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Welcome Back Junior Theater Festival Friends and Family!

First and foremost, I hope you and your loved ones are continuing to weather the pandemic as best as possible. These are still very difficult times, although the light at the end of the tunnel seems to be shining brighter each passing day and that gives me hope.

I have been moved to tears by the resiliency of our theatre community. Watching us all pivot from live and in-person productions to online shows, and then pivot again, and again, and yet again, has reminded me just how strong we all are.

Over the past year, I've also had the honor of speaking with many of you. Sharing our tears and fears was cathartic. Imagining a new theatre that is more inclusive, that tackles systemic racism, and that continues to make this world a better place has inspired me. It also gave me the motivation I needed to take a step forward on days when getting out of bed was tough.

Most of all, I cannot wait to be back in our JTF theaters, with you, our jazz hand warriors, making theatre IN PERSON.

As of this writing, our JTF team is hard at work planning our inaugural JTF Texas. This will be the first time we convene inside a theater since March of 2020, and we are working with experts to ensure this gathering meets all local, state, federal, and CDC guidelines. We are applying what we learn at JTF Texas to JTF Atlanta and JTF West, because your safety and health is of the utmost importance to us.

It is impossible to project what programming will be like in January or February of 2022. Please rest assured that we are committed to producing both festivals **LIVE AND IN PERSON**. I look forward to breaking out our jazz hands and spirit fingers and raising the roof in full musical theatre joy with each of you!

So help us Sondheim!

Timothy Allen McDonald Founder and Executive Producer Junior Theater Festivals Worldwide



Lynn Ahrens and

Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

Alan Menken and Thomas Schumache

Marcy Heisler and Zina Goldrich





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Adjudication

Student groups perform 15 minutes from an MTI Broadway Junior® musical (includes JR. and KIDS titles) for adjudication by leading theater professionals. Groups are rated in key areas of music, acting, dance, and overall performance. The adjudicators offer constructive criticism to encourage further learning and growth.

Workshops for Students and Teachers

Broadway professionals and master teachers from across the country offer interactive workshops! Workshops are offered for both teachers and students in all aspects of musical theater performance and technical theater.

JTF All-Stars

Selected student performers and student technicians are chosen as festival All-Stars. All-Stars participate in exclusive performance or technical workshops and are given the opportunity to be a major part of the *Freddie G Awards Ceremony*.

Choreography Video Auditions

Up to 6 students from each participating group are invited to audition for Broadway Junior Resident Choreographer Steven G. Kennedy for future Broadway Junior Choreography Video shoots!

New Works Showcase

Be the first to experience the exciting new Broadway Junior titles soon to be released.

Pathways and Growin' Up Broadway Live

One-of-a-kind mainstage events hosted by Junior Theater Festival creator, Tim McDonald, featuring conversations and performances with professionals from across the theatrical industry about their unique journeys and remarkable accomplishments.

Tech Olympics

Four students from each group compete in this fun, high-energy tech obstacle course designed to get everyone pumped up about technical theater!

Freddie G Awards Ceremony

Named in honor of MTI's CEO and Tony Award Honoree Freddie Gershon, the *Freddie G Awards Ceremony* is a celebration of the weekend's accomplishments. Featuring over 50 different awards, the ceremony also highlights performances by the festival All-Stars and outstanding groups.

And fun, fun, FUN!

The fun begins Friday night with the *Director's Welcome and Workshop*. Saturday night is the JTF Dance Party, and Sunday night everyone attends a special performance curated specifically for our JTF audience! Add spontaneous student sing-alongs, meeting new friends, and balloon arches and this is sure to be a weekend your students will *never* forget.



Schedule of Events

This tentative schedule is for JTF Atlanta and JTF West. Final schedules will be sent out prior to the festival.

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JTF Atlanta 2022 Registration STUDENT GROUPS

Pricing

The \$725 group registration fee holds your group's spot at JTF. Your registration is considered complete as soon as you have filled out your online registration and we have received your registration fee. Our festival administrator will review your registration materials and email you when you have officially been accepted to the festival. This may take up to 3 weeks from the time of receipt. If your group is not accepted, your registration fee will be refunded.

