

# junior theater FESTIVAL

January 13, 14, 15, 2012  
Atlanta, GA



## A Jam-Packed Weekend of Musical Theater Mayhem!

- Adjudication • Awards • Professional Development
- Performance Workshops • Technical Theater Workshops
- Celebrity Guests • Radio Disney Dance Party
- Disney Musicals New Works Showcase
- *Annie* at the Fabulous Fox Theatre

# What is the Junior Theater Festival?

Simply put, the Junior Theater Festival (JTF) is the biggest and best festival exclusively dedicated to young people and musical theater. Produced by iTheatrics and Theater of the Stars, JTF brings students, teachers and Broadway professionals together to celebrate outstanding student musical theater productions.

## Greetings!

I had a dream... that musical theater could be celebrated with the same fervor as sports. That those who dedicate their lives to young people performing musical theater and Broadway professionals could come together in fellowship and learn from each other. That this gathering could shine a national spotlight on the importance of young people exploring their creative potential through the arts.

That dream has become the Junior Theater Festival.

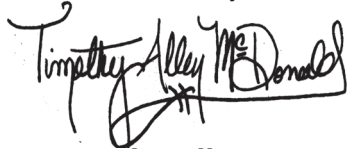
If you've attended JTF you know what a wonderful experience it is for you, your students and their parents.

If you have not attended our festival, you are missing out on a very magical and rewarding musical theater experiences for you and your students.

But don't take my word for it. Ask any of the 2,200 people who attended our 2011 sold-out festival. Or simply check out the quotes on page 6.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2012 Junior Theater Festival.

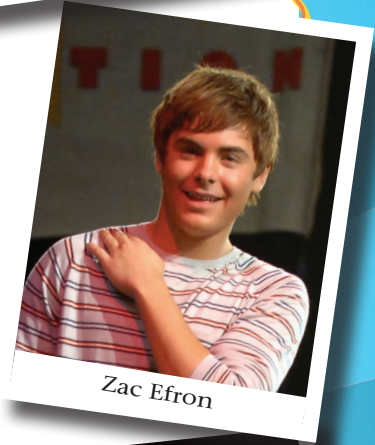
Most sincerely,



Timothy Allen McDonald  
CEO and Founder  
iTheatrics



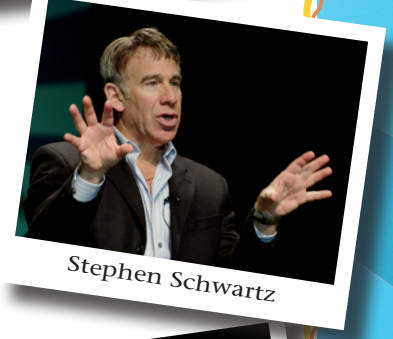
Henry Hodges & Thomas Schumacher



Zac Efron



Christy Carlson Romano



Stephen Schwartz



Jeanine Tesori

## Key Events Include:

### Adjudication

Student groups perform 15 minutes from a Broadway Junior Collection musical for adjudication by leading theater professionals. Groups are rated in the areas of music, acting, dance and overall performance. The adjudicators offer constructive criticism to each group to encourage further learning in key areas.

### Workshop Round-Robin for Students and Teachers

Broadway professionals and master teachers from across the country offer interactive workshops for 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

Get a sneak-peak at the newest shows soon to be released in the Broadway Junior Collection.

### 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 CEO, 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 Reception. Saturday night is the Radio Disney Dance Party, and Sunday night everyone sees a professional production of *Annie* at the Fabulous Fox Theatre! Add spontaneous student sing-alongs, meeting new friends, and confetti cannons and this is sure to be a weekend your students will *never* forget.



