jealousy, and deception make a valiant effort to foil the love of young courtship. This comedic play unfolds as Leonato, leader of Spain, awaits the arrival of Don Pedro of Aragon and his victorious army of Portuguese soldados (soldiers). “Donde hay poder surgen la codicia, los celos, el engaño y el amor.”

In collaboration with Shakespeare Dallas, *Much Ado About Nothing* runs July 30 - August 4, 2024 at 8 pm each night at Samuell-Grand Amphitheatre.

In an effort to make access to the arts more equitable for the members of our DFW community and beyond, we have removed our ticket prices and have instead shifted to a donation or ‘pay-what-you-can’ model for all 6 performances of *Much Ado About Nothing*.

For more information or to make a donation today,
visit [juniorplayers.org/tickets!](https://www.juniorplayers.org/tickets)

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