Per Person Participation Fee......\$260

Each person who attends JTF must be registered with their group, including directors, students, chaperones, and parents. Each festival attendee is required to pay the \$260 per person participation fee. A minimum of 20 participants per group is required (including directors, students, chaperones, and parents). Participation fees for JTF Atlanta will be due to iTheatrics by October 15, 2021. After that date, participation fees increase to \$290 per person. You will not be able to register individuals at Festival Sign-In the weekend of the festival. Day passes are not available.

Participation Fees Include:

• A JTF all-access wristband • A festival t-shirt • A Souvenir Program • Special JTF Performances you won't see anywhere else!!! •

Participation Fees Do Not Include:

• Transportation • Meals • Lodging (see page 7 for hotel information) •

How to Register

To register your group for JTF Atlanta, visit <u>juniortheaterfestival.com</u>. If you are a returning group, 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 "Register As Group" and follow the prompts. You will be asked for estimated numbers of students, chaperones, directors, and any additional family and friends attending. This is a true estimate and these numbers do not need to be finalized until the fall. You will also be asked if you are interested in booking an official festival hotel.

You will be asked to pay the \$725 registration fee in order to secure your group's spot at JTF. We will only accept payment by credit card on the website.. If you cannot pay by credit card, contact Lindsay directly to make other arrangements. Your registration will not be considered complete until you have filled out the online registration and we have received your \$725 registration fee.

Once your group has been officially accepted, registration fees are nonrefundable.



JTF West 2022 Registration STUDENT GROUPS

Pricing

Group Registration Fee......\$725

The \$725 group registration fee holds your group's spot at JTF. Your registration is considered complete as soon as you have filled out your online registration and we have received your registration fee. Our festival administrator will review your registration materials and email you when you have officially been accepted to the festival. This may take up to 3 weeks from the time of receipt. If your group is not accepted, your registration fee will be refunded.

Per Person Participation Fee......\$240

Each person who attends JTF must be registered with their group, including directors, students, chaperones and parents. Each festival attendee is required to pay the \$240 per person participation fee. A minimum of 20 participants per group is required (including directors, students, chaperones, and parents). Participation fees for JTF West are due to iTheatrics by November 15, 2021. After that date, participation fees increase to \$270 per person. You will not be able to register individuals at Festival Sign-In the weekend of the festival. Day passes are not available.

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JTF Atlanta and JTF West 2022 Registration

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRACK

The Professional Development Track is the ideal way to explore, experience, and empower yourself to produce a musical theater production with your kids! You will immerse yourself in workshops, adjudications, and discussions while having fun with fellow teachers and directors. If you are interested in bringing a group to the festival in the future, it is a great way to experience it first without students. We promise to leave you inspired and energized with new strategies and resources.

Pricing

Participation Fee......\$400

Participation Fees Include:

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How to Register

To register for the Professional Development track at JTF Atlanta or JTF West, visit <u>juniortheaterfestival.com</u>. You will be prompted to create an account for your organization. This will record your organization's basic contact information. Once that is complete and you are on the Registration page, select "Register on the Professional Development Track" and follow the prompts. You will be asked if you are interested in booking rooms at an official festival hotel and if you'd like to register additional PD participants.

You will be asked to pay the \$400 participation fee per person in order to secure your spot at JTF. We will only accept payment by credit card on the website. If you cannot pay by credit card, contact Lindsay directly to make other arrangements. Your registration will not be considered complete until you have filled out the online registration and we have received your \$400 participation fee.



Hotel Information

There are official festival hotels for JTF West and JTF Atlanta. Rooms in these hotels must be booked directly through the Junior Theater Festival. Priority for official festival hotels will be given to groups based on the order registration is completed (online form submitted and registration fee received). You are not required to stay in an official festival hotel.

Official festival hotels for JTF Atlanta are the Waverly Renaissance, the Embassy Suites, and Sheraton Suites. Official festival hotels for JTF West are the Hyatt Regency Sacramento and Sheraton Grand Sacramento Hotel. Specific pricing and other pertinent information will be sent out once your group has been accepted to the festival.

Please note, there is a limited amount of space in these hotels and they fill up fast. There are many other great hotel options in the general vicinity of both festivals.



