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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. 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. Junior Players was excited to bring the first ever youth focused Shakespeare in Prison program to Texas in 2023 – making Dallas home to a groundbreaking new program. This program is a partnership between Junior Players and The Henry Wade Juvenile Justice Center where incarcerated youth will work alongside professional Junior Players teaching artists to learn, and eventually perform, excerpts from one of Shakespeare's prolific works, Henry V.

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

2024 Future Stars Emcee



Jamal Sterling is an actor and voice over artist based out of Dallas, Texas.

A native of Detroit, Michigan, Jamal holds an MFA from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas and a BA from Dillard University in New Orleans, Louisiana. After years of working in Los Angeles and New Orleans, Jamal permanently relocated to Dallas.

Most notable among Jamal's screen work (which includes a host of films, television shows and commercials) are his performances in the television series 10-8 and American Dreams as well as multiple Dallas-based television series such as Prison Break, Chase and Dallas.

Mr. Sterling has appeared on stage in several productions in the DFW area including as Rooftop in *Our Lady of 121st Street* (Kitchen Dog Theater), Smalls in *A Soldier's Play* (African American Rep.), Aaron in *Titus Andronicus* (Kitchen Dog Theater and Shakespeare Dallas), Willie in *Diamond Dick: The Tulsa Race Riots of 1921* (The Green Zone), Henry in *Race* (Kitchen Dog Theater), Medgar Evers in *Mississippi Goddamn* (South Dallas Cultural Center), Jamal in *Firestorm* (Kitchen Dog Theater), Gabriel in *Nuestra Pastorela* (Cara Mia Theater), Jay Jackson in *The Royale* (Kitchen Dog Theater), Othello in *Othello* (Shakespeare Dallas), Carl in *Lonely Planet* (Amphibian Stage), Donnie in *Penny Candy* at Dallas Theater Center, Monsieur Homais in *Madame Bovary* (Undermain) and Dr. Gibbs in *Our Town* (Dallas Theater Center)

Jamal resides in Plano, TX with his wife Nicole and daughters India and Sydney. He is a proud company member of Kitchen Dog Theater.

2024 Future Stars Auctioneer



was a sports anchor for The Fan and KRLD.

He was born and bred a Dallas Texan where he attended Bryan Adams High School and met his wife. They now live in Plano with their two sons and daughter.

Cory Mageors co-hosts *The K&C Masterpiece* at 105.3 The Fan, the No. 1 Midday Radio show in DFW.

He received his degree at The University of North Texas where he majored in broadcast journalism and began working as a Sports Producer for KDAF-TV while working on weekends at The Fan and editing packages at WFAA-TV. As a football lover, Cory was a staff writer for *DallasCowboys.com* during college. He grew up on the blistering bleachers of Arlington Stadium as it transitioned to The Ballpark in Arlington, and Reunion Arena before it ushered in the American Airlines Center. Additionally, Cory

2024 Future Stars Honorary Chair



State Senator Nathan Johnson represents almost a million people in Texas's Senate District 16, a commercially and culturally vibrant district that sprawls throughout Dallas County. He is a leading voice on the electrical grid, healthcare, governmental transparency, and criminal justice.

As a member of the Senate Committee on Business & Commerce, Johnson played a crucial role in the 88th session's legislation to address the sufficiency, sustainability, and resiliency of Texas's power generation and distribution systems. He also serves on the Senate Committees on

Jurisprudence (Vice Chair); Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs; and Administration.

In the most recent legislative session, Johnson authored over 150 bills, joint-authored or sponsored nearly 100 more, and sent 49 of them to the Governor's desk for signature. Aiming to ensure that Texans never again lose critical services due to power failure, Johnson devised and secured nearly \$2B for the development and deployment of backup power systems for essential community services throughout the state.

Senator Johnson has demonstrated an unwavering support for public education and to ensuring that our schools can meet the changing demands of a changing environment. During the 87th legislative session, he passed a bill to advance social and emotional learning in the classroom. In the 88th (as well as in the current set of special sessions), he filed a set of transformative education bills, aiming to substantially increase the basic allotment (resulting in large teacher pay raises and greater funding for essential programs), to tie the basic allotment to inflation, to provide educators with paid parental leave and free pre-K, and to base funding on enrollment instead of attendance.

