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Junior Players Brings Harvard to Dallas with *Legally Blonde The Musical*

Performance Dates: January 4 - 7, 2024

DALLAS, TX, November 17, 2024— Junior Players is excited to announce that the hallowed halls of Harvard will appear live and in-person for our 2024 production, *Legally Blonde The Musical*. *Legally Blonde* will run January 4 - 7, 2024 at the Moody Performance Hall (2520 Flora St. Dallas, TX 75201). The show will feature Director Nathan Autrey, Assistant Director Lauren LeBlanc, Music Director Mark Mullino, and Choreographer Ani Vera.

Legally Blonde will be performed by twenty-two highly talented teenagers from 10 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.

Legally Blonde will be the eighth 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.

“We’re so happy to be back, live and in-person, performing this inspiring story at the beautiful Moody Performance Hall,” says Junior Players Executive Director, Rosaura Cruz. “Elle Woods, the story’s protagonist, isn’t the type of person who is happy to be placed in a box and let the outside world dictate what she can and can’t do and who she can and can’t be. Elle is driven. She’s determined. She remains persistent and resilient throughout all of the challenges and obstacles thrown her way, and we can certainly relate to that. During the COVID-19 pandemic we didn’t know if we would ever be able to perform live again, but we fought to stay present for our youth and we persevered. Our community is strong and tenacious - this musical pays homage to that.”

Elle Woods appears to have it all. Her life is turned upside down when her boyfriend Warner dumps her so he can attend Harvard Law. Determined to get him back, Elle ingeniously charms her way into the prestigious law school. While there, she struggles with peers, professors, and her ex. With the support of some new friends, though, Elle quickly realizes her potential and sets out to prove to herself and to the world that being yourself never goes out of style.

A fabulously fun award-winning musical based on the adored movie, *Legally Blonde*, follows the transformation of Elle Woods as she tackles stereotypes and scandal in pursuit of her dreams. Action-packed and exploding with memorable songs and dynamic dances - this musical is so much fun, it should be illegal! Performances on January 5, 6, and 7 will be at 8 pm and performance on January 8 will be at 2:30 pm.

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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