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Junior Players Brings Mount Olympus to Dallas with *The Lightning Thief*

Performance Dates: January 9 - 12, 2025

DALLAS, TX, November 25, 2025— Junior Players is excited to announce that the musical adaptation of Rick Riordan's beloved series, *The Lightning Thief*, will appear live and in-person at the Moody Performance Hall (2520 Flora Street, Dallas TX 75201) in 2025. This production will run January 9 – 12 and features Director Sasha Maya Ada, Associate Director Lisette Sandoval Perez, and Music Director Bryce Biffle.

The Lightning Thief will be performed by sixteen highly talented teenagers from 8 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.

The Lightning Thief will be the ninth 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.

As the half-blood son of a Greek god, Percy Jackson has newly-discovered powers he can't control, a destiny he doesn't want, and a mythology textbook's worth of monsters on his trail. When Zeus's master lightning bolt is stolen and Percy becomes the prime suspect, he has to find and return the bolt to prove his innocence and prevent a war between the gods.

Adapted from the best-selling book *The Lightning Thief* by Rick Riordan and featuring a thrilling original rock score, *The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical* is an action-packed mythical adventure "worthy of the gods" (Time Out New York). Performances on January 9, 10, and 11 will be at 8 pm and performance on January 12 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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