

JTF 2021 ONLINE EXTRAVAGANZA!



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Welcome!

Greetings my fellow Jazz-Hands Warriors,

The impact of the pandemic has been deeply felt. Too many of you, like myself and Steven, have lost family and friends, and all of us have had to make some very difficult economic decisions. During these dark times, I am moved and inspired by you. I've watched you pivot to online rehearsals, embrace social distancing and wear masks, lean on each other for emotional support, and through it all somehow manage to keep a light on at the end of the tunnel. It hasn't been easy, and yet we've managed to keep our communities together.

I'm not surprised. We are theatre-makers! And we are going to make theatre *any way that we safely can*. That means in 2021, JTF Atlanta, the flagship of all Junior Theater Festivals worldwide, will be an online experience.

Drumroll please! I am proud to introduce the 2021 JTF Online *Extravaganza*! Live from New York City! Our team is pulling out all the stops to make this the most *remark-u-lous* online experience possible. We're lining up Broadway celebrities who would *never* be available to join us at a live event because their schedules are too full. PLUS! We'll have adjudications, awards, workshops for directors, student performers, and tech students. Oh, and surprises. Lots and lots of surprises.

So gather all the JTF swag you've been collecting, roll up your sleeves, and flash those jazz hands with some extra special spirit fingers! Because the world needs some musical theatre mayhem and madness right now.

SO HELP ME SONDHEIM!

Timothy Allen McDonald
Founder and Executive Producer



Lynn Ahrens and
Stephen Flaherty



Benj Pasek and
Justin Paul



Alan Menken and
Tom Schumacher



Marcy Heisler and
Zina Goldrich



Stephen Schwartz

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Subject to Change

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

Director's Welcome and Workshop	7:00 pm – 9:00 pm ET	(4:00 pm – 6:00 pm PT)
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SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Festival Kick-Off	12:00 pm – 12:20 pm ET	(9:00 am – 9:20 am PT)
Adjudications	12:30 pm – 3:00 pm ET	(9:30 am PT – 12:00 pm PT)
Pathways	3:30 pm – 4:00 pm ET	(12:30 pm – 1:00 pm PT)
Workshop Session #1	4:00 pm – 5:00 pm ET	(1:00 pm – 2:00 pm PT)
Concert	7:00 pm – 7:45 pm ET	(4:00 pm – 4:45 pm PT)
JTF Dance Party-Palooza	7:45 pm – 8:15 pm ET	(4:45 pm – 5:15 pm PT)
Director's Mix and Mingle	8:00 pm – 9:00 pm ET	(5:00 pm – 6:00 pm PT)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

Workshop Session #2	12:00 pm – 1:00 pm ET	(9:00 am – 10:00 am PT)
Direct From Broadway	1:00 pm – 1:40 pm ET	(10:00 am – 10:40 am PT)
Workshop Session #3	2:00 pm – 3:00 pm ET	(11:00 am – 12:00 pm PT)
Freddie G Awards Ceremony and New Works Sneak Peek	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm ET	(12:30 pm – 1:30 pm PT)

EVENT DETAILS

Director's Welcome and Workshop

Join us on Friday for a special event to welcome our directors and teachers. Enjoy a beverage (in the luxury of your own home) with the iTheatrics team, and let us get you pumped for the first-ever JTF Online Extravaganza!

Festival Kick-Off

First up, on Saturday, we gather to say the Sondheim pledge and applaud a rendition of the National Anthem sung by a virtual choir of YOUR students.

Adjudications

Groups are assigned to a pod with up to 5 other groups. Groups pre-record 10 minutes of their show and then this video is adjudicated live by our talented pool of adjudicators, who give feedback and work with your students in real time. Groups stay in their pod for the duration of adjudications and get to see all performances! No discussions or warm-ups necessary this year, just pure support and love for everyone's work. Performances must be submitted on video in either "Zoom" style if your students are remote or filmed onstage if you are able to gather. Groups are not adjudicated on the quality of the video or on any technical special effects. As always, our adjudicators look for clear storytelling and students who are engaged in their performance.

Pathways and Direct From Broadway

Hosted by JTF creator Tim McDonald, these two events feature conversations and performances with professionals from across the theatrical industry, highlighting their unique journeys and remarkable accomplishments.

