

junior theater
Festival 2015
1th
anniversary

January 16-18,
2015

Atlanta, GA

Cobb Galleria
Centre

JTF '03

JTF '05

JTF '07

JTF '09

JTF '10

JTF '11

JTF '12

JTF '13

JTF '14



Greetings JTF Family!

The 2014 Junior Theater Festival was truly one of our best ever! Who can forget the Tony-nominated writing team Pasek and Paul belting out their tunes (and taking selfies with the audience) and Seattle Children's Theater performing numbers from Roald Dahl's *James and the Giant Peach*? Or what about Evan Ruggiero's inspirational story and his perfectly timed line upon falling onstage, "What do you do when fall down? You get right back up again!" And the unbelievable voices featured in Disney's *Broadway and Beyond*. Oh, and who could forget the moving performance by P94M, a school dedicated to students on the autism spectrum.

JTF '15 marks the 10th Junior Theater Festival and by Schwartz and by Sondheim have we ever come a long way since our humble first festival in 2003! (JTF took place every other year from 2003 until 2009.) That first festival featured approximately 800 attendees; we are expecting over 4,500 for JTF '15.

We are still actively working to make the festival the absolutely best it can be. You can expect more workshops in JTF '15 for students and teachers, and we will be introducing the first ever JTF Tech Olympics. The Junior Theater Festival is all about bringing great people together to celebrate the joy of raising our voices in song, dancing like nobody is looking and not giving a hoot if someone is.

If you are new to the Junior Theater Festival, welcome. We can't wait to meet you! If you'd like to get a sense of what a great event the festival is check out our Facebook page (facebook.com/JuniorTheaterFestival), or you can check out videos from past festivals on our YouTube channel, iTheatrics TV (youtube.com/user/iTheatricsTV).

If you are tried and true JTFer, welcome back. We can't wait to see you at the 10th Junior Theater Festival!

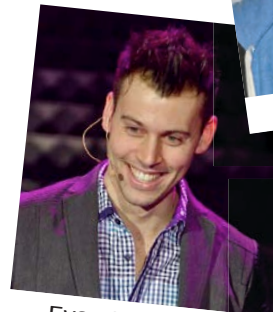
See you in Atlanta!



Timothy Allen McDonald



Skylar Astin and Briga Heelan



Evan Ruggiero



Alan Menken and Tom Schumacher



Justin Paul



Disney's Newsies



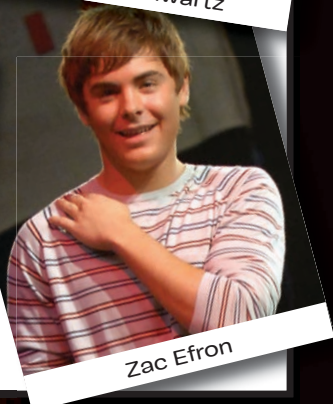
Benj Pasek



Stephen Schwartz



Jeanine Tesori



Zac Efron

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.

Even More Workshops 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. Including Disney's *The Lion King JR. & KIDS* and *James and the Giant Peach JR.!*

Pathways to Success

Pathways to Success features a panel of young adults who share their journeys from Broadway Junior participant to successful theatrical professional.

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!

Direct From Broadway

Get a sneak peak at a Broadway musical, meet its stars and cheer them on in a special JTF presentation. Who will be at JTF '15?

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 Reception. Saturday night is the JTF Dance Party, and Sunday night everyone attends a special presentation. Add spontaneous student sing-alongs, meeting new friends, and confetti cannons and this is sure to be a weekend your students will *never* forget.



Tentative Schedule of Events

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16, 2015

Sign-In Begins	11:00AM
Open Studio Rehearsals Begin	2:00PM
New Group Orientation	7:00PM
Director's Reception	8:00PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2015

Junior Theater Festival Kick-Off!	8:00AM
Adjudication	9:00AM
Lunch Break	1:00PM
Workshop Kick-Off	2:30PM
[Student and Teacher Workshops	3:00PM - 5:00PM
[Choreography DVD Auditions	
Dinner Break	5:30PM
New Works Showcase presented by Disney Musicals	8:00PM
JTF Dance Party	9:30PM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2015

[Choreography DVD Callbacks	9:30AM
[Teacher Technical Theater Workshops	
[Pathways to Success	10:00AM
[Broadway JR. Slam Rehearsals	
Broadway JR. Slam Performance	11:30AM
Freddie G Teacher Awards Ceremoney	12:00PM
[Student Workshops	12:30PM
[Student Tech Olympics	
Lunch	1:30PM
Direct From Broadway	3:00PM
Freddie G Student Awards Ceremony	4:00PM
Dinner Break	5:30PM
Special Performance	8:00PM

2015 Pricing

STUDENT GROUPS

Group Registration Fee - \$675

To register your group, return the completed Group Registration Form located in the back of this brochure and the \$675 registration fee to iTheatrics.

Per Person Participation Fee - \$225

Each person attending the festival including directors, students, chaperones and parents must be registered with your group and 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 will be due to iTheatrics by October 15th. After that date, participation fees increase to \$245 per person. You will not be able to register individuals at Festival Sign-In. **Day passes are not available.**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRACK

Per Person Participation Fee - \$350

To register for the Professional Development Track, complete the PD Registration Form located in the back of this brochure and return it to iTheatrics with your \$350 participation fee to experience all the festival has to offer without students.

