

Junior Theater Festival Information

What: The Junior Theater Festival (JTF) is the world's biggest and best celebration of young people performing musical theater. JTF brings together student musical theater troupes from all over the world for a weekend of musical theater education, fun, and celebration! Each troupe performs fifteen minutes from a Broadway Junior® show for adjudication by a panel of musical theater experts. The weekend also features professional development for teachers, workshops for students and parents, a New Works Showcase featuring new musical adaptations soon to be released and concludes with a grand finale concert headlined by Broadway's best!

<https://juniortheaterfestival.com/>

When: January 15-18, 2021

Where: Cobb Galleria Center in Atlanta, Georgia

Who: Open to rising 3rd-12th graders who audition and are selected to the competition team (must be 8 years old and under 18 years old in January of 2021)

Auditions and Casting:

- Participants must audition during one of the following times;
 - April 13 or 14, 7:00pm-8:30pm for those also auditioning for Anything Goes
 - April 16th 7:00pm-8:30pm, for those auditioning for JTF only
 - Prepare 16-32 bars of a song that showcases your vocal ability and be prepared to learn and perform a short choreography routine.
 - There will be no late auditions for JTF, if you cannot attend one of the scheduled times above, you may submit a video audition, due no later than April 15th, and e-mailed to Jennifer@showtimetheatrecompany.com.
- Participants will be selected and notified by May. If callbacks are necessary, we will notify those who need to attend.

Requirements and details:

- A required parent meeting will be held in May to go over all details and answer any outstanding questions.
- Parents and performers will sign a participation contract.
- All JTF performers are required to take an additional dance technique class that is age/level appropriate through Showtime Theatre Company.
- Participants cannot miss more than 3 rehearsals and 3 classes, as this negatively affects the other participants and the rehearsal process. Participants who miss more than the approved amount of rehearsals and/or classes, may be removed from the team.
- Please note: There is typically one rehearsal per week, until the 3 weeks leading up to the event, where we will move to 2 rehearsals per week. A rehearsal schedule will be provided at the parent meeting.

Weekend Event Details:

- All participants must have a parent plan to travel to Atlanta, and stay in the hotel for the festival weekend, unless otherwise arranged with another parent.
- If the parent will not be entering the festival, it will be their responsibility to find a chaperone to take their child back and forth to festival events, and to be responsible for them at the event, etc.
- Those who do not purchase a festival wristband cannot attend any portion of the event, including the adjudication performances.

- Participants will be required to miss school/work, Friday, January 15th as we will travel to Atlanta in the morning, and rehearsals and other events begin early afternoon. We will return from the festival on Monday, January 18th (Martin Luther King Holiday).
- All travel is arranged independently. Most families carpool.

JTF Cost Considerations:

(These costs are approximate based on the past few years of participation and are subject to change.)

- JTF Festival Wristband fees of \$260 per person attending the festival.
 - This is for student and/or parent if they want to come into the festival for all activities.
 - Due June 30, 2020
- Hotel Expenses of around \$450 for the 3 nights.
 - We negotiate a group rate of about \$120 a night plus taxes.
 - The rate includes a daily breakfast and wifi.
 - You can choose to room with someone and split the costs.
 - Participants will need to book their rooms in June.
 - No deposit is due to book the room, you pay in full at the hotel upon check in.
- Meals
 - Optional Meal Plan for \$50 per person
 - Covers 2 lunches at the festival (usually Chick-Fil-A and Jason's Deli) and 2 dinners – 1 catered meal at the hotel and 1 dinner at the festival (usually Moe's)
 - Due by December 4, 2020
 - If you choose not to purchase the meal plan you will need to be prepared to purchase your own meals throughout the weekend.
- Dance Class and Rehearsal
 - These will equal a total of 2.5 hours of class time per week, at a rate of \$125 a month from August-December.
 - *Note: Showtime Theatre Company offers a flat rate of \$175 a month for 3.5 hours a week or more of rehearsal or instruction. So, children also participating in other classes, or in one of our musical theatre productions, may qualify for that flat rate.*
- Attire
 - T-shirts, hair accessories and Showtime swag are provided to all team members and chaperones attending the festival.
 - Pants, shoes, undergarments etc. will be out of pocket items.
- CDYC
 - Competitive Dreams of Youth in the Carolinas is a local organization that allows you to work events such as Panther football games and concerts to earn money that can be used to pay for arts related activities such as JTF expenses.
 - You can read more about the organization and how to get involved here: <https://cdycfundraising.org/>

****If you have specific questions about the requirements or costs associated with JTF please email Vivian at reynm7v0@comporium.net.