







Greetings JTF Universe!

The Junior Theater Festival is a time to come together and honor everyone who is out there making the world a better place one student musical at a time. The New York Times recently described JTF as "a rousing celebration of theater." We couldn't agree more! Where else can you share jazz hands or belt out a tune with people from 40 different states and 6 different countries?

Each Junior Theater Festival is a mix of adjudications, workshops for students and teachers, plus special events like the New Works Showcase and Direct From Broadway, where Broadway's best share their talents. Of course there are student and teacher awards, a dance party, and we always conclude the festival with a one-of-a-kind concert, specifically produced for our JTF participants. Past performers have included Megan Hilty, Darren Criss, and Pasek and Paul.

There are two Junior Theater Festivals to choose from: JTF Atlanta and JTF West. We've been producing JTF Atlanta since 2003, and it is attended by over 6,000 people. JTF West debuted in 2017 and is more intimate with over 1,500 attendees. Each festival has slightly different programming, so it's not uncommon for people to attend both, often bringing a group to one festival and then attending the other on the Professional Development track.

To everyone who attended one of our 2018 Junior Theater Festivals, *thank you!* If you've never attended a Junior Theater Festival – what are you waiting for? I promise that you, your students, and your parents will experience one of the most rewarding and energizing weekends ever.

But a word of advice: JTF Atlanta always sells out — often in as few as 4 weeks.

And due to a venue change which will limit capacity, we are also expecting JTF West to hit sold-out status. So be sure to register your group today!

I look forward to welcoming you and your students at a 2019 Junior Theater Festival!

Sincerely,

Timothy Allen McDonald Executive Producer





Key Events

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 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 DVD Auditions

Up to 8 students from each participating group are invited to audition for Broadway Junior Resident Choreographer Steven G. Kennedy for future Broadway Junior Choreography DVD shoots!

New Works Showcase

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

Pathways and Direct From Broadway

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!

The Slam!

One of the most anticipated events of the festival! Creative teams and casts are selected at random and have just one hour to rehearse a song and dance for presentation on the main stage!

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. Add spontaneous student sing-alongs, meeting new friends, and confetti cannons 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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<u>FRIDAY</u>	
Festival Sign-In	10:00AM
P Open Studio Rehearsals Begin	1:00PM
Group Photos Begin	
New Group Orientation	7:00PM
Professional Development Orientation	
Director's Welcome and Workshop	8:00PM
<u>SATURDAY</u>	
Festival Kick-Off!	8:00AM
Adjudication	8:30AM
Lunch Break (on your own)	12:45PM
Pathways	2:45PM
Student and Teacher Workshops	4:00PM
Dinner Break (on your own)	5:30PM
New Works Showcase	8:00PM
T JTF Dance Party (for Students and Chaperones)	9:30PM
Pop-Up Concert (for Adults)	
<u>SUNDAY</u>	
Slam! Rehearsals	9:00AM
Tech Olympics	
Slam! (featuring the Freddie G Fellowship Awards)	10:00AM
Student and Teacher Workshops	11:00AM
Lunch Break (on your own)	12:30PM
Direct From Broadway	2:30PM
Freddie G Student Awards Ceremony	4:00PM



Dinner Break (on your own)

Professional Performance

5:15PM

8:00PM

JTF Atlanta 2019 Registration

STUDENT GROUPS

Pricing

The \$675 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.

Per Person Participation Fee......\$235

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 \$235 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, 2018. After that date, participation fees increase to \$265 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 juniortheaterfestival.com. If you are a returning group, login 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 \$675 registration fee in order to secure your group's spot at JTF. You can pay online by credit card or select an option to submit a check. Your registration will not be considered complete until you have filled out the online registration and we have received your \$675 registration fee. Please make all checks payable to Junior Theater Group and mail to:

Junior Theater Festival • Attn: Lindsay Lupi • 628 West 52nd Street • Suite 1F • New York, NY 10019

Registration fees are nonrefundable.



JTF West 2019 Registration

STUDENT GROUPS

Pricing

Group Registration Fee.......\$675

The \$675 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.

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 \$225 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, 2018. After that date, participation fees increase to \$255 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:

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Participation Fees Do Not Include:

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JTF Atlanta and JTF West 2019 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......\$350

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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 \$350 participation fee per person in order to secure your spot at JTF. You can pay online by credit card or select an option to submit a check. Your registration will not be considered complete until you have filled out the online registration and we have received your \$350 participation fee. Please make all checks payable to

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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 \$675 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.



JTF Atlanta, 2018



Notable Quotes

We were a bit leery going into the weekend because we are not big fans of competition in the arts and have kept far away from anything that resembled it. It became obvious very quickly that you guys were not about the competition but about nurturing future artists. Thank you for providing an environment where the kids can receive recognition while in a safe, nurturing atmosphere.

Holly Garmon, The Performer's Warehouse

Your team really wowed me at JTF West. Your professionalism through organization of the event from the booklets to the assigned seating, positive attitudes towards every person at the Festival, all the way up to the production value of the performances was a true inspiration. I really can only say positive things about what you have accomplished and my experience. I can't wait to see what you have up your sleeves next!

Becky James, Stage Dreams Youth Theater



Oscar® winning composer Paul Williams JTF Atlanta 2018

Thank you for providing an opportunity for our kids to come and celebrate not only what they love, but who they are. I had so many kids come up to me and tell me how much they loved being in a place with so many other kids who were "weird like us." I love seeing our theater kids find "their tribe."

Leigh Ann Cannady, Forsyth Academy of Performing Arts

This event is unlike any other I've experienced – it is a crystallization of so much positive energy I believe it could power a small nation. It is obvious from the stories I heard and the transformations I saw that JTF is profoundly changing people's lives and our own country through art and education one production at a time.

Tessa Derfner, P94M