Workshops for Students and Teachers

Saturday and Sunday workshops are broken into three tracks: Student Performers, Teachers, and Technical Theater Students. Workshops are taught by Broadway professionals and master teachers from across the country and are uniquely designed for our JTF online participants.

Concert

This professional performance, curated only for our JTF audience, features an extremely special guest! Stay tuned for an epic announcement.

JTF Dance Party-Palooza

We may not be able to dance together in person, but we can sing at the top of our lungs in our own living rooms!

Director's Mix and Mingle

We all love connecting with our colleagues and peers at JTF! We are curating special break-out events that invite you to a virtual room with people who share your specific interests. For example, designers in one room, choreographers in another, and public school teachers in yet another. This is a wonderful chance to share, laugh, and hear about the amazing accomplishments happening all around.

Freddie G Awards Ceremony and New Works Sneak Peek

The *Freddie G Awards Ceremony and New Works Sneak Peek* celebrates the weekend's achievements, including the presentation of performance awards, technical awards, teacher awards, and so much more. You've been working too hard not to be acknowledged for all your efforts. Also, between all of the awards, catch sneak-peeks of titles that will be released in the next few years.

JTF 2021 ONLINE EXTRAVAGANZA! REGISTRATION

All fees will be due at the time of registration and will need to be paid online.

GROUP PRICING

Adjudication Fee: \$275

Per Person Participation Fee: \$150

(Register all students and directors with your group. Any additional friends and family should register on their own as individuals.)

BY DECEMBER 1st

To register a group, the DIRECTOR should visit register.juniorthheaterfestival.com. If you have previously attended a JTF, log in with your existing credentials. If you are a new group, you will be prompted to create an account for your organization. Once that is complete and you are on the Registration page, select the event and follow the prompts.

Be sure to collect all student and director payments before starting your registration, as partial registrations cannot be saved. Each student and director that attends with your group is responsible for the per person participation fee. This grants each participant their own login. If you are registered as part of a group, your group receives live feedback on your adjudication, and your group is eligible to win awards.

At the time of registration, you will be asked for the name of the show your group is presenting, as well as the adjudication category. You are allowed to present up to 10 minutes of any Broadway Junior or Online Edition show that you have licensed from Music Theatre International within the last 3 school years, or this current school year (September 2017-June 2021). You may not present School Edition shows, live streams of original content, or content licensed from other organizations. The three adjudication categories are as follows:

- **Elementary/Middle School** - (Public or private school with no student over 8th grade)
- **Academy A** - (Any organization with no students over 8th grade)
- **Academy B** - (Any organization with students from 2nd – 12th grade)

After you are registered, you will receive an email in early December with information on how to submit the following items:

BY DECEMBER 15th

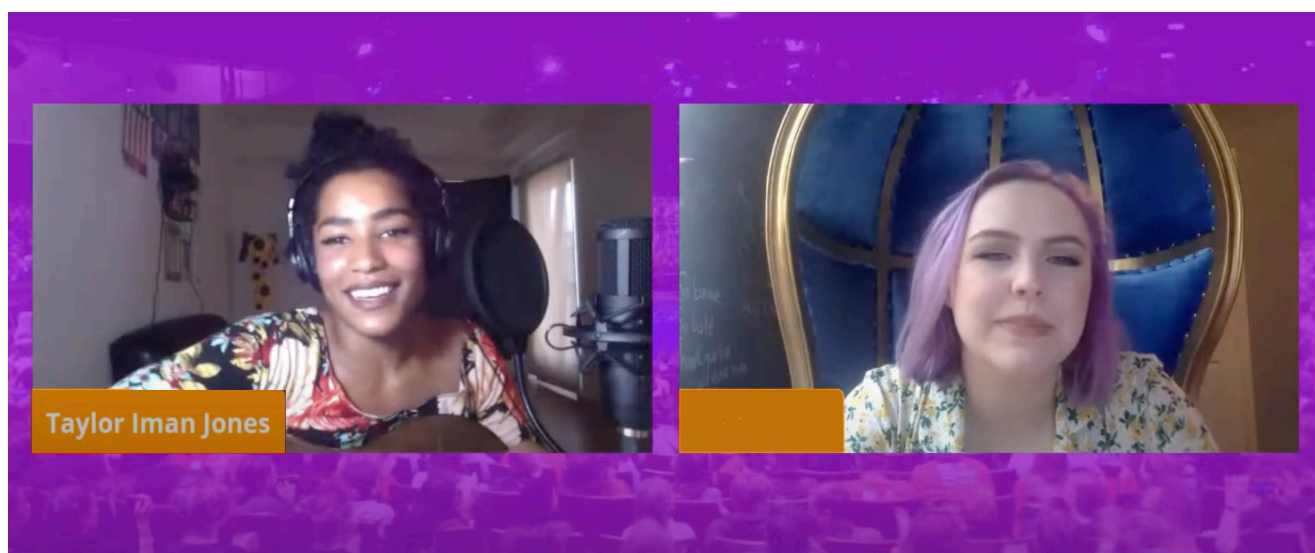
- Group Forms
- Email List of All Participants
- Videos for 2 Virtual Choirs (optional)
- Adjudication Video
- Cast List

