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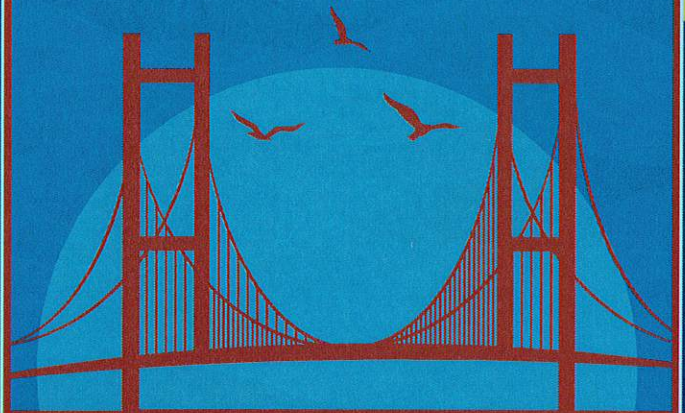


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February 7 - 9, 2025

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 15th at 10 AM EST. Registration for new groups opens April 1st 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>