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Junior Players Postponed Winter Musical, *Be More Chill*, Makes Grand Debut

Performance Dates: January 5 - 8, 2023

DALLAS, TX, November 29, 2022 – Junior Players is excited to announce that its postponed 2022 winter musical will make its return to the stage January 5 - 8, 2023 in the Moody Performance Hall (2520 Flora St. Dallas, TX 75201). The show will feature the return of Director Ryan Matthieu Smith, Assistant Director Daniel Dean Miranda, Musical Director Mark Mullino, and Choreographer Ani Vera.

Be More Chill will be performed by twenty-one highly talented high school students from across North Texas. 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.

Be More Chill will be the seventh musical produced by Junior Players in the Dallas Arts District. 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. Junior Players was unable to continue its annual winter musical in January of 2021 and 2022 due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and is excited to officially bring this program back to the stage and in front of live audiences.

Jeremy Heere is just an average teenager. That is, until he finds out about "The Squip" - a tiny supercomputer that promises to bring him everything he desires most. But is being the most popular guy in school worth the risk? Blending the contemporary with retro sci-fi, "Be More Chill" takes on the competing voices in all of our heads. And ultimately proves, there's never been a better time in history to be yourself. Performances on January 5, 6, and 7 will be at 8 pm and performance on January 8 will be at 2:30 pm.

In order to ensure the safety of our patrons, cast and production members, masks will be required at all times in common areas while inside the building and are highly encouraged during the performance. By purchasing a ticket, you certify that you will not attend if you come into contact with someone with COVID-19, if you yourself have been diagnosed with COVID-19, and/or if you are displaying symptoms of COVID-19 like a fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, aches, and/or chills.

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, housing projects, elementary and middle schools, and through social service agencies serving youth at risk.

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