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**Junior Players Annual Gala Features Honorary Chair Senator Nathan Johnson**

Gala Date: March 2, 2024

DALLAS, TX, February 7, 2024 - Junior Players is excited to announce that its annual Future Stars Gala is returning on March 2, 2024 beginning at 6:00 pm at On The Levee (1108 Quaker St, Dallas, TX 75207) and features Honorary Chair Senator Nathan Johnson. Junior Players stakeholders and community leaders will come together to raise money to empower the voices of over 15,000 kids and teens annually. This year's theme is Regency Reinvented.

Best known for growth in the romantic movement through the emergence of artists, novelists, and poets, the Regency Era is one of the most beloved eras in our history. Through giving us the works of artists like Thomas Lawrence, Jane Austin, and John Keats, the Regency Era transformed society as the world knew it before coming to an end. But then again, as Keats states, "the poetry of Earth is never dead".

Welcome to Junior Players' 2024 Future Stars Gala: Regency Reinvented.

Junior Players invites guests to step into a world of elegance and enchantment and raise much needed funds for the Lawrence's, Keats', and Austin's of tomorrow. This unique immersive party will feature drinks, music, dancing, and many unique ways to participate in raising funds to support Junior Players' free arts education programs, which serve over 15,000 children and teenagers annually, the majority of whom (85%) are low-to-moderate income.

The Future Stars Gala will feature a variety of live and silent auction items, including travel, food, jewelry, entertainment, and art packages. Throughout the evening, guests will be challenged to participate in various games for a chance to win prizes. Also, back by popular demand, the event will feature a wine-pull offering over 100 bottles of wine.

Dress code for this year's gala is formal, black tie is not required but dressing in theme is encouraged.

Table sponsorship levels begin at \$2,000 and individual tickets are available for purchase starting at \$200. To purchase tables or for more information, visit [juniorplayers.org/gala](http://juniorplayers.org/gala).

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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