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February 7 - 9, 2025

# Greetings, Junior Theater Festival!

On behalf of everyone at iTheatrics and Junior Theater Group, we are excited to launch our 2025 Junior Theater Festival season! Planning is already well underway, and this season is sure to be our best ever, filled with events you've come to love and a few JTF surprises!

Our festivals feature professional adjudications, cutting-edge workshops for students and teachers, parent-focused panel discussions, and one-of-a-kind performances and presentations by Broadway's brightest stars and industry leaders. Past performers and presenters have included Disney Theatrical Group President Thomas Schumacher, GRAMMY®, Tony®, and Academy Award®-winning songwriters Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, and Tony® and GRAMMY®-winning actress Cynthia Erivo, and so many more!

JTF Atlanta is the OG festival that launched the worldwide sensation. It's three days of fast-paced musical theater magic and mayhem with attendance expected to reach 7,000 people. JTF West is more intimate and relaxed and is capped at 2,400 people. Plus, who doesn't want to enjoy some Cali sun in February?

For those of you who attended one of our 2024 festivals, *thank you*. We look forward to seeing you again. If you've not attended a festival before, consider joining our Professional Development track. It's a great way to experience the festival before bringing students, plus you'll earn 22.5 hours of musical theatre professional development. Best yet, you'll be guided throughout the weekend by musical theater master teacher Cynthia Ripley.

The *New York Times* described JTF as "a rousing celebration of theater" and I could not agree more. No wonder so many theater professionals and educators tell us that attending JTF is something they look forward to all year long. A word of warning: demand for both festivals is high, and they do sell out – often in just 48 hours. If you're a returning group, or have previously joined us on the Professional Development track in the past two years, be sure to register on March 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM EST. Registration for new groups opens April 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 AM EST.

I look forward making the world a better place, one musical at a time with you at our 2025 Junior Theater Festivals!

So help me Sondheim!



Timothy Allen McDonald  
Founder and CEO  
Junior Theater Group

# Key Events

(subject to change)

## Adjudication

Student groups perform 15 minutes from an MTI Broadway Junior® show (30-minute or 60-minute) or One-Act Edition for a small panel of professional theatre artists (aka adjudicators) and other festival attendees. 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 sometimes get the opportunity to perform in the *Freddie G Awards Ceremony*.

## Video Auditions

Select students from each participating group are invited to audition for Broadway Junior® Resident Choreographer Steven G. Kennedy for future Broadway Junior® 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

One-of-a-kind mainstage events hosted by Junior Theater Festival creator, Timothy 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 Music Theatre International's Music Theatre International'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 & Justin Paul, Lindsay Mendez, Stephanie J. Block & Sebastian Arcelus, Arielle & 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, JANUARY 16

5:00 PM	Festival Sign-In
5:00 PM	Optional Group Rehearsals

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

9:00 AM	Festival Sign-In
10:00 AM	Optional Group Rehearsals
4:00 PM	PD Sign-In/Orientation
5:00 PM	<i>Festival Kick-Off!</i>
5:30 PM	Dinner ( <i>on your own</i> )
7:00 PM	Adjudications

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

8:30 AM	Adjudications
1:00 PM	Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )
2:45 PM	<i>Direct From Broadway</i>
3:45 PM	iTheatrics Video Audition
4:00 PM	Student Workshops
4:00 PM	Teacher Workshops
4:00 PM	For Parents/Guardians Panel
6:00 PM	Dinner ( <i>on your own</i> )
8:00 PM	<i>New Works Showcase</i>

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8:00 AM	iTheatrics Video Callback
8:00 AM	Tech Olympics
9:00 AM	Teacher Workshops
10:00 AM	<i>Growin' Up Broadway!</i>
11:15 AM	Student Workshops
11:15 AM	Teacher Workshop
11:15 AM	JTF All-Stars Workshop
1:00 PM	Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )
3:00 PM	<i>JTF Finale Rehearsal</i>
4:00 PM	<i>Freddie G Awards Ceremony</i>
5:30 PM	Dinner ( <i>on your own</i> )
8:00 PM	<i>JTF Concert</i>

# JTF West Schedule of Events

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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

10:00 AM	Festival Sign-In
12:00 PM	Optional Group Rehearsals
1:00 PM	iTheatrics Video Audition
3:00 PM	Festival Sign-In
6:00 PM	Professional Development Orientation
7:30 PM	<i>Festival Kick-Off!</i>

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

8:00 AM	Adjudications
12:00 PM	Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )
2:30 PM	<i>Direct From Broadway</i>
4:00 PM	Student Workshops
4:00 PM	Teacher Workshops
5:45 PM	Dinner ( <i>on your own</i> )
8:00 PM	<i>New Works Showcase</i>