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INDIVIDUAL PRICING

Per Person Participation Fee: \$150

To register, each INDIVIDUAL should visit juniorthetheaterfestival.com. If you have previously attended a JTF, log in with your existing credentials. If you are new to the site, you will be prompted to create an account. Once that is complete and you are on Registration page, select the event and follow the prompts. Individual students, individual teachers, and additional friends and family can register on their own and are not required to register as part of a group. The participation fee gives individuals access to all online events.



JTFriday 2020 with Taylor Iman Jones.



Join us for our 2021 Junior Theater Festivals! We have 3 to choose from:

Junior Theater 2021 Festival Online Extravaganza!

January 15, 16, 17
Online

We can't meet in person, but that doesn't mean we can't brush off our jazz hands for a weekend of musical theatre mayhem and madness! Our JTF Online Extravaganza! will feature online adjudications, workshops for actors, directors, and tech kids. Plus, special appearances and performances by Broadway's best. Good news: because it's online everyone can attend!

JTF West 2021

May 7, 8, 9
Sacramento, CA

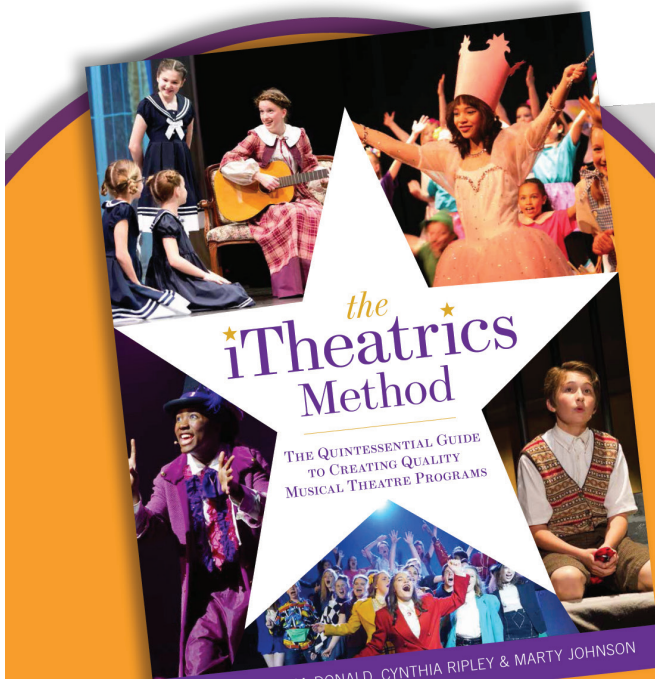
Live and in person! Our host venues, the War Memorial Auditorium and the Sacramento Convention Center, have recently enjoyed a multi-million dollar remodel! Both sites feature plenty of room for social distancing, and you can rest assured national, state, and local safety protocols will be in place and strictly enforced to ensure everyone not only has a blast, but remains safe. Due to anticipated social distancing guidelines we can only accept a very limited number of groups. Break free of your Zoom box and register your group today!

JTF Texas 2021

June 25, 26, 27
Sugar Land, TX

Live and in person! That's right, in the middle of a pandemic we made the bold choice to add a new festival to our roster! Our host theatre is the gorgeous Smart Financial Centre, a state-of-the-art facility perfectly suited to make this new JTF as big as the state of Texas. We are anticipating record numbers of jazz-hand warriors, so we've added a full day of programming starting Friday morning! This festival is sure to sell out FAST so register your group today!

For more information check out JuniorTheaterFestival.com



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