







Greetings, Junior Theater Festival friends and family!

For those of you who joined us in person or online for JTF Atlanta or West, thank you! We know how hard it was to organize your students as the universe hurled challenge after challenge at us. Together we manifested what seemed impossible at the time: the two largest in-person theatre gatherings of 2022 in the US. We trusted the ever-evolving science and put safety at the center of each decision we made, so that our young theatre makers could spend a weekend doing what they love with other like-minded theatre-makers. Now that's a jazz-hand worthy accomplishment! Huzzah!

For those of you who could not join us in 2022, we've missed you and look forward to welcoming you and your students back! We've made some wonderful improvements that you're sure to enjoy! For JTF Atlanta, adjudications begin on Friday, which makes for less crowded adjudication rooms and relaxes the weekend's pace a bit. We're also committed to streaming all mainstage events at JTF Atlanta to provide the entire world access. JTF West has permanently shifted its dates to the Presidents' Day holiday weekend, and continues to embrace that West Coast – chill vibe. Also, for those of us who live in colder climates, strolling outside in February under the California sun is spectacular!

By the conclusion of JTF West 2022, it became clear that at long last it was once again safe to feel a sense of hope. Hope that the pandemic is receding. Hope that we can imagine maskless performances in the near future. Hope that we can all return to making the world a better place one musical at a time live and in person.

My personal hope is that you'll join us in 2023 at either JTF Atlanta, or JTF West, or BOTH! It's going to be a special year! We produced our first Junior Theater Festival in 2003, making next year our 20th anniversary—and you can bet we'll be pulling out all the surprises!

Until then, may the Schwartz be with us all,

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Timothy Allen McDonald
Founder and Executive Producer
Junior Theater Festivals Worldwide





KEY EVENTS

(subject to change)

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.

Direct From Broadway 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.



JTF ATLANTA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This schedule is subject to change. Final schedules will be sent out prior to the festival.

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Festival Sign-In Opens 5:00 PM
Optional Group Rehearsals Begin 6:00 PM

FRIDAY

Optional Group Rehearsals Continue 9:00 AM
Festival Sign-In Continues
Professional Development Sign-In/Orientation 4:30 PM
Festival Kick-Off! 6:00 PM
Adjudications 7:00 PM

Choreography Video Auditions

Tech Olympics
Student Workshop

SATURDAY

Adjudications	8:00 AM
Lunch (on your own)	1:00 PM
Direct From Broadway	2:45 PM
Student and Teacher Workshops	4:00 PM
Dinner (on your own)	6:00 PM
New Works Showcase	8:00 PM

SUNDAY

Choreography Video Callbacks	8:00 AM
JTF All-Stars Workshop	8:30 AM
Growin' Up Broadway: LIVE!	10:00 AM
Student and Teacher Workshops	11:15 AM
Lunch (on your own)	12:30 PM
There's A Place For Us	2:30 PM
Freddie G Awards Ceremony	3:30 PM
Dinner (on your own)	5:00 PM
JTF Headliner Concert	8:00 PM



JTF WEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

This schedule is subject to change. Final schedules will be sent out prior to the festival.

10:00 AM
11:00 AM
2:00 PM
6:00 PM
7:30 PM
8:00 AM
8:45 AM
1:15 PM
3:00 PM
4:00 PM
5:45 PM
8:00 PM
8:00 AM
9:30 AM
11:00 AM
12:45 PM
2:30 PM
3:30 PM

Dinner (on your own)

JTF Headliner Concert



5:00 PM

8:00 PM

JTF Atlanta 2023 Registration STUDENT GROUPS

Pricing

Group Registration Fee......\$795

The \$795 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......\$300

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 \$300 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 by October 15, 2022. After that date, participation fees increase to \$330 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:

• Souvenir JTF t-shirt • All-access wristband • Mainstage shows curated for JTF audiences • Headliner concert featuring Broadway's finest • Adjudications, workshops for teachers and students, and so much more musical theater mayhem!!!

Participation Fees Do Not Include:

• Transportation • Meals • Lodging (see page 8 for hotel information)

How to Register

To register your group for JTF Atlanta, visit juniortheaterfestival.com. 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 \$795 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 \$795 registration fee.

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



JTF West 2023 Registration STUDENT GROUPS

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Per Person Participation Fee......\$280

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 \$280 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 by November 15, 2022. After that date, participation fees increase to \$310 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 2023 Registration

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRACK

The Professional Development (PD) 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.

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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 \$425 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 \$425 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 and the Embassy 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.