Johnson holds degrees in physics from the University of Arizona and a law degree from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a commercial litigator in the Dallas office of *Thompson Coburn* and has composed music for the classical concert stage and musical scores for the hit anime series *Dragon Ball Z*.

2024 Future Stars Fireside Chat Participants



Lorena Silva

Junior Players' Participant



Jose Preciado

Junior Players' Participant

2024 Future Stars Celebration

Saturday, March 2, 2024

6:00 pm Cocktail Hour

Enjoy libations and a variety of raffles, games, photo spots and more! Use your mobile device to bid on our silent auction items featuring a wide variety of enticing items, including restaurants, sports tickets, and vacation packages!

6:45 p.m. Dinner

7:45 p.m. Programming Begins

WELCOME

Andrea Winn & Katie Clark, *Gala Co-Chairs* | Jamal Sterling, *Emcee*

OPENING REMARKS

Liz D'Aloia, *Junior Players Board President*

JUNIOR PLAYERS REMARKS

Rosaura Cruz, *Junior Players Executive Director*

FIRESIDE CHAT

Rosaura Cruz, *Junior Players Executive Director*

Lorena Silva and Jose Preciaso, *Junior Players Participants*

HONORARY CHAIR REMARKS

Senator Nathan Johnson, *Honorary Chair*

8:40 pm Live Entertainment

Please enjoy a live performance from our summer Shakespeare production, *Crowns of Power: Henry IV*, and winter musical, *Legally Blonde!*

9:00 p.m. Live Auction

Our live auction will begin and end with a Tragedy/Comedy game where you have the chance to win a lotto basket! A variety of items will be auctioned, including vacation packages, sports packages, wine packages, and more!

10:00 p.m. Auction Check-Out Begins

Patrons will not be allowed to check out before the end of Live Auction.

Wine Pull - Legacy

\$100 for 3

All bottles have a retail value of \$35 or higher - this wine pull is a guaranteed win!

All wine bottles may be collected at the end of the night after check out.

Wine Pull - Top Tier

\$100 per bottle

A new addition to our wine pull, the top tier section features 12 bottles valued at a minimum of \$150 each!

Limited to one purchase per bidder between 6 pm and 7 pm!

All wine bottles may be collected at the end of the night after check out.

Comedy/ Tragedy Game -\$25

Play for a chance to win some incredible prizes! The prize for each game will be our famous lotto basket and the games will bookend our live auction!

Raffle Baskets - 1 ticket for \$25, 5 tickets for \$100

Visit our raffle table for your chance to win big! We have 6 incredible items to be raffled including spa, travel, and distillery baskets!

Best of North Texas - \$25

Be a guaranteed winner with our Best of North Texas pull! \$25 makes you an automatic winner of one of our Best of North Texas restaurants, entertainment centers, and experiences - all with a value of \$25 or MORE!

Jewelry Pull - \$100

\$100 gets you a random piece from our jewelry pull, where each piece has a value of at least \$250!

Signature Cocktail - \$10

Feeling thirsty? Buy in to our signature cocktail for your choice between an Old Fashioned and a Champagne Cocktail - delicious AND for a good cause!

Silent Auction

But that's not all! We also have a completely virtual silent auction! Bid on travel, food, jewelry, entertainment, and art packages all from your own personal device!

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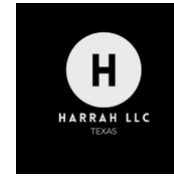


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\$1,000 - Sponsors a college scholarship for a participant

\$500 - Sponsors one week of summer theater camp

\$250 - Sponsors summer camp t-shirts for 50 youth

\$100 - Sponsors a master dance class for ages 12 - 18



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Becca Ray	Gregory Franklin	Mad Duck Cyclery
Billy Bob's Texas	Hand and Stone Spa	Mark Maguire
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2024 Auction Donors