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 AM	iTheatrics Video Callback
8:00 AM	Tech Olympics
10:00 AM	<i>Growin' Up Broadway: LIVE!</i>
11:30 AM	JTF All-Stars Rehearsal
11:30 AM	Student Workshops
11:30 AM	Teacher Workshop
12:30 PM	Lunch ( <i>on your own</i> )
2:30 PM	<i>There's A Place For Us</i>
3:45 PM	<i>Freddie G Awards Ceremony</i>
4:45 PM	Dinner ( <i>on your own</i> )
8:00 PM	<i>JTF Concert</i>

# JTF 2025 Group Registration

## Pricing

Atlanta & West Group Registration Fee.....\$825

### JTF ATLANTA

Per Person Participation Fee (*Academies, Community Theaters, Private Schools*).....\$350

Per Person Participation Fee (*Public & Charter Schools*).....\$335

### JTF WEST

Per Person Participation Fee (*Academies, Community Theaters, Private Schools*).....\$335

Per Person Participation Fee (*Public & Charter Schools*).....\$320

## REGISTRATION FEE

The \$825 registration fee secures your group's spot at JTF. Your registration is considered complete once you have filled out the online registration and we have received your registration fee. Your registration submission will be reviewed and you will be emailed if your group has been accepted to the festival within 3 weeks. If your group is not accepted, you can opt to add your group to the waitlist or your registration fee will be refunded.

## PARTICIPATION FEE

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 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, 2024 and participation fees for JTF West will be due by November 15, 2024. After these dates, participation fees increase by \$30 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 Fee Includes:

- 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 Fee Does Not Include:

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



## How to Register Your Group

To register your group for JTF, visit [juniortheaterfestival.com](http://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. If paying by check, make checks payable to **JUNIOR THEATER GROUP** and mail to iTheatrics, Attn: JTF, 1501 Broadway, Suite 1900, New York, NY 10036.

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

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **CAN I REGISTER FOR BOTH FESTIVALS?**

You may register one group for JTF Atlanta and one group for JTF West. Groups that attend both festivals must bring different shows for adjudication, and we encourage you to bring different groups of students to each festival as well.

### **CAN I BRING TWO GROUPS FROM MY ORGANIZATION TO ONE FESTIVAL?**

No. You may only bring one group from your organization to JTF Atlanta and one group from your organization to JTF West.

### **CAN I REGISTER FOLKS AFTER THE PARTICIPATION FEES ARE DUE?**

This is done on a case-by-case basis and all additions must be approved by the JTF Festival administrator. Final numbers and payment are due by October 15th for JTF Atlanta and November 15th for JTF West in order to move forward with scheduling. If registered past those dates, there is no guarantee that additional participants will receive a festival t-shirt or have seats with your group in the main theater.

### **IS THERE AN AGE REQUIREMENT FOR PARTICIPATING STUDENTS?**

Any student between the ages of 8 and 18 is welcome to attend and perform with a group. No one who has graduated from high school is allowed to perform with a group.

### **WHAT SIZE IS A TYPICAL GROUP**

20-40 participants. There is a minimum of 20 participants per group. This number includes students, chaperones, directors, and any additional family and friends. The playing space for adjudication is roughly 20’ x 26’ so this is important to keep in mind when putting your group of students together.

*If you have more questions, do not hesitate to reach out at [jtf@itheatrics.com](mailto:jtf@itheatrics.com).*

# JTF 2025

## Professional Development Track

### Pricing

Atlanta & West Professional Development Registration Fee.....\$500

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, the PD track is a great way to experience JTF first without students. We promise to leave you inspired and energized with new strategies and resources.

### REGISTRATION FEE

The \$500 registration fee secures your spot on the PD track.

#### Registration Fee Includes:

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#### Registration Fee Does Not Include:

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

## HOW TO REGISTER FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

To register for the Professional Development track at JTF Atlanta or JTF West, visit [juniortheaterfestival.com](http://juniortheaterfestival.com). You will be prompted to create an account for your organization. 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 to pay the \$500 registration fee in order to secure your spot at JTF. We will accept payment by credit card or check. If paying by check, make checks payable to **JUNIOR THEATER GROUP** and mail to iTheatrics, Attn: JTF, 1501 Broadway, Suite 1900, New York, NY 10036.

*Registration fees are nonrefundable.*



# Hotel Information

There are official festival hotels for JTF Atlanta and JTF West. 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 the Omni Hotel. Official festival hotels for JTF West are the Hyatt Regency, Sacramento and the 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.



New Works Showcase JTF Atlanta '24 and New Works Showcase JTF West '24  
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