Theatre Under the Stars, JTF 2011  
Disney's *The Little Mermaid JR.*

# Tentative Schedule of Events

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012

<b>Sign In Begins</b>	<b>2:00PM</b>
<b>Open Studio Rehearsals Begin</b>	<b>3:00PM</b>
<b>Director's Reception</b>	<b>8:00PM</b>

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 2012

<b>Junior Theater Festival Kick-Off!</b>	<b>8:00AM</b>
<b>Adjudication</b>	<b>9:00AM</b>
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>Workshop Kick-Off</b>	<b>2:30PM</b>
<b>Workshop Round-Robin</b>	<b>3:00PM-5:00PM</b>
<b>Choreography DVD Auditions</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
<b>Dinner Break</b>	<b>5:30PM</b>
<b>Disney Musicals New Works Showcase</b>	<b>8:00PM</b>
<b>Radio Disney Dance Party</b>	<b>9:30PM</b>

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

<b>Broadway Junior Slam Selection</b>	<b>10:00AM</b>
<b>Special Guest #1</b>	<b>11:00AM</b>

You never know who is going to turn up at the Junior Theater Festival. Past guests have included: Broadway composers Stephen Schwartz and Jeanine Tesori; *American Idol's* Michael Orland; Disney's *High School Musical* star Zac Efron; Christy Carlson Romano; Seth Rudetsky; Broadway stars Henry Hodges, Jenifer Foote, Jenn Colella and Rashad Naylor; and President of Disney Theatrical Group, Thomas Schumacher.

<b>Broadway Junior Slam Performance</b>	<b>12:00PM</b>
<b>Special Guest #2</b>	<b>12:30PM</b>
<b>Lunch Break</b>	<b>1:00PM</b>
<b>Freddie G Awards Ceremony</b>	<b>2:30PM</b>
<b>Dinner Break</b>	<b>4:30PM</b>
<b>Annie at the Fabulous Fox Theatre</b>	<b>7:00PM</b>

## Participation Fee Includes:

- An official festival T-shirt
- Adjudication and feedback
- Professional development workshops for directors
- Performance workshops for students
- Technical theater workshops for students and teachers
- Radio Disney Dance Party
- Broadway Junior Slam
- Celebrity talk-back with special guests
- A ticket to *Annie* at the Fabulous Fox Theatre

## Participation Fee Does Not Include:

- Transportation
- Meals
- Lodging
- Transportation to and from the Fox for the production of *Annie*

## 2012 Pricing

### **Bringing a student group?**

A registration fee of \$500 for each group, plus a \$135 participation fee per person enables your group to enjoy all the events and benefits that JTF 2012 has to offer.

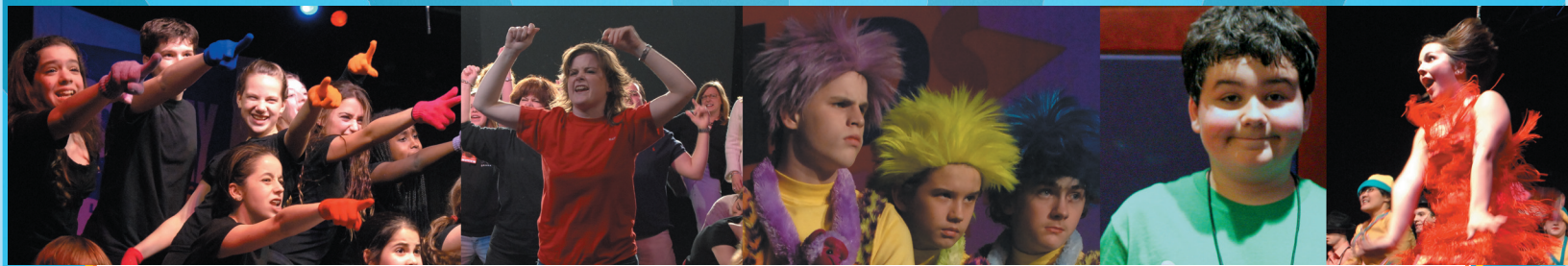
### **Want to join the fun *without* student performers?**

Sign up for our Professional Development track for only \$250 per person and experience everything the festival has to offer including an entire afternoon of professional workshops.