Participation Fees Include:

- A JTF all-access wristband
- A festival t-shirt
- Lunch on Saturday and Sunday
- Souvenir Program
- Special Direct From Broadway Performance

Participation Fees Do Not Include:

- Transportation
 - Meals
 - Lodging
-

Hotel Information

If you would like to stay at an official festival hotel, you will have four options. There are three deluxe options, the Waverly Renaissance, the Embassy Suites, and one TBD, as well as one economy option which we are in the process of finalizing. Rooms in these hotels must be booked directly through the Junior Theater Festival as every room is already reserved for JTF 2015. Specific pricing and other pertinent information will be available by September 1st.

Priority for official festival hotels will be given to groups based on the order in which we receive your completed registration form and registration fee.

Your group is not obligated to stay at an official festival hotel. There are other great hotel options in the general vicinity of the Cobb Galleria Centre which you can check out at www.cobb Galleria.com.



Notable Quotes

"The things our kids learn through the great workshops and meeting and watching other shows is an amazing education all piled into one weekend filled with fun!"

Lori and Albert Carter
Paul Laurence Dunbar Middle School

"I hope by now you that the Junior Theater Festival is one of the most inspiring, friendly, genuine festivals celebrating musical theater for young people in the country. I am beyond thankful to be a part of this celebration. I can't thank these people enough for all of the time, energy, and inspiration they have given to the hundreds of educators, thousands of students, and hundreds of parents that celebrated with them this weekend."

Joanne O'Kain
Roy Waldron Elementary



JTF 2014

"Thank you for your commitment to educating students and teachers alike, your immense passion, but most of all for the spirit of camaraderie and collaboration that is the heart of the festival."

Jennifer Kessler
Lopez Studios, Inc.

"Thank you! I can't say THANK YOU enough! This was my first time at JTF. I was on the Professional Development track and it was just wonderful! I'm going back to my program rejuvenated and ready to make my students' heads spin with new ideas for this year's show and many more to come!"

Rebecca Vickers
Professional Development

"It was HIGH quality through and through. The show last night put us over the moon... That, in itself, was worth the registration fee!"

Rebecca O'Neill
Artstarts

Group Registration

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT: _____

ORGANIZATION'S STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

ORGANIZATION'S PHONE #: _____ CONTACT'S CELL PHONE #: _____

PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ ALTERNATE EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF STUDENTS ATTENDING: _____

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF CHAPERONES (DIVIDE THE NUMBER ABOVE BY 4): _____

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF DIRECTORS ATTENDING (CANNOT BE CHAPERONES): _____

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL PARENTS, RELATIVES, FRIENDS AND FAMILY ATTENDING: _____

ESTIMATED TOTAL NUMBER ATTENDING (ADD THE NUMBERS ABOVE): _____

(NOTE: A minimum of 20 participants is required)

MULTIPLY THIS NUMBER BY \$225 FOR THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE: _____

ADD THE REGISTRATION FEE: \$675

GRAND TOTAL: _____

In order to secure your place at JTF 2015, return this form and the \$675 registration fee to iTheatrics. **Please make checks payable to Junior Theater Group.** Final numbers and all participation fees are due in full by October 15, 2014. After October 15, participation fees increase to \$245 per person.

HOTEL SURVEY *(Numbers are estimates only and we understand they are subject to change.)*

Is your group interested in booking an official festival hotel?	YES	NO
If yes, are you interested in an economy option?	YES	NO
How many rooms per night do you anticipate needing?	_____	
How many nights do you anticipate needing?	1	2 3 4

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ Billing Zip: _____

Amount Authorized to Charge: **\$675** Security Code: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

MAIL OR FAX THIS COMPLETED FORM AND YOUR REGISTRATION FEE TO:

iTheatrics • Attn: Junior Theater Festival • 628 West 52nd Street, Suite 1F • New York, NY 10019
Fax: (646) 467-8096

Professional Development Registration

Our **JTF 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. We promise to leave you inspired and energized with new strategies and resources.

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT: _____

ORGANIZATION'S STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE/PROVINCE: _____ POSTAL CODE: _____

ORGANIZATION'S PHONE #: _____ CONTACT'S CELL PHONE #: _____

PRIMARY EMAIL ADDRESS: _____ ALTERNATE EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

Professional Development Participation Fee - \$350

NUMBER OF PD PARTICIPANTS ATTENDING FROM YOUR ORGANIZATION: _____

LIST ADDITIONAL PD PARTICIPANTS NAMES AND CONTACT EMAIL ADDRESSES BELOW:

NAME: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

NAME: _____ EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

IF PAYING BY CREDIT CARD:

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp: _____

Cardholder's Name: _____ Billing Zip: _____

Amount Authorized to Charge: _____ Security Code: _____

Cardholder's Signature: _____ Date: _____

MAIL OR FAX THIS COMPLETED FORM AND YOUR PARTICIPATION FEE TO:

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

Fax: (646) 467-8096