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Festival
'24

JTF Atlanta
Atlanta, GA
January 12-14, 2024

JTF West
Sacramento, CA
February 9-11, 2024





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Greetings Junior Theater Festival!

I am incredibly excited to share with you our 2024 USA JTFs: JTF Atlanta and JTF West!

JTF Atlanta and JTF West feature adjudications, workshops for students and teachers, and a New Works Showcase featuring new Broadway JR. shows soon to be released by our friends at Music Theatre International. Plus one-of-a-kind performances and presentations by leading theatre makers from around the globe. Past presenters have included Disney Theatrical Group President Thomas Schumacher, Grammy®, Tony®, and Academy Award®-winning songwriters Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, Broadway, West End, and film superstar Cynthia Erivo, and so many more!

JTF Atlanta is the OG festival that launched 'em all! It's fast-paced and intensely programmed with attendance expected to top 7,000 people. JTF West is intimate, performed in the round (which is magical!), the pace is more relaxed, and attendance is capped at 2,000 people. Plus, who doesn't want to soak up the California sun underneath a palm tree in February?

For those of you who attended one of our 2023 Junior Theater Festivals, *thank you*. If you've not attended and are curious, consider joining us on our Professional Development track. It's a great way to experience the festival without bringing students, AND you'll earn 22.5 hours of musical theatre professional development. Also, you'll be guided throughout the weekend by musical theatre master teacher Cynthia Ripley.

So many teachers, parents, and students tell me JTF is their favorite weekend of the year. *The New York Times* described JTF as "a rousing celebration of theater" and I could not agree more! But, a word of advice: our festivals regularly sell out in just 48 hours, so be sure to register on March 15th at 10 AM EST if you are a returning group, or have previously joined us on the Professional Development track in the last two years. Registration for new groups opens April 1st!

I look forward to welcoming you at our 2024 Junior Theater Festivals!

So help me Sondheim!

Timothy Allen McDonald
 Founder and CEO
 Junior Theater Festivals Worldwide



Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty

Benj Pasek and Justin Paul

Alan Menken and Thomas Schumacher

Michael Wordly

Stephen Schwartz



KEY EVENTS

(subject to change)

Adjudication

Student groups perform 15 minutes from an MTI Broadway Junior® musical (includes 30-minute or 60-minute) or One-Act musical 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 offered the opportunity to perform in the *Freddie G Awards Ceremony* or take part in a special workshop.

New Works Showcase

Be the first to experience the exciting new Broadway Junior® titles soon to be released. Performed by invited student groups from around the world, this event is a true highlight.

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.

Video Auditions

Each JTF we hold a special set of auditions for future iTheatrics video projects in NYC. Previously we have auditioned and cast students for the Choreography Videos and for the iTheatrics Special Project. Stay tuned for more details on what we will hold auditions for in 2024!

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!

There's A Place For Us

An exciting panel on the history and future of diversity, equity, inclusion, and accessibility in the theatre industry. Featuring stellar performances and important conversations, this mainstage show reminds us that there is a place for us all in the 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 Headline Concert

We invite the best of the best to headline a special concert curated just for our JTF audience! Past concert headliners include Caissie Levy, Michael James Scott, Ali Stroker, Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, Lindsay Mendez, Stephanie J. Block and Sebastian Arcelus, Arielle and Adam Jacobs and more.

JTF ATLANTA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

[Optional Group Rehearsals Continue	9:00 AM
[Festival Sign-In Continues	9:00 AM
Professional Development Orientation	4:00 PM
<i>Festival Kick-Off!</i>	5:00 PM
Adjudications	6:30 PM
Student Workshop	7:00 PM

SATURDAY

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

SUNDAY

[Video Callbacks	8:00 AM
[Tech Olympics	8:00 AM
<i>Growin' Up Broadway: LIVE!</i>	10:00 AM
[Student and Teacher Workshops	11:15 AM
[JTF All-Stars Workshop	11:15 AM
Lunch (on your own)	12:30 PM
<i>There's A Place For Us</i>	3:00 PM
<i>Freddie G Awards Ceremony</i>	4:00 PM
Dinner	5:30 PM
<i>JTF Headliner Concert</i>	8:00 PM

JTF WEST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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FRIDAY

Festival Sign-In	10:00 AM
Optional Group Rehearsals Begin	11:00 AM
Video Auditions	2:00 PM
Professional Development Sign-In/Orientation	6:00 PM
<i>Festival Kick-Off!</i>	8:00 PM

SATURDAY

Adjudications	8:00 AM
Lunch (on your own)	1:15 PM
<i>Direct From Broadway</i>	2:30 PM
Student and Teacher Workshops	4:00 PM
Dinner (on your own)	5:45 PM
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JTF Atlanta 2024 Registration

STUDENT GROUPS

Pricing

Group Registration Fee..... \$825

The \$825 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..... \$335

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 \$335 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, 2023. After that date, participation fees increase to \$365 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)

Group priority registration opens on March 15th at 10:00 AM EST for groups and folks who attended on the Professional Development track in the past two years (2022, 2023). Registration for new groups opens on April 1st.

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 be asked to pay the \$825 registration fee in order to secure your group's spot at JTF. We will accept payment by credit card or check. Registration priority will be given to those that pay by credit card. Your registration will not be considered complete until you have filled out the online registration and we have received your \$825 registration fee. If paying by check, make checks payable to **JUNIOR THEATER GROUP** and mail to iTheatrics, Attn: JTF, 628 West 52nd Street, Suite 1F, New York, NY 10019.

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

JTF West 2024 Registration

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Per Person Participation Fee..... \$310

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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.

Pricing

Participation Fee..... \$500

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How to Register

To register for the Professional Development track at JTF Atlanta or JTF West, visit juniortheaterfestival.com. 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 \$500 participation fee in order to secure your spot at JTF. We will accept payment by credit card or check. Your registration will not be considered complete until you have filled out the online registration and we have received your \$500 participation fee. If paying by check, make checks payable to **JUNIOR THEATER GROUP** and mail to iTheatrics, Attn: JTF, 628 West 52nd Street, Suite 1F, New York, NY 10019.

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 hotel for JTF West is the Hyatt Regency Sacramento. 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.



JTF Atlanta '23 and JTF West '23
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