

JTF Atlanta Atlanta, GA Cobb Galleria Centre



JTF West Sacramento, CA Sacramento Convention Center





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Greetings JTF Universe!

The Junior Theater Festival is the only place on the planet where kids, teachers, directors, parents and Broadway's best can come together to let their musical theater freak flags fly.

In 2017, in addition to our already sold-out JTF Atlanta, we produced the first ever JTF West in Sacramento, California and what a hit it was! We had 35 groups and total attendance reached 1,490 people. To put this into perspective, it took JTF Atlanta five years to reach that level of attendance. By the way, JTF Atlanta had 111 groups and attendance hit 5,930 people, a new record!

Once again there were many "only at JTF" moments, ranging from witnessing Ahrens and Flaherty being serenaded by 65 students and then being told by the performers "you are why we tell the story." (Cue tears of joy!) Or Pasek and Paul performing their Golden Globe and Academy Award winning song "City of Stars" live for the very first time. (Cue goosebumps!) By the way, you can relive both of these experiences and more on our YouTube channel: just search for iTheatricsTV.

I hope you'll join us for one, or both of our festivals. Special thanks to those of you who joined in on the fun at both festivals in 2017. The settings for both are wildly different and the programming is varied enough to make attending both exciting and rewarding.

JTF Atlanta regularly sells out within weeks, and given the overwhelming positive responses we've had to JTF West, I anticipate it too will fill up quite quickly. So be sure to register as soon as possible. Priority registration for returning groups will open on March 15th and then to the general public on April 1st.

Speaking of registration, we've taken the entire process online! No more filling out paperwork by hand. (Yay!) You can secure your spot at either JTF by logging onto juniortheaterfestival.com.

So get those jazz hands in the air! JTF season will be here before you know it!

So help me Sondheim.

Timothy Allen Mcdonald Founder and CEO, iTheatrics Executive Producer, JTF





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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 workshops and are given the opportunity to be a major part of the Freddie G Awards Ceremony.

Choreography DVD Auditions

Selected students 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

A one-of-a-kind mainstage event hosted by Junior Theater Festival creator, Tim McDonald, featuring a discussion and performances with interesting folks 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 Broadway JR. 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.



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Schedule of Events

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

FRIDAY

	Festival Sign-In	10:00AM
٢	Open Studio Rehearsals Begin	1:00PM
	Group Photos Begin	
ſ	New Group Orientation	7:00PM
L	Professional Development Orientation	
	Director's Welcome and Workshop	8:00PM

SATURDAY

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
JTF Dance Party (for Students and Chaperones)	9:30PM
Pop-Up Concert (for Adults)	

SUNDAY

	Broadway JR. Slam Rehearsals	9:00AM
	Freddie G Teacher Awards Ceremony (featuring the Broadway JR. Slam)	10:00AM
Γ	Student and Teacher Workshops	11:00AM
L	Tech Olympics	
	Lunch Break (on your own)	12:30PM
	Direct From Broadway	2:30PM
	Freddie G Student Awards Ceremony	4:00PM
	Dinner Break (on your own)	5:15PM
	Professional Performance	8:00PM



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2018 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...... \$225

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 Atlanta will be due to iTheatrics by October 15, 2017. Participation fees for JTF West will be due to iTheatrics by November 15, 2017. After those dates, 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:

• 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 6 for hotel information) •

How to Register

To register your group for 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 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:

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Registration fees are nonrefundable.



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2018 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 energize with new strategies and resources.

Pricing

Participation Fee...... \$350

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How to Register

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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 do fill up fast. There are many other great hotel options in the general vicinity of both festivals.



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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® winners Justin Paul and Benj Pasek, JTF West 2017

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



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