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Rosanne & Rex Mills	The Button Babe	White Rock Coffee
Rosaura Cruz	The Classic at Roanoke	Woodlands American Grill
Salesmanship Club	The Sample House	Ziziki's Restaurant
Shake Shack	Thompson Coburn LLP	<i>*List as of 2/27/2024</i>
Spring Creek BBQ	TIm & Kathy Mortenson	
State Fair of Texas	times ten cellars	
Stockyards Heritage	Titan Comics	

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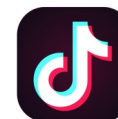
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GENERAL AUCTION GUIDELINES

- ◆ All guests will receive a bidder number at the registration table. Use this number to bid on silent or live auction items.
- ◆ **All items are sold “as is” and are not exchangeable.** The donors have provided values associated with the items. Junior Players has accepted these items in good faith and does not accept responsibility for the validity of prices. Junior Players makes no warranties, expressed or implied, or representation in connection with this sale. In particular, the implied warranty of merchantability and the implied warranty of fitness for a particular purpose are expressly excluded from this sale.
- ◆ All items are subject to the donor’s restrictions and applicable tax requirements. AUCTION PACKAGES must be used within one year of the auction, NO EXCEPTIONS, unless otherwise specified. Trip certificates expire as indicated. Services, facilities and certificates expire as indicated.
- ◆ **All sales are final.** There will be no exchanges or refunds on any item. Checkout will be available after the final section is closed. Present your bidder number at the check out table to complete the transaction.
- ◆ Payments will be processed via the card provided during registration.
- ◆ The Silent Auction will close at 9 pm. All auction items must be collected at checkout.
- ◆ Wine Pull bottles must be collected from the Wine Pull station after the Live Auction closes.
- ◆ Junior Players is not responsible for any lost or damaged items after the auction.

LIVE AUCTION RULES

- ◆ All rules apply for the Live Auction as listed in the General Auction Guidelines.
- ◆ All descriptions and restrictions for the Live Auction are listed on the Live Auction program insert.
- ◆ To place a bid raise your paddle with bid number to be recognized by the auctioneer or his/her assistants.
- ◆ Once the auctioneer says “sold” the merchandise becomes the property of the winning bidder and must be paid for this evening as stated in the General Auction Rules.
- ◆ If you are the winner of a live auction item, you may not check-out until the live auction is finished.

SILENT AUCTION RULES

- ◆ All rules apply for the Silent Auction as listed in the General Guidelines.
- ◆ All bids will be made using the guest’s assigned bidder number, through personal mobile devices.



TRAGEDY OR COMEDY MASK GAME



Here is how it works:

- ◆ Those who wish to participate must purchase a paddle. Paddles are only \$25 and on sale all-night until the end of the game!
- ◆ Our auctioneer will ask that all Tragedy & Comedy participants stand and choose either “Tragedy” or “Comedy”. Our emcee will then toss a coin and will call out “Tragedy” or “Comedy”.
- ◆ Those whose paddles are placed to match the side called out, remain standing. All others must sit as they have been eliminated.
- ◆ The presenter will again repeat the instructions and will flip the coin again.
- ◆ This is done until there is one remaining guest standing who will be deemed the winner.



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March 2, 2024

To the friends and supporters of Junior Players –



I'm honored to welcome each of you to the 2024 Junior Players Future Stars Gala!

To play, dance, sing, and act; to make, organize, and promote; to cooperate and execute. That's the arts. From pure enjoyment to personal growth to technical execution to business skills, the arts inspire us and demand from us in every way.

All kids deserve to be reached by the arts. Junior Players makes it happen. Your support helps Junior Players bring the arts to kids who might not otherwise get the opportunity to grow and benefit from the experience of an innovative arts education.

When provided greater access to arts enrichment opportunities, young people are more likely to become civically engaged, to pursue higher education, and even to volunteer more in their communities. We wish and want this for them; we owe it to them. And as they become young adults, they will – through the skills and qualities they gain through the arts – help us to be the Texas we aspire to be.

As a former music composer, I have a special and very personal appreciation for what art brings to each of us and to our communities. Thank you, Junior Players, for allowing me to serve as Honorary Chair of this year's Future Stars Gala. And thank you all for supporting Junior Players in their mission to bring the arts to young people throughout Texas.

Sincerely,

Senator Nathan Johnson
Texas Senate District 16