## 2012 Official Festival Hotel

The Junior Theater Festival is pleased to announce the Renaissance Waverly as our official hotel. A special room rate is available exclusively for festival participants. Once your registration is complete, you will receive information regarding hotel reservations. Accommodations are available to groups on a first-come, first-served basis. Please do not contact the hotel directly.

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## Notable Quotes

“Everyone was bursting at the seams with energy as we performed our fifteen minute cut of the show and I can’t even find the words to describe the audience’s reaction. I had to literally fight back tears while the crowd screamed like maniacs. I don’t think I’ll ever experience the amount of energy that was in that room ever again in my life. [The next day] was a bit of a blur as the excitement built up until we finally got onstage and began to perform for all 1,700 people in the audience. It was so thrilling. I love the energy at JTF with all the different groups coming together to perform. It was one of the best weekends ever!”

**Sean Newman**  
Student Performer,  
Dawson County Arts Council

## “One of the best weekends ever!”

“In 2007, when I was brand new to the JTF, I walked into the directors’ reception alone... [Steven Kennedy] walked over and made me feel so at home. I was so amazed and impressed that a little ol’ guy with a small theatre program was getting to meet all of the people who help put together the scripts and scores for all of the wonderful shows my kids love to perform; and that everyone I met genuinely cared about me and wanted to help me and my program to grow and improve... I knew then that MTI, iTheatrics, and the JTF was something that I wanted to remain associated with for the rest of my theatrical career. So again, THANK YOU!”

**David Bell**  
Director, Center Stage Theatricals

“I wanted to let y’all know how much you have done for my 42 young performers. In a small football centered town my kids now have the courage to say they are part of the Y-ARTS program. Their success at JTF has given them the ability to stand tall in our community. You truly care about the kids and the directors and that is something to be honored. You inspire me to be a better person and a better director.”

**Emily Moore**  
Director, Boothbay Region YMCA

“I just wanted to say thank you. We all had a wonderful time, gained new confidence in ourselves and our abilities, made new friends, and were very sad to see it come to an end. Each person was eager to share their favorite moment (mine was directing the *Modern Millie Slam*). We’ve already started the planning for next year.”

**Brad Fowler**  
Camelot Theatre Company

“But what thrilled him the most was meeting so many students that were guys his own age who really understood just how much fun drama and music is.”

**Anonymous Parent**

# REGISTER TODAY!

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY CONTACT: \_\_\_\_\_

ORGANIZATION'S STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE/PROVINCE: \_\_\_\_\_ POSTAL CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

## STUDENT GROUP REGISTRATION

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING:	_____
NUMBER OF OFFICIAL CHAPERONES (DIVIDE THE NUMBER ABOVE BY 4):	_____
NUMBER OF DIRECTORS ATTENDING (CANNOT BE CHAPERONES):	_____
ADDITIONAL PARENTS, RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY ATTENDING:	_____
TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING (ADD THE NUMBERS ABOVE):	_____
MULTIPLY THIS NUMBER BY \$135 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	_____
REGISTRATION FEE:	+ \$500
GRAND TOTAL:	_____

In order to secure your place at JTF 2012, return this form and the \$500 registration fee to iTheatrics.  
The registration fee is fully refundable if you cancel by May 15, 2011  
or if you are not accepted to the festival.  
*(Deposits will be forfeited after May 15, 2011.)*  
All fees are due in full by November 1, 2011.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT REGISTRATION

TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING:	_____
MULTIPLY THIS NUMBER BY \$250 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	_____
PARTICIPANTS' NAME(S):	_____

## PAYMENT BY CREDIT CARD:

Circle Card Type:    VISA                      MASTERCARD                      AMEX

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## MAIL OR FAX THIS COMPLETED FORM AND YOUR SECURITY DEPOSIT TO